

STOCKDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
November 14, 2016

Board of Trustees of the Stockdale Independent School District held a regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016

Board members present: Sal Urrabazo, Teri Wolff, Teri Dugi, Mauro Monita, Craig Clancy and Barry Osborne

Board member's absent: Tanner Voelkel

Also present were Superintendent, Paul Darilek; Business Manager, Becky Stewart;

Administration Secretary, Rena Mills;

Principals, Lee Dockery; Francis Ehrlich and Sherry Sommer, Ace Program

Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

President Sal Urrabazo reserved the right to call a short recess if deemed necessary. He advised all present to refrain from the use of tobacco products on the school grounds and during the meeting. He also reserved the right to call the Board into Closed Session under Texas Government Code Section 551.001 through 551.088, Subchapter D and E.

Audience with people wishing to address the Board:

No one addressed the Board

ACE Program Evaluator; Sherry Sommer gave a presentation on the End of Year progress for the Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Afterschool Centers on Education Program (ACE)

A motion was made by Barry Osborne and seconded by Teri Wolff to approve the previous Board Minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Becky Stewart, Business Manager, reviewed the current Financial Reports and Stockdale ISD bills provided to the Board, and answered questions concerning the reports.

Mr. Darilek presented information on The Small Schools Adjustment/Penalty, relating information on the impact to the District. Mr. Darilek made a recommendation to approve a Resolution Calling on the Texas Legislature to remove the unfair penalty for small schools with less than 300 square miles. A motion was made by Barry Osborne and second by Craig Clancy. The motion passed unanimously.

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CLOSED SESSION: (Texas Govt. Code Section 551.071, 551.074 and 551.072 et seq)

The Board did not enter into Closed Session

Superintendent Report

- Staff Recognition
 - High School – Theresa O’Canas
 - Junior High – Rebecca Pavlovsky
 - Elementary – Taylor Hastings
- Update on the Multi-Purpose remodel project
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Motion to adjourn was made by Barry Osborne and second by Teri Dugi. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Salvador Urrabazo Jr., President

Teri Dugi, Secretary

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Roxanne Moczygamba

Athletic Director
Joshua West

Calling on the Texas Legislature to remove the unfair penalty
for small schools with less than 300 square miles

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has recognized the higher costs associated with the diseconomy of scale impacting small districts for more than 40 years (Section 42.103 of the Texas Education Code);

WHEREAS, Section 42.103(c) codifies a lesser formula for small districts with less than 300 square miles by decreasing the formula multiplier by 37.5%, which was arbitrary from the beginning and was never based on any study, other research or calculation;

WHEREAS, all Texas schools with less than 300 square miles are held to the same standards and requirements as schools with more than 300 square miles and should receive the same formula adjustment to educate their students;

WHEREAS, a diseconomy of scale is not related to the number of square miles in a district, but, rather, is the recognition of the additional cost of delivering an education for a small number of students;

WHEREAS, over 460 Texas districts are negatively affected and receive significantly less funding for the same increased burden of providing a quality education in a small school;

WHEREAS, students in districts subject to the penalty are deprived of educational opportunities the state system makes available to similar districts not subject to the penalty;

WHEREAS, parents and other taxpayers in penalized districts are forced to pay higher average tax rates, while receiving substantially less funding for their children;

WHEREAS, the "300 square mile" differentiation was an arbitrary, off-the-cuff number offered in answer to a question during a hearing in 1975 and was not the result of any study, or even any forethought;

WHEREAS, the arbitrary "300 square mile" differentiation has no cost basis, and there is no reason to continue using two different funding formulas for Texas' small schools;

WHEREAS, simply repealing the secondary, non-cost-based formula funding would allow these districts to be funded based on a state-recognized cost instead of an arbitrary and punitive amount;

NOW IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Stockdale ISD call on the Texas Legislature to repeal the secondary, punitive, and arbitrary small schools formula and fairly treat our children and taxpayers in the same manner the current system treats similar small districts.