ONALASKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 2289

ONALASKA, TEXAS 77360

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

ONALASKA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

January 22, 2024

6:00 P.M.

**M I N U T E S**

The Board of Trustees of the Onalaska Independent School District met for a Regular Board meeting on **Monday,** **January 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the OISD Administration Office located at 134 N FM 356 Onalaska Texas 77360. Roll was called and the following were present:

# Board Members

Brandon Smith, President

Candice Davies, Vice President

Kimber Stolley, Secretary

Ted Wiggins, Member

Karina Roberts, Member

Dennis Hodge, Member

Staff Members Guests

Anthony Roberts, Superintendent John Hall, Cantu, Hardin, Montoya LLP

Angela Foster, Business Manager Christian Merrit, Live Oak Financial

Dr. Kenneth Fraga, Junior Senior High School Principal Chad Hill, PCAD

Laura Redden, Assistant Superintendent Mark Strong, Goodwin, Lassiter, Strong

Charles Boyce, Technology Director Steve Eckert

Lisa Smith, Instructional Specalist

Crystal Byrd, Elementary Intermediate Principal

Tammie Heeth, SRO

Ashley Maichetti, Executive Assistant to Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Brandon Smith, President. Jake Ard was not present.

The invocation was given by Dennis Hodge.

The pledge was given in unison by everyone.

1. Motion was made by Candice Davies, seconded by Kimber Stolley to adopt the Agenda, as presented. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

2. Presentation from Chad Hill, Chief Appraiser with the Polk County Appraisal District.

3. Presentation on Bond Capacity from Christian Merritt of Live Oak Financial.

4. Presentation from Mark Strong of Goodwin Lassiter and Strong.

5. Presentation from Anthony Roberts, Superintendent of Onalaska ISD regarding Future of the District.

6. Motion was made by Dennis Hodge, seconded by Karina Roberts, to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Meeting November 27, 2024. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

7. Steve Eckert spoke in open forum regarding a request to educate voters on the bond election, a request to solicit feedback from the community regarding four day instructional week and discussion on the Chaplian resolution.

8. Laura Redden, Assistant Superintendent, had no report.

Dr. Kenneth Fraga, Principal at the Onalaska Junior-Senior High School, reported on campus specific events,

Crystal Byrd, Princpal at the Onalaska Elemetary/Intermediate School, reported on campus specific events.

Anthony Roberts, Superintendent, reported on enrollment and attendance, provided an election calendar and shared Appraisal District election results.

No report from the Board.

9. Motion was made by Ted Wiggins, seconded by Dennis Hodge to approve the consent items as presented:

a. Tax Report

b. N/A Budget Amendments

c. Quarterly Investment Report

Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

# 10. Motion was made by Dennis Hodge, seconded by Ted Wiggins to approve an interlocal agreement between Onalaska ISD and the City of Onalaska to conduct a Joint Election for May 4, 2024 in the event that both parties hold an election. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

# 11. Motion was made by Candice Davies, seconded by Kimber Stolley to approve a Notice and Order of Election for a Regular Election for position number three, currently held by Karina Roberts and position number six, currently held by Kimber Stolley to be conducted on May 4, 2024. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

# 12. Motion was made by Dennis Hodge, seconded by Candice Davies to adopt an order calling a bond election to be held by the Onalaska Independent School District in easure in the amount of $42,000,000 for Proposition A for the purpose of building a new high school.Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

13. Motion was made by Karina Roberts, seconded by Kimber Stolley approving a resolution related of a Resolution relating to establishing the District's intention to reimburse itself for the prior lawful expenditures of funds relating to constructing and equipping various District improvements from the proceeds of

tax-exempt obligations to be issued by the District for authorized purposes; authorizing other matters incident and related thereto; and providing an effective date. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

14. Motion was made by Ted Wiggins, seconded by Candice Davies to authorize Angela Foster, Business Manager, to act as superintendent alternative for approving staff requests(also referred to as “submitting requests to TEA”) for access to one or more TEA web applications accessed through the Texas Education Agency Secure Environment TEA Login (TEAL). This authorization is valid for the calendar year starting January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

15. Motion was made by Dennis Hodge, seconded by Ted Wiggins to approve changes to DEC Local regarding Workers Compensation and Paid Leave Offset. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

16. The Board entered into Closed Session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act at 7:49 p.m.

A. Discussion of new hires

B. Discussion of resignations.

C. Discussion of the annual evaluation and contract extension of the Superintendent of Schools.

17. The Board Reconvened for motions, voting or official actions at 9:45 p.m.

A. NA

B. Motion was made by Candice Davies, seconded by Karina Roberts to reject the resignation of Morgan Jones, Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

Motion was made by Kimber Stolley, seconded by Dennis Hodge to accept the resignation of Shelby McBride. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

C. Motion was made by Ted Wiggins, seconded by Karina Roberts to approve the contact extension for Anthony Roberts, Superintendent of Schools for an additional year. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

18. Motion to adjourn was made by Candice Davies, seconded by Kimber Stolley at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

19. Informational Item : Check Register

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Brandon Sith, President Kimber Stolley, Secretary

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