

RIESEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 17, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Riesel Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 7:00p.m.in the Administration Board Room.

The meeting was called to order by the President with the following members present: John Ballmann, Brian Aycock, Ruth Foster, Chris Dieterich, Keith Ehlers, Patrick Ehlers, and Larry Wornat.

Also present were Superintendent Steve Clugston, High School Principal Stacy Ackley, and Elementary Principal Rick Ford. Also attending was Ron Oden (public comment).

The meeting was called to order by John Ballmann at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Budget Amendments: Motion by Aycock, and seconded by K.Ehlers to move \$6400 from function 11 (instruction) object 6100 (salaries) to function 53 (data processing) object 6100 (salaries) to recode a salary. Ayes-7. Nays-0.

Bills were reviewed and approved with a motion by Aycock and seconded by Foster. Ayes-7. Nays-0.

Public comment was heard by Ron Oden.

Superintendent Clugston presented the following reports:

- a. Budget & Expenditure Report: ADA of 505 currently. Tax notices recently sent out. With deficit budget, will leave us a projected bank balance of around \$700,000 at the end of the current school year.
- b. Cafeteria Report: Looking good currently considering the increase of food prices.
- c. Academic Report: Reviewed academic growth from 2005 to 2008 regarding TAKS scores and other academic area, with significant improvements in most areas. Junior high and high school failure rate is up from the first six weeks. Tutoring program continuing.
- d. Maintenance Report: Some A/C unit and boiler problems continuing. Other minor issues.
- e. Board Training Report: none

Heard report on:

- a. NCLB Highly Qualified Teacher States: 100% of the district's teachers meet the highly qualified status.

- b. NCLB adequate yearly progress: The elementary, JH/HS and the district all met adequate yearly progress (AYP).
- c. TEA Gold Performance Acknowledgements: The district received four Gold Performance Acknowledgements: Commended in Reading, Commended in Math, Commended in Writing, and TSI in Math.
- d. Performance Based Monitoring Assessments System Report: The PBMAS report showed the district in good standing so the district does not have to develop any PBMAS improvement plans.

Tax Rate Election results were reviewed: Falls County 14 for and 31 against. In McLennan County 336 for and 437 against. Total 350 for and 468 against. The M&O tax rate of \$1.17 did not pass.

Motion by Aycock, and seconded by Dieterich to declare results and declare M&O tax rate, due to the defeat of the tax rollback election and the M&O tax rate will automatically rollback to last year's rate of \$1.04005 and the I&S rate will remain at the same rate adopted in August of 2008, which is \$0.15629. Ayes-7. Nays-0.

Motion by Dieterich, and seconded by Foster to execute retainer agreement with Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Schulze, & Aldridge, P.C. Ayes-6. Nays-1.

Motion by Aycock, and seconded by P.Ehlers to update policy 84 as attached. Ayes-7. Nays-0.

Motion by P.Ehlers, and seconded by Wornat to close the class of 2006 account and move \$5.44 to the alumni fund, and close the class of 2007 class account and move \$1,464.69 to the alumni fund. Ayes-7. Nays-0.

Board went into executive session at 8:06p.m. and came out at 8:40p.m.

Motion by Wornat, and seconded by Dieterich to hire paraprofessional personnel, April Jackson. Ayes-7. Nays-0.

Meeting adjourned: 8:42 p.m.

President of the Board

Secretary of the Board

