

Minutes of Regular Meeting – April 26, 2010
The Board of Trustees
Runge Independent School District

A Regular meeting of the Runge Independent School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 26, 2010 beginning at 6:00 in the board meeting room located upstairs in the high school main building.

President Oscar Caballero called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and established a quorum of 5 board members present. Board members Zack Yanta (arrived 6:10 p.m.), Felix Zapata (arrived 7:10 p.m.).

GUESTS: Kim Jarisch, Mark Gotthardt, Conrad Villarreal, Janet Lott, Bradley McElroy, Kevin Wink, Jeannett Cerda, Manuel Garza, Mr. Busselman, Gloria Zapata

Administrative Personnel Present: Randy Ewing, Superintendent
JoAnn Villareal, Secondary Principal
Debbie Witte, Elementary Principal

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

The pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and a moment of silence was made.

II. ROLL CALL

III. OPEN FORUM

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Eloy Nunez and seconded by Andrea Esparza to approve the minutes of March 31, 2010 Regular board meeting as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried.

FOR: Oscar Caballero, Andrea Esparza, Robert Molina, Eloy Nunez, Christine Ramirez, Zack Yanta

AGAINST: None

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

Mr. Gotthardt presented a thorough report of the AVID program and how well it was working. He mentioned how the program was helping the students and how their grades were improving, also discussed was how the program would benefit the students when they would start college because it was showing them organization and planning for their school work. Students speaking about the program were: Xaubriana Barrientez, Justin Vasquez, Marcos Ramirez, Billy Cerda, Austin Caballero, and Maraiiah Villarreal. Each one expressed how the program was helping them personally and what a difference the program made in their grades and how their goals for college were higher than before.

B. Maintenance and Transportation Update

Manuel Garza gave a general update on maintenance being conducted throughout the school. He talked about the energy usage and how they had generated the energy flow to travel evenly throughout the building hoping that would help keep the usage and cost down. There had been a small decrease in the bill this month and he would be able to tell more on this month's bill. He talked about some short term goals he had and some long term goals. He mentioned the new bus and how it was a great asset and maybe consider at a future date another bus. He said that his staff was doing great at working together and would have them take some training as time went on.

C. Ag Program Update

Mr. Kevin Wink reported on all his current classes and how they were coming along, the FFA program and how well it was going and the different teams that had gone to competition. He mentioned some new classes and new projects that he would like to add next year and in the near future, such as landscaping, gardening, a green house and a type of Ag class that would offer art credit. He had already mentioned some of these classes to the students and he felt they were really interested in enrolling in some of these.

D. Athletics Update

Athletic Director McElroy talked about how busy they had been this month with various sports events. Tennis: 2 teams to Area and 2 to Regional, Golf: 1 to Regional, H.S. Track boys placed 2nd in District and 6th in Area with 2 students who would be going on to Regional, Girls Track placed 5th in District. Baseball was still going on with a possibility of going on to the playoff pending on the outcome of Friday's game. The year was winding down and a lot of the students were in off season training with the girls doing volleyball and the boys lifting weights and running.

E. Enrollment

Dr. Ewing presented the enrollment and mentioned that we were currently still at the same place as last month.

VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Consider and take possible action concerning approval of 2010 -2013 TEA Waivers.

Dr. Ewing presented the TEA Waiver for 2010 -2013.

A motion was made by Zack Yanta seconded by Eloy Nunez to approve the TEA Waiver for 2010-2013. The motion carried.

FOR: Oscar Caballero, Andrea Esparza, Robert Molina, Eloy Nunez, Christine Ramirez, Zack Yanta, Felix Zapata

AGAINST: None

B. Consider and take possible action concerning approval of Policy Update 87.

Dr. Ewing presented the Policy Update 87

A motion was made by Robert Molina seconded by Andrea Esparza to approve the Policy Update 87. The motion carried.

FOR: Oscar Caballero, Andrea Esparza, Robert Molina, Eloy Nunez, Christine Ramirez, Zack Yanta, Felix Zapata

AGAINST: None

C. Consider and take possible action concerning a board resolution on a baseball mound of Runge Little League

Eloy Nunez and Andrea Esparza left the meeting room at 7:14 due to conflict of interest on the resolution. Dr. Ewing explained the resolution concerning a portable pitching mound that had been purchased by the Little League.

Discussion was held concerning any local agreement with the use of the baseball field.

A motion was made by Robert Molina seconded by Felix Zapata to table the resolution until a local agreement and budget consideration were considered.. The motion carried.

FOR: Oscar Caballero, Robert Molina, Christine Ramirez, Zack Yanta, Felix Zapata

AGAINST: None

Eloy Nunez and Andrea Esparza returned to meeting room at 7:34.

D. Consider and take possible action concerning budget amendments.

Dr. Ewing presented two budget amendments.

A motion was made by Zack Yanta and seconded by Felix Zapata to accept the budget amendments. The motion carried.

FOR: Oscar Caballero, Andrea Esparza, Robert Molina, Eloy Nunez, Christine Ramirez,
Zack Yanta, Felix Zapata

AGAINST: None

E. Consider and take possible action on Financial/Business Proposal

Dr. Ewing informed the board about a meeting he had held with Janet Lott about a financial business proposal she was offering the school. Janet informed the board about what she could do in one day concerning financial matters.

There was discussion and questions from various persons at the meeting. After the discussion a motion was made to table the proposal.

A motion was made by Felix Zapata seconded by Zack Yanta to table Item E on the Financial/Business Proposal. The motion carried.

FOR: Oscar Caballero, Andrea Esparza, Robert Molina, Eloy Nunez, Christine Ramirez,
Zack Yanta, Felix Zapata

AGAINST: None

The president Oscar Caballero called for a recess at 8:17 P.M.

The board reconvened at 8:44 P.M.

At 8:44 P.M. the board entered into closed session.

At 10:36 P.M. the board returned into open session.

VII. CLOSED SESSION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 THROUGH 551.084 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

A. Evaluation of the Superintendent

IX. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION, CONTINUE WITH ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

No Action taken on closed session item.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Zack Yanta seconded by Robert Molina to adjourn the April 26, 2010 meeting at 10:38 p.m.

FOR: Oscar Caballero, Andrea Esparza, Robert Molina, Eloy Nunez, Christine Ramirez, Zack Yanta, Felix Zapata

AGAINST: None

Oscar Caballero, President

Christine Ramirez, Secretary

