

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Budget/Tax Rate Hearing/Adoption
Friday, August 29, 2014
12:00 p.m. (Noon)

Members Present: Philip D. Alexander, President
Trey Hill, Vice President
Paul Foley, Secretary
Bill Gleason, Assistant Secretary
Robert Burns, Member
Heath Sisk, Member

Members Absent: Denita Young, Member

Others Present: John Rouse, Superintendent
Sandra Parker, Executive Assistant to Superintendent/Board
Jeff Fisher, Assistant Superintendent of Finance
Jennifer Johnson, Director of Curriculum/Instruction

I. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISH QUORUM – 12:00 p.m.

Philip Alexander called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m., stating that this meeting had been duly called, a quorum was present, and that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

II. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Public Meeting to Discuss Proposed Budget and Tax Rate – 12:00 p.m.

After allowing 15 minutes for the public hearing, and with no participants in attendance for the hearing, at 12:20 p.m., the Board entered into the action portion of the meeting.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Budget Considerations, 2014-2015

1. Amend Budget, 2013-2014

Bill Gleason made a motion, seconded by Robert Burns, for Rains Independent School District to amend the 2013-2014 budget, as presented, in the amount of **\$315,000**.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Budget Considerations, 2014-2015

2. Adopt 2014-2015 Budget

Bill Gleason made the motion, seconded by Heath Sisk, to reduce the originally proposed 2014-2015 budget of \$14,505,806 by \$90,000 (the price of a bus), for a total budget of **\$14,415,806**. Mr. Gleason included in the motion, that one bus be purchased now, and about mid-year see if funds would be available to purchase a second bus.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

B. Resolution to Set 2014-2015 Tax Rate

Bill Gleason made a motion, seconded by Trey Hill, for Rains Independent School District to hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the district for the tax year 2014-2015 at the same rate as last year, for a total tax rate of **\$1.235**, as follows:

\$ 1.04 for the purpose of Maintenance and Operation, and

\$.195 for the purpose of payment of Interest & Sinking Fund, Principal and Interest on debts.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

C. Board Policy DED(LOCAL) – Holiday Schedule

Robert Burns made the motion, seconded by Paul Foley, to update Board Policy DED(LOCAL) - HOLIDAYS, as follows:

Maintenance, custodial, and cafeteria employees shall receive a regular day's pay for each of the following holidays when said holidays fall on a weekday:

1. Thanksgiving - one day.
2. Christmas - one day.
3. New Year's Day - one day.
4. July Fourth - one day.
5. Labor Day – one day
6. Christmas Eve – one day
7. Memorial Day – one day (caveat, should Memorial Day become a school day, the holiday would be observed the first Monday following the last day of school.)

If these holidays fall on Saturday or Sunday, either the Friday before or the Monday following these holidays shall be a paid holiday.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

D. District Transportation Handbook –Bus Driver Physicals

Paul Foley made a motion, seconded by Robert Burns, to approve the changes in the District Transportation Handbook, to reflect the following:

"All drivers must have a valid drivers' license for the type of vehicle used before driving students in an RISD vehicle or be subject to suspension."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Board President: Philip D. Alexander

Board Secretary: Paul Foley