

The Board of Education of the Loraine Independent School District met in Regular Session on November 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Loraine Public School.

MINUTES

I. Officers and Members Present:

Frank Garcia, Jr, Vice-President
Brian Butler
John Chaney
Joe Lujan
Duane Linam
Dwayne Smith

Members Absent:

Ron Gibson

II. School Officials Present:

Dustin Anders, Superintendent
Mason Kyle, Principal
Debbie Finley, Business Manager

III. Guests:

Ryan Eime Rick Rodgers, CPA Sharon Rodgers

IV. Open Forum:

None

V. Auditors Report:

Rick Rodgers, CPA presented the audit report for year ending August 31, 2020. The district is doing well financially and will increase the fund balance by \$22,767 this year. The only finding was a one day shortage of adequate pledged securities. The district had made contact with the bank to notify them of a larger amount of an incoming deposit, but the bank failed to get the increase in pledged securities in a timely manner.

VI. Principal Report:

- Mr. Kyle presented the average attendance of 91.46%. The district currently has an enrollment of 145 which is up by three students from the September report.
- To encourage improvement in attendance, the principal is sponsoring a competition between elementary and high school every six weeks. High school won the competition the first six weeks and students were rewarded with a Sonic drink.
- Currently, Loraine ISD staff has gone the longest without any sickness in area schools.

VII. Superintendent Report:

- In regards to COVID issues, Mr. Anders had the following concerns/considerations:
 - 1) Cancel the basketball season
 - 2) Closing the district for one week after Thanksgiving break.These ideas were discussed and will continued to be monitored.
- UIL/TEA has stated rules that suggest masks are to be required while basketball players are on the bench and, possibly, while playing.
- Notified the board that the district does provide an ESL program with the help of the ESC.
- Through a program with Texas Department of Agriculture all students will be able to have free lunches until the end of this school year.
- A report was provided on the repairs to Bus 5. It has not been able to run on the route and Bus 10 has been used in its place. Board suggested doing research on trading in Bus 5 and Bus 6 to purchase a new bus.

VIII. Action Items:

A motion was made by Mr. Linam to accept the audit report as presented for year ending August 31, 2020 and Mr. Chaney seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Chaney to approve the minutes of September 21, 2020 and November 16, 2020 as printed and Mr. Butler seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Linam to approve the expenditures and financial statements as presented and Mr. Chaney seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Linam to approve the resolution regarding the SPED SSA with Abilene Regional Day School Program for the Deaf and Mr. Lujan seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Chaney to approve the Loraine ISD Dual Credit Guidelines as presented with the addition: students must personally appear in front of the board to appeal, otherwise they will no longer be allowed to continue Dual Credit courses; Mr. Butler seconded. The motion was passed with Mr. Garcia, Mr. Linam, Mr. Butler, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Smith voting yes and Mr. Lujan voting no.

A motion was made by Mr. Chaney to approve eliminating virtual learning and transitioning to 100% face to face instruction and Mr. Linam seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Linam to approve the interlocal agreement with West Texas Food Service Co-op and Mr. Butler seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

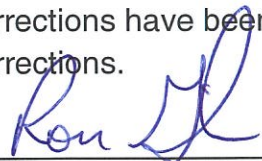
A motion was made by Mr. Chaney to approve the audit engagement letter with James E. Rodgers and Company for audit services year ending August 31, 2021 and Mr. Lujan seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Linam to approve filing a waiver with Texas Department of Agriculture to not participate in the Summer Feeding Program and Mr. Smith seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

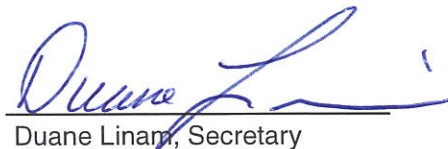
A motion was made by Mr. Linam to adjourn and Mr. Chaney seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm

These minutes are hereby approved as written, any additions, deletions or corrections have been stated and will reflect on next month's items of corrections.



Ron Gibson, President



Duane Linam, Secretary

