

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REGION 11

June 28, 2021

The minutes reflect the order in which agenda items were discussed and acted upon.

A. Call to Order and Roll Call – Dr. Cathy Bryce, Chairman

Dr. Bryce called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Education Service Center Region 11 to order at 10:34 a.m., Monday, June 28, 2021.

B. Invocation

Dr. Thompson gave the invocation.

Members Present	Dr. Cathy Bryce, Chairman Dr. Larry Blair, Vice-Chairman Mr. G.B. Bailey, Secretary Mr. Dennis Hughes, Place 4 Dr. Jay Thompson, Place 5 Mr. Weldon Hafley, Place 6 Dr. Karen Rue, Place 7
Members Absent	Ms. Natalie Texada, Charter School Member
Staff Members Present	Dr. Clyde W. Steelman, Jr., Executive Director, Brandilyn DePalma, Laura Weir, Laurie Enocksen, Dr. Inelda Acosta, Lori Burton, Tom Call, Joey Brindle, Dr. Whitney Lawrence, and Nelline Dignum
Guest(s)	None

C. Citizen / Employee Comments

None.

D. Presentation of Plaque to Retiring Board Member J.B. Morgan

No action taken.

E. Commissioner of Education Letter Appointing Natalie Texada as Charter School Representative

Written notification from Commissioner Mike Morath appointing Natalie Texada as the Charter School Representative was received. The term is effective June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022.

F. Natalie Texada and Dr. Karen Rue to Sign the Statement of Officer

Dr. Rue, Place 7 representative, signed the statement of elected/appointed officer. (Copy attached to the permanent record.)

G. Administer the Oath of Office

Notary Public Nelline Dignum administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Blair, Place 1, Mr. Hughes, Place 4, and Dr. Karen Rue, Place 7. (Copies attached to the permanent record.)

H. Consider Reorganization of the Board/Election of Officers for 2021-2022

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Hafley, and passed (unanimously) that the Board elect the current standing officers again. Dr. Bryce will continue to serve as the Board Chairman, Dr. Blair will continue to serve as the Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Bailey will continue to serve as the Board Secretary.

I. Approve Minutes of April 26, 2021 Board Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hughes, and passed (unanimously) that the Board approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 Board meeting as presented. (Copy attached to the permanent record.)

J. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Blair, seconded by Mr. Bailey, and passed (unanimously) that the Board approve the following consent agenda items, as presented except for J.5. Item J.5 will be addressed separately. (Copies attached to the permanent record.)

1. Check Registers for March and April 2021
2. Financial Reports for March and April 2021
3. Investment Reports for March and April 2021
4. Budget Amendments for March and April 2021
6. RFP #21-05-26 – K-12 Online Digital Resources

SEPARATE ITEMS

K. Consider Appointing Voting Delegate to 2021 TASB Delegate Assembly at TASA/TASB Convention

A motion was made by Mr. Hafley, seconded by Dr. Rue, and passed (unanimously) that the Board appoint Ms. Texada to serve as voting delegate to the 2021 TASB Delegate Assembly. No alternate was appointed.

L. Consider Policy Update 27, Affecting (LOCAL) Policies

A motion was made by Mr. Hafley, seconded by Dr. Thompson, and passed (unanimously) that the Board adopt Policy Update 27, affecting (LOCAL) policies, as recommended by TASB.

M. Consider Employee Health Insurance Contribution for 2021-2022

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Dr. Blair, and passed (unanimously) that the Board approve to continue to contribute the current employer contribution of \$645 per month for eligible employees who opt to participate in TRS ActiveCare for 2021-2022, subject to the approval of the 2021-2022 budget.

N. Consider Fund Balance Request for Laptop Refresh

Mr. Call updated the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Blair, and passed (unanimously) that the Board approve \$330,000 from Fund Balance – Program Delivery for Laptop Refresh.

O. Construction Projects

1. Consider CSP for General Contractor – Huckabee Project #1864-02-01 Renovation

Ms. DePalma updated the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Blair, seconded by Dr. Thompson, and passed (unanimously) that the Board accept the competitive sealed proposal from Reeder General Contractors, Inc. and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute this construction contract and related contracts for this renovation project.

2. Phase 1 Upgrade

Ms. DePalma updated the Board.

P. Information Items

1. Grant Applications
2. Personnel Report
3. List of 2021-2022 Conferences
4. Texas Association of Education Service Centers (TAESC) Letter
5. Budget Update 2020-2021
Ms. DePalma updated the Board.
6. Budget Update 2021-2022
Ms. DePalma updated the Board.
7. TEA AFR Review
Ms. DePalma updated the Board.
8. Commissioner’s Meeting Update
Dr. Steelman updated the Board.
9. Technology Update
Mr. Call updated the Board.
10. Instructional Services Update
 - a. Employee Recognition
 - b. Reading Academies
Dr. Lawrence updated the Board.
 - c. Other State Initiatives

J. Consent Agenda

5. Financial Reports for September 2020 Through February 2021

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Bailey, and passed (unanimously) that the Board approve consent agenda item J.5. (Copy attached to the permanent record.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Bryce stated that at 12:02 p.m. the Board would enter into executive session as authorized by Gov’t Code 551.074, discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.

The Board reconvened into open session at 1:00 p.m.

Q. Deliberation and Possible Action to: (1) Evaluate the Performance of the Executive Director; (2) Review and Possibly Extend the Executive Director’s Existing Employment Contract; (3) Set the Executive Director’s Compensation for any Extended Contract Term; and (4) Authorize the Board Chair to Execute on the Board’s Behalf any Extended Employment Contract with Executive Director Reflecting the Board’s Compensation Plan

R. Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, or Duties of Employees

No action taken.

S. Consider Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session, If Any

A motion was made by Dr. Blair, seconded by Dr. Thompson, and passed (unanimously) that the Board enter into a three-year employment agreement with the Executive Director at the salary and with the benefits contained in the written agreement as determined by the Board during this agenda item and authorize the Board Chair to execute such agreement on behalf of the Board dated as of today with an effective beginning date of September 1, 2021.

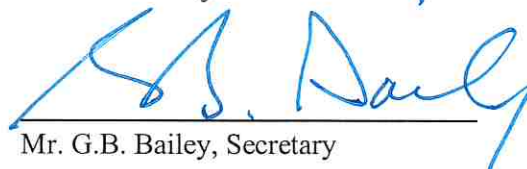
T. Adjourn

The next regular meeting of the ESC Region 11 Board of Directors will be Monday, August 30, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Hafley, and passed (unanimously) to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Bryce declared the meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Cathy Bryce, Chairman



Mr. G.B. Bailey, Secretary

By: Nelline Dignum