

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

February 26, 2024

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

A. Call to Order and Roll Call – Dr. Larry Blair, Chairman

Dr. Blair called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Education Service Center Region 11 to order at 10:30 a.m., Monday, February 26, 2024.

B. Invocation

Dr. Thompson gave the invocation.

Members Present	Dr. Larry Blair, Chairman Dr. Jay Thompson, Vice-Chairman Mr. Dennis Hughes, Secretary Dr. Jeff Hanks, Place 2 Dr. Jeff Turner, Place 6 Dr. Karen Rue, Place 7 Natalie Texada, Charter School Member
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Members Absent	None
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Staff Members Present	Dr. Clyde W. Steelman, Jr., Executive Director, Rory Peacock, Dr. Cathy Sewell, Brandilyn DePalma, Laura Weir, Hailee Fojtasek, Ravonne Allmon-Smith, Elizabeth Schrader, and Nelline Dignum
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Guest(s)	Carol Anthony and Dwight Levens; Oakland Schools in Michigan
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C. Citizen / Employee Comments

Dr. Steelman introduced Hailee Fojtasek, Director of Communications. Mr. Peacock introduced Carol Anthony and Dwight Levens who are participating in the Executives in Residence Program.

D. Closed Session Deliberation Under Texas Government Code 551.074 Regarding Potential Candidate(s) to Fill the Board of Director Vacancy in Place 3 for the Remainder of the Unexpired Term Due to the Resignation of Director Cathy Bryce

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Blair stated that at 10:35 a.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 10:50 a.m.

E. Deliberation and Possible Action to Appoint a Replacement Director to Fill the Vacancy in Board of Director Place 3 for the Remainder of the Unexpired Term in Accordance with Commissioner of Education Rule 53.1001(a)(4)

A motion was made by Dr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Turner, and passed (unanimously) that Dr. Kevin Rogers be appointed to fill the vacancy in Board of Director Place 3 for the remainder of the unexpired term in accordance with Commissioner of Education Rule 53.1001(a)(4).

F. Possible Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session If Any

The motion was made under agenda item E.

G. Public Hearing

1. ESC Region 11 2022-23 Regional Performance Data

Ms. Schrader presented the ESC Region 11 2022-23 Regional Performance Data. No one addressed the Board regarding the Regional Performance Data. Chairman Blair closed the public hearing.

H. Consider Minutes of December 18, 2023, Board Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hughes, and passed (unanimously) that the Board approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023, Board meeting, as presented. (Copy attached to the permanent record.)

I. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Texada, and passed (unanimously) that the Board approve the following consent agenda items, as presented. (Copies attached to the permanent record.)

1. Check Registers for December 2023 and January 2024
2. Financial Reports for December 2023 and January 2024
3. Investment Reports for December 2023 and January 2024
4. Budget Amendments for December 2023 and January 2024
5. RFP #24-01-29 – HR Systems Software; Application System, Absence & Substitute Management, Electronic Records
6. RFP #24-02-29 – HR Criminal Background Check Services
7. RFP #24-03-34 – E-Rate Leased Lit Fiber Service and/or Leased Dark Fiber Services

SEPARATE ITEMS

J. Report on Board Election

The ESC received applications from Dr. Larry Blair for Place #1, representing Johnson and Somervell Counties, Mr. Dennis Hughes for Place #4, representing Erath and Hood Counties, and Dr. Karen Rue for Place #7, representing Tarrant County. No other applications were received; therefore, an election is not necessary.

K. Consider and Possible Action on the Teacher/Employee Recruitment and Retention Program (TERRP) 401(a) Retirement Plan

Ms. DePalma and Ms. Allmon-Smith updated the Board on the research process of TERRP and the 401(a) Retirement Plan. A motion was made by Dr. Turner, seconded by Dr. Thompson, and passed (unanimously) that the Board approve Resolution No. 02262024.

L. Consider and Possible Action on the Guardian Plan

Mr. Peacock updated the Board. The Board discussed the Guardian Plan. More information will be presented at the April Board meeting. No action was taken.

M. Information Items

1. Grant Applications
2. Personnel Report
3. Client Satisfaction Survey
4. 2023-24 Budget Update
Ms. DePalma updated the Board.
5. Commissioner's Meeting Update
Dr. Steelman updated the Board.
6. Technology Update
Mr. Peacock updated the Board.
7. Instructional Services Update
Dr. Sewell updated the Board.
8. Employee Recognition

N. Adjourn

The next regular meeting of the ESC Region 11 Board of Directors will be Monday, April 22, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. Being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Thompson, and passed (unanimously) to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Blair declared the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Larry Blair, Chairman



Mr. Dennis Hughes, Secretary

By: Nelline Dignum