

**The Board of Trustees**  
**Slocum Independent School District**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**



A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Slocum Independent School District was held July 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Library of the Slocum Independent School District, 5765 E. State Hwy 294, Elkhart, Texas.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551
  - A. Establish Quorum
    - 1) Members Present – Malon Reed, John Day, Darren Farley, Brad Chapin, Daniel Bailey
    - 2) Members Absent – Steve Webb
    - 3) School Officials Present – Cliff Lasiter, Errin Deer, Kim O’Dell
    - 4) Guests Present – Kay Reed, John Barton, Kay Watkins, Danny Berry
2. **PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION** – Darren Farley
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AS ALLOWED BY BED (LOCAL)** - none
4. **APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER** – It was moved by John Day and seconded by Daniel Bailey to appoint John Barton as Board Member, position 2. The motion carried unanimously. **Steve Webb entered the meeting at 7:02 PM.**
5. **UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION PROJECTS** – Danny Berry – Received Information.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA** - It was moved by Steve Webb and seconded by Daniel Bailey to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
  - A. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 16, 2016
  - B. Approve Financial Reports for the Month
    - 1) Financial Status Report
    - 2) Tax Collection Report
    - 3) Budget Amendments
  - C. Approve the 2016-2017 Appraisal Calendar and T-TESS Appraisers
  - D. Approve Property Value Study Appeals Service
  - E. Approve 2016-2017 Student Code of Conduct
  - F. Approve 2016-2017 Employee Handbook
7. **TAX RATE HEARING** – The Tax Rate Hearing was conducted. It was discussed that 1.118 will be the tax rate regardless of the outcome of the Tax Rate Election (TRE). The Hearing was then closed as it was moved by Malon Reed and seconded by Brad Chapin to close the Tax Rate Hearing. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
  - A. Accounts Payable – Received Information
  - B. Review 2016-2017 Student Handbook – Received Information
  - C. 2016-2017 Board Meeting Schedule – Received Information
  - D. Anderson County Special Education Budget for 2016-2017 – Received Information
  - E. ACAD Proposed Budget for 2016-2017 – Received Information
9. **PERSONNEL**

*EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Authority-Texas Govt. Code 551.074/551.0821)* The Board entered Closed Session at 7:37 PM. No votes were taken in Closed Session. The Board then exited Closed Session at 7:45 PM.

  - A. Personnel Report - Received Information
  - B. Student Transfer Requests – It was moved by Daniel Bailey and seconded by John Day to approve Student Transfer Requests as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.
10. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Tax Rate for the 2016-2017 School Year – A motion was made by John Barton and seconded by Daniel Bailey as follows:

“Motion to adopt Tax Rate Resolution on July 14, 2016

I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate per hundred dollars valuation of \$1.17 for Maintenance and Operations (M&O), of \$0.148 for Interest and Sinking (I&S), for a total rate of \$1.318, which is effectively a \_\_\_15.5\_\_ percent increase in the tax rate, and furthermore, that if a majority of voters approve the \$1.318 total tax rate in a tax ratification election, in order to reduce the I&S tax rate by \$0.13, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.17 for Maintenance and Operations, of \$0.018 for Interest and Sinking, for a total rate of \$1.188, which is effectively a \_4.1\_\_\_\_\_ percent increase in the tax rate.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY \_14.5\_\_\_\_\_ PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$97.50.” The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Adopt Election Order for TRE to be held August 27, 2016 – It was moved by Malon Reed and seconded by Brad Chapin to Adopt the Election Order for TRE to be held August 27, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Appointment of Election Clerks and Judges for TRE to be held August 27, 2016 – It was moved by Daniel Bailey and seconded by John Day to appoint Election Clerks and Judges for TRE to be held August 27, 2016 as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Authorize Superintendent to Enter Into Interlocal Agreement for Election Services for TRE – It was moved by John Day and seconded by Malon Reed to authorize Superintendent to Enter Into Interlocal Agreement for Election Services for TRE. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. 2016-2017 Compensation Plan – It was moved by Steve Webb and seconded by Daniel Bailey to approve 2016-2017 Compensation Plan A if TRE passes or 2016-2017 Compensation Plan B if TRE fails to pass. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Review Proposed Budget for the 2016-2017 School Year – Received Information
- G. Schedule Budget Hearing – It was moved by Daniel Bailey and seconded by John Day to Schedule Budget Hearing on August 18, 2016 in the conference room at 7 PM. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. Modification of Compressed Tax Rate for the 2016-2017 Tax Year – It was moved by John Day and seconded by Brad Chapin to approve the Modification of Compressed Tax Rate for the 2016-2017 Tax Year. The motion carried unanimously.
- I. Engagement of Auditor for year ending August 31, 2016 – It was moved by Malon Reed and seconded by John Day to Engage Halls, Johnson, McLemore & Redfield, LLP as auditor for the year ending August 31, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. Policy DNA (LOCAL) Performance Appraisal Evaluation of Teachers – It was moved by Daniel Bailey and seconded by Steve Webb to approve Policy DNA (LOCAL) Performance Appraisal Evaluation of Teachers. The motion carried unanimously.
- K. Policy DNB (LOCAL) Performance Appraisal Evaluation of Other Professional Employees – It was moved by John Barton and seconded by Malon Reed to approve Policy DNB (LOCAL) Performance Appraisal Evaluation of Other Professional Employees. The motion carried unanimously.

- L. Board Member Resignation – It was moved by Daniel Bailey and seconded by Malon Reed to accept the resignation of Brad Chapin from the Board of Trustees of Slocum ISD. The voting was as follows:
  - Aye: Malon Reed, John Day, Darren Farley, John Barton, Steve Webb, Daniel Bailey
  - Nay: None
  - Abstain: Brad Chapin
- M. Approve Order of Trustee Election – November 8, 2016 - It was moved by Daniel Bailey and seconded by Steve Webb to approve Order of Trustee Election – November 8, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.
- N. Authorize Superintendent to Enter Into Interlocal Agreement for Election Services for Board Election – It was moved by Malon Reed and seconded by Daniel Bailey to authorize Superintendent to Enter Into Interlocal Agreement for Election Services for Board Election. The motion carried unanimously.
- O. Authorize Superintendent to Designate District Employees Able to Distribute and Collect Applications for Place on Ballot – It was moved by Daniel Bailey and seconded by Steve Webb to Authorize Superintendent to Designate District Employees Able to Distribute and Collect Applications for Place on Ballot. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/TRUSTEE COMMENTS – None**

- 12. ADJOURN** – It was moved by Daniel Bailey and seconded by Steve Webb to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

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Malon Reed, President Slocum ISD Board of Trustees

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John Day, Secretary