



**MINUTES
BAY DISTRICT SCHOOLS
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 5, 2019**

BOARD MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – BOARD ROOM

**~~EXECUTIVE SESSION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
(Immediately following School Board Meeting) - Cancelled~~**

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Present: School Board Chairman Steve Moss; School Board Vice Chair Pamm Chapman; School Board Members: Ginger Littleton, Ryan Neves and Jerry Register; Superintendent Bill Husfelt and Attorney Franklin Harrison.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by School Board Chairman Steve Moss. William Husfelt, Superintendent, led the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Franklin Harrison, School Board Attorney.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Neves, seconded by Register, to approve the Agenda. Motion unanimously approved.

Moss gave the floor to the Superintendent to present a PowerPoint titled, "Building Strength after Hurricane Michael". Slides included:

- Where we are today
 - Student decreased 3,083 (13.6%)
 - 18% Operational Loss, 181 employees lost due to the storm
 - Daycare served 126 with 7 sites
 - Homeless students: 4,778, ELL students population is shifting
 - Debris cleanup is about 20 million cubic tons of debris
 - District Estimated Capital Losses total \$330,005,417
- Insurance claims have risen over \$5 billion in Bay County
- Waiting on repairs to apartment complexes (73% damaged)
- Where we go from here, State and Federal funding
- This will not be easy, but we haven't faced easy lately – but, as a community we will be stronger for our wise decisions now
- Commitment to Tyndall Air Force Base
- Timeframe
- Zoning changes will be need to be made and our goal is to maximize our seating capacity
- Summation of Rezoning Recommendations
 - Callaway Elementary rezoned to Tommy Smith, Parker, and Tyndall
 - Oakland Terrace Elementary rezoned to Lucille Moore and Northside
 - Oscar Patterson Elementary rezoned to Hiland Park, M. Cherry St, and Parker.
- Recommendations for 2019-2020
 - Mothball Callaway Elementary, Oakland Terrace Elementary, and Oscar Patterson Elementary
 - Restructure Rutherford High School to become a 6-12 school.
- Timeframe for School Choice

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II. HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

The following member from the public addressed Superintendent Husfelt and the School Board Members:

Derika Davis, Angelia Permenter, Beki Hudson, Danielle Bellomy, Jennifer Doss, Chad Wallis, Lindsey Wallis, Denise Brown, Jessica Rivers, David Weldy, Sonya Springer, Dr. Dinah Crayton, Jennifer Street, Jennifer King, Dr. Misty Burch, Sophia Wooten, Myron Hines, Dr. Rufus Wood, Jr., Greg Dossie, Tony Bostick, Sasha Aufschneider, Trinity Mansfield, Alvin Peters, Larissa Raden, James Barker, Gienah Harris, Leonard Hall, BJ Meadows, Amanda Hodges, Alex Hudson, Jessica Housley, Lynecia Walton, Pam Henderson, Callaway Mayor, Ed Cook, Callaway City Manager, David Griggs, Callaway Commissioner, and several students.

Superintendent Husfelt and the School Board Members were presented with a joint statement to keep Oscar Patterson Elementary open and 705 signatures on change.org to keep Oakland Terrace Elementary open.

Chairman Moss called a recess at 8:40 p.m. and returned to the agenda at 8:45 p.m.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Superintendent

1. Request to Reduce School Choice Open Enrollment Window (SMF #1)

The Superintendent stated that the request is to shorten the open enrollment period due to rezoning advertisements.

Motion by Register, seconded by Neves, to approve. Motion unanimously approved.

2. Temporary Closure of Selected Schools (SMF #2)

Neves asked Lee Walters if there is a current capacity of each school in its current condition. The Superintendent stated that the School Board has the current capacities on the map displays and handouts. Walters shared that the contractors have done a great job getting some schools up and running quickly. Majority of repairs are related to the roof of the school sites.

Neves questioned the use of Tyndall Elementary School with the price tag of damage the school incurred. The Superintendent explained that the current enrollment at Tyndall Elementary School is due to staff employed at the base and the students are dropped off. He spoke with the base commander right after the storm about opening the school. It will be a major part of the decision to bring back the airmen, their families and support the mission of rebuilding the base. He stated that the economic impact of both bases are important to the growth of this community. Chapman thanked everyone for their comments and shared that the Superintendent has been a great leader during this storm and afterwards. She is having a difficult time closing the smaller schools. The Superintendent shared that it takes 400 students to keep a school

afloat. He is trying to save jobs by combining schools to cut facility costs. Moss explained that many jobs will be lost if all schools remain open. The Superintendent has contacted many officials with the state for assistance with repairs and operating costs. Littleton has contacted several legislators to come to visit Bay County and see the damages. She was reassured by several legislators that they are working hard to get some relief for the school district. Shirley Baker was asked about the likelihood that layoffs would occur. She responded that hopefully many will leave through attrition (retirement, moved out of the area) and some will be non-renewed as normally happens each year. Teachers in the schools that close would be transferred into positions where the students will be enrolled. Jim Loyed was asked the financial aspect of this and his response is that this would be the best solution as the district falls below the minimum fund balance. Due to FTE count occurring next week, the district will take a \$15 million hit. A closed school will save approximately \$750,000. The Superintendent reminded everyone that funds are categorized and cannot be moved. Chapman asked about Tyndall Elementary becoming a K-8 school. The plan would be considered down the road as funds are allocated. Littleton shared that she would like the term "shrink-wrapped" when it came to the closed schools. They would be maintained and ready for when the population returns. Moss stated that the recommendation does not need to be all or none.

Register thanked everyone that came to the meeting and spoke, Lee Walters and his staff, Jerry Smith and his staff, contractors, and Jim Loyed for their hard work bringing the schools back and in order. Tough times come with tough decisions and there will be no winners tonight. He has spoken to district staff, military affairs, students, parents, and state legislators. Tyndall will double in size in three years.

Motion by Register, seconded by Neves, to approve the proposed zones with the exception of Callaway Elementary School remaining open. The School Board continued to discuss.

Neves explained that the transportation change for the students rezoned to Tommy Smith to Callaway concerned him. He felt the time on the bus would be at 20 minutes one way. Register shared that Callaway has the student numbers and the capacity while keeping Tyndall Elementary open. Neves asked how many more busses needed and the answer was 2 busses. He also felt that another school needs to be selected to close if Callaway Elementary School remains open. Neves asked if the staff looked into another option and the answer was no they did not. Chapman feels that Callaway area will grow in one year and would hate to disrupt the students for just one year.

Neves withdrew his second of the motion. Chairman Moss passed the gavel to Chapman and seconded the motion made by Register. Motion approved 3-2 with Littleton and Neves voting no.

Superintendent stated his recommendation is to leave Callaway Elementary School zone as originally written and zones touching the Callaway zone will be rewritten to resemble the change.

Motion by Register, seconded by Neves, to approve the revised recommendation by the Superintendent. Motion unanimously approved.

3. Proposed Geographical Zones 2019-2020 (SMF #3)
 - a. Cedar Grove Elementary School
 - b. M. Cherry Street Elementary School
 - c. Deer Point Elementary School
 - d. Hiland Park Elementary School
 - e. Lucille Moore Elementary School
 - f. Northside Elementary School
 - g. Parker Elementary School
 - h. Tommy Smith Elementary School
 - i. Tyndall Elementary School
 - j. Everitt Middle School/ Rutherford High School
 - k. 2019-2020 Proposed Elementary School Zones

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At 9:55 p.m., with no further business scheduled to come before the Board, Chairman Moss adjourned the School Board Meeting.



Steve Moss
Chairman



Bill Husfelt
Superintendent