

Members present: Tim Calonder, John Cruickshank,
Bill Kohlmeyer, Lisa Mitchell

Administrators present: Superintendent/Principal – Robin Stoutt

Visitors present: See attached list

Minutes by Agenda Item:

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Science Lab by Chairman Bill Kohlmeyer. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Audience Introductions/Requests – See attached list.

1.3 Adjustments to Agendas/Adopt Agendas – Stoutt said to add item 3.6 Policy Update. Lisa Mitchell asked to add item 3.7 Copies of District Policies. John Cruickshank moved to adopt the agenda with the noted additions. Tim Calonder seconded. (V&CU).

1.4 Financial Report – Mitchell moved to approve the financial report and November check numbers 7566-7648. Cruickshank seconded. (V&CU).

1.5 Consent Agenda – The consent agenda included the minutes from the November Board meeting and the bills. Mitchell moved to approve the consent agenda. Calonder seconded. (V&CU).

1.6 Staff Recognition – Stoutt recognized our fall sports teams and coaches including volleyball coaches Brooke Spencer and Carlene Danka and football coaches Dan Dugan, Luke Lindell and Jay Phillips. She said all our teams had great seasons and were fun to watch. She said our coaches put in a lot of hours and we appreciate their hard work.

1.7 Spotlight on Education – Stoutt said we have a wonderful music program at Perrydale and recognized Misty Mathews for the work she does with the kids. She commented on the success of the K-12 Christmas program last week and the great kids and parent involvement. She also said she had the opportunity to take the high school students to a nursing home to sing and they were spectacular.

1.7 Facilities/Maintenance – Stoutt reported on facilities and maintenance projects. Due to the weather and school activities, the grading of the parking lot was rescheduled to December 19. The gym floors will be refinished December 18-25. She said they are still working on the insurance safety project. Stoutt said Tim, Jaime and Paul do an excellent job of keeping our school looking great.

2. Delegations or Visitors – No one spoke.

3. Items Requiring Board Action

3.1 Senior Trip – No one from the senior class attended the meeting. Cruickshank tabled this agenda item until the January meeting. Calonder seconded. (V&CU).

3.2 Resignation – Stoutt said Callie Cram was a certified teacher in our first grade classroom and for the title one middle school/high school tutoring program. Calonder moved to approve the resignation of Callie Cram. Mitchell seconded. (V&CU).

3.3 Audit – Stoutt asked the Board to take a look at the audit and make a list of questions or call Julie Braxling to make an appointment to go over the questions. She said to note that Perrydale is one of few districts that has cash, had no furlough days last year, and didn't lose any teachers. She said she feels good about this. Cruickshank moved to accept the audit. Calonder seconded. (V&CU).

3.4 House Bill 3681 Open Enrollment – Stoutt wanted to make the Board aware of this bill that would allow students to attend a school even if they live out of the district. Stoutt said this would mean drawing names out of a hat to decide which out of district kids go to our school. She said she is not recommending this bill and it would be limiting compared to what we have done. She said we have a great process in place already that works for our school and kids. Stoutt said we have 58% of kids out of district. Stoutt said the superintendents of the local districts met and most are going to stick with their current process. Stoutt said this bill needs a lot of revision. Cruickshank moved to table House Bill 3681 indefinitely. Calendar seconded. (V&CU).

3.5 Policy First Reading – Cruickshank moved to approve the first reading of policy GCC, GCPB-GDPB, IA, IB. Calonder seconded. (V&CU).

3.6 Policy Legal Reference Update – Cruickshank moved to approve the first reading of policy legal reference update GD and GDC. Mitchell seconded. (V&CU).

3.7 Copies of District Policies – Mitchell said the district policies are online and one hard copy is in the office and one is in Stoutt's office. Mitchell said hard copies are not available to the Board members and policy is the main responsibility of the Board. She suggested hard copies be provided to Board members upon request. Mitchell feels it is limiting to not have the hard copy. Stoutt explained anyone is welcome to go into the office to look at the policies, but it cannot be taken off the school grounds. Stoutt said OSBA prints this for us and they are very expensive. Stoutt said she will look into ordering a copy of the policy for Lisa. No other Board members requested a copy at this time. Cruickshank moved to have hard copies of district policies available to Board members upon request. Calonder seconded. (V&CU).

4. Items for the Information of the Board

4.1 Perrydale School Community (Site Team/AIPIP) – Stoutt said the Site Team discussed the elementary math night and continue to look at ideas for math education for kids. Stoutt said the Anything is Possible in Perrydale meeting is a good opportunity for people to come in and ask questions and share ideas. She said the attendance has been very low at this meeting this year and she is considering not offering this next year if the attendance doesn't increase. She encourages parents and the community to attend.

4.2 Administrative Reports/Safety Reports – Stoutt reported on accidents.

4.3 School Profile – Stoutt said there are 325 students, but beginning in January we will get three new in-district students for the elementary classes bringing our population up to 328. Stoutt said we don't like to have high numbers in our elementary classes, but compared to other districts, we're still doing okay.

4.4 Policy Rewrite – Mitchell, Calonder and Stoutt will be meeting on Friday, January 13 to work on policy rewrites.

4.5 PPC/Athletic Boosters – Mitchell reported that the school will be hosting the 2nd annual holiday basketball tournament on December 27 & 28. Anna Scharf said the PPC provided 400 cookies and cups of juice at the Christmas program. She thanked the Dallas Safeway for the discount on the cookies. She said the other hospitality event they hosted was hot chocolate for the kids doing Food for All. The PPC Auction will be held on March 10 and Scharf said donations are coming in and they are ahead of where they were last year at this time.

5. Patron Input – Kathy Tompkins said what a wonderful addition Mrs. DeFransico is the second grade class. She said not only are the kids learning in the classroom, but they are coming home excited from school and learning how to express caring for each other. She also recognized Mrs. Matthews for her work. She said she did have questions from the meeting last month in regards to the special education grant, why we had to return funds, and how we track this. Stoutt said there are a lot of federal guidelines we have to follow and invited Kathy to come in to talk about it. She gave several examples of why the amount of funds we need each year varies based on changes in teachers or needs of students such as transportation. She said we have to track the use of these funds very carefully and justify how it is spent.

Scharf said she values the hard work that everyone does for the Food for All Program each year. She does have some concerns including safety issues. She said it is a safety violation for anyone under the age of 18 to operate a fork lift. Another concern is the amount of time the kids spend out of class for this project. She said it is not truly volunteer time since the kids are using school time for this. She said the work should be done outside of classroom time.

6. Board Comments – Mitchell said she is always happy to attend the Christmas program. She said she is sure the concerns that were just voiced about the Food for All program will be addressed. Cruickshank congratulated the sports teams and athletes for their success this year. Mitchell also recognized Calonder for the article in the Itemizer Observer. Kohlmeyer congratulated Calonder for receiving the award from the OSBA and said it shows a dedication on a Board member's part to continue to educate themselves about boardsmanship and leadership.

7. Announcements/Dates of Importance/Correspondences –

January 3	Back to School from Winter Break
January 6	School Day (Friday)
January 19	Board Meeting

McCartney said there will be a fundraiser on January 28 for FFA/Leadership. She said it will be a barn dance in the old gym with live music.

8. Adjournment – Kohlmeyer adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.