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**NOTICE OF ROPES ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Monday, January 8, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ropes Independent School District will be held Monday, January 5, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, located at 304 Ranch St., Ropesville, TX.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order and Announce Quorum Present Donald Rhoads
2. Invocation Given by Donald Rhoads
3. Public Comments/Audience Participation  
   A maximum of fifteen (15) minutes will be allotted for this section, with each person being allowed no more than three (3) minutes. Any person/group wishing to address the Board must sign in on the Open Forum list no later than 6:30 pm. Groups of five or more shall select a representative to speak for the group; the representative will have three minutes. The board may not act on any matter not on the agenda. Any person/group wishing to have a specific item placed on the Board Agenda must complete a Board of Trustees Item Request no later than noon of the fifth calendar day before the meeting. Per Board Policy GF (Local), members of the public having complaints or concerns may present their complaints or concerns to the Board only after following the procedure defined in that policy. The Board intends that, whenever feasible, complaints shall be resolved at the lowest possible administrative level. If a complaint comes before the Board that involves concerns or charges regarding an employee or student, it shall be heard by the Board in closed session unless the employee or student to whom the complaint pertains requests that it be heard in open session.
4. Communications and Items for Information
   1. Principal’s Report
   2. Superintendent Report
5. Consent Agenda- Action Items
   1. Consider and possible approval of the Minutes from December 11, 2023
   2. Consider and possible approval of the Budget Amendments
   3. Consider and possible approval of the Bills and Claims
   4. Consider and possible approval of the Financial Statements and Investments

Motion to approve consent Agenda- Action Items by Michael Schertz, 2nd by Chad Brooks, passes by 7.

1. Action Items
   1. Deliberation and possible action to order a general election to be conducted on Saturday May 4, 2024 for the purpose of electing three (3) Trustees for three (3) full year terms. (The last day to file an application for a place on the ballot is Friday, February 16, 2024 at the Ropes ISD Business Office, 304 Ranch Street, 3:45 p.m.)

Motion to approve order of a general election to be conducted on Saturday May 4, 2024 for the purpose of electing three (3) Trustees for three (3) full year terms. (The last day to file an application for a place on the ballot is Friday, February 16, 2024 at the Ropes ISD Business Office, 304 Ranch Street, 3:45 p.m.) by Keila Ketchersid, 2nd by Michael Schertz, passes by 7.

* 1. Deliberation and possible action to approve entering into a joint election agreement with the City of Ropesville for the conduct of the special and general trustee elections to be held on May 4, 2024.

Motion to approve to approve entering into a joint election agreement with the City of Ropesville for the conduct of the special and general trustee elections to be held on May 4, 2024. By Tysen Mortensen, 2nd by Chad Partington, passes by 7.

* 1. Superintendent Annual Evaluation
  2. Consideration of Superintendent Contract

1. Adjourn to Closed Session: (The Board may recess into Closed Session for purposes permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov’t Code Sections 551.001 et seq., 551.071(private consultation with attorney), 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.082, 551.083, 551.084)
   1. Discussion of Personnel, Gov’t Code 551.074
   2. Discussion of Real Property, Gov’t Code 551.072
   3. Discussion of School Children, School District Employee, Disciplinary Matter or Complaint, Gov’t Code 551.082
2. Return to Open Session and Take Action if needed on Closed Session Items
3. Adjourn – Possible Future Board Meeting Dates- February 12, 2024

If during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in an executive or closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D&E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Friday, January 5, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.