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

**Thursday, December 14, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ropes Independent School District will be held Thursday, December 14, 2023 beginning at 7:30 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.

Presentations by Junior High One Act Play students, Cross country, UIL elementary, and last yrs high school state UIL.

1. Communications and Items for Information
   1. Principal’s Report
   2. Superintendent Report
      1. ESC 17
   3. Public Hearing Regarding the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas
2. Consent Agenda- Action Items
   1. Consider and possible approval of the Minutes from November 13, 2023 Motion to approve the Minutes from November 13, 2023 by Chad Brooks, 2nd by Tysen Mortensen, passes by 7.
   2. Consider and possible approval of the Budget Amendments NA
   3. Consider and possible approval of the Bills and Claims NA
   4. Consider and possible approval of the Financial Statements and Investments NA
3. Action Items
   1. Consideration and possible approval of an MOU with the ESC regarding Superintendent search. Motion to approve an MOU with the ESC regarding Superintendent search by Keila Ketchersid, 2nd by Michael Schertz, passes by 7
   2. Consideration and possible approval of employing personnel NA
4. 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
5. Return to Open Session and Take Action if needed on Closed Session Items
6. Adjourn – Possible Future Board Meeting Dates- January 8, 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 Monday, December 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.