

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Harmony Independent School District was held October 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room.

Board Vice President Jim Durrum called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other trustees present were Ann Stegall, Garry Littlejohn, Jeremy Seahorn, and William Smith.

1. Roll call, establishment of quorum, call to order, invocation, pledges
2. Open Forum – Elementary Principal Cara Rendon, P.E. Teacher Martha Thompson, and twelve students from the elementary and intermediate campuses presented a poem of thanks to the Board for the new elementary/intermediate gym.
3. Superintendent’s Reports – Superintendent Whitaker reported on items A-C
 - a. Student activities
 - b. Enrollment
 - c. Financial report
4. Minutes from previous meeting
The September 12, 2011 minutes were presented for approval by Superintendent Whitaker. Ann Stegall made a motion to approve the minutes and Jeremy Seahorn seconded her motion. The motion passed 5-0.
5. Upshur County Appraisal District nominees
A motion was made by Jeremy Seahorn to support Jared Maddox for the Upshur County Appraisal Board as recommended by Superintendent Jed Whitaker. The motion was seconded by William Smith and passed 5-0.
6. Wood County Appraisal District nominees
A motion was made by William Smith to support Garry Littlejohn for the Wood County Appraisal Board as recommended by Superintendent Jed Whitaker. The motion was seconded by Ann Stegall and passed 4-0-1. Garry Littlejohn abstained.
7. Claiming eminent domain rights for any possible future use
A motion was made by Garry Littlejohn to approve the superintendent’s recommendation for the District to retain its authority to exercise eminent domain. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Seahorn and passed 5-0.
8. Interlocal agreement with Wood county for tax collections
A motion was made by Garry Littlejohn to accept the superintendent’s recommendation to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Wood County tax collections. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Seahorn and passed 5-0.

9. Public hearing and taxing “goods in transit”

The superintendent made a recommendation that all goods-in-transit be taxable by Harmony ISD. Ann Stegall made a motion to accept his recommendation which was seconded by William Smith and passed 5-0.

10. Date of regular March meeting

Superintendent Whitaker recommended moving the regular March meeting to the third Monday in March (March 19, 2012) to avoid conflict with Spring Break. Jeremy Seahorn made a motion to accept this change. Garry Littlejohn seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

11. Personnel

The resignation of Ralph Cooper was presented for acceptance by Superintendent Whitaker. Garry Littlejohn motioned to accept the resignation, William Smith seconded the motion, and the motion passed 5-0.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made at 6:35 to adjourn by Garry Littlejohn and seconded by Jeremy Seahorn. The motion passed 5-0.

November 14, 2011

DATE

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY