

The Region 4 ESC Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2023
Board Room, Region 4 Education Service Center
7145 West Tidwell Road
Houston, Texas 77092

The Region 4 Education Service Center (Region 4) Board of Directors met in a Regular meeting on April 25, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. The following Board Members were in attendance: Mrs. Scotty Bass, Mrs. Linda Tinnerman, Dr. Hugh Hayes, Mr. Andy Reyes, Mrs. Carmen Moreno, Mr. Victor White, and Mrs. LaVerie Wise. Ms. Lalla Morris was absent.

Staff members in attendance included: Dr. Rodney Watson, Dr. Kelly Ingram, Ms. Kristi Hernandez, Mr. Jeff Kohrman, Mr. Robert Zingelmann, Dr. Julie Hill, and Dr. Melody Goffney.

Kate Mejia served as recording secretary.

1. General Items

- A. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Mrs. Carmen Moreno, Chair.
- B. The invocation was led by Mr. Victor White. The pledges of allegiance were led by Mrs. Scotty Bass.
- C. There were no comments from the public.
- D. Dr. Watson shared details about changes being made to the Region 4 Superintendent meetings after receiving feedback from listening meetings. He also provided an update on McKinney Conference Center renovations. Dr. Watson announced that three of the education specialists in our Science and Social Studies Solutions department were selected to present at the National Science Teaching Association Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in March. He also informed the Board that our Reading by Design product has been named as an approved product on the Structured Literacy Program list for the state of Ohio. Lastly, Dr. Watson shared that Region 4 is one of three Education Service Centers in Texas to have been awarded a Raising Blended Learners Grant through the Charles Butt Foundation.

2. Reports/Information Items

- A. Dr. Melody Goffney shared the report on personnel matters, including employment, retirement, and termination of full-time or part-time employees.
- B. Mr. Robert Zingelmann shared the report on public agencies utilizing OMNIA Partners/Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC) contracts.
- C. Dr. Rodney Watson and Ms. Erin Kolecki from TASB shared the report on the TASB Compensation Plan review.
- D. Mr. Robert Zingelmann presented information on the 2023–2024 Budget Considerations.

3. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Carmen Moreno recommended that Items 3A-1, 3B-1, 3B-2, and 3C-1 be presented, reviewed, and handled in one motion, one second, and one vote.

A. Administration

3A-1 Approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting on February 28, 2023

B. Business Office

3B-1 Approval of budget amendments.

3B-2 Approval of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Financial Status Recap Report as of March 31, 2023, and Investment Portfolios as of February 28, 2023, and March 31, 2023.

C. OMNIA Partners

3C-1 Approval of contract renewals

April 2023

- Cotton Commercial USA, Inc

September 2023

- BSN Sports LLC
- Riddell
- Samson Equipment
- School Health Corporation
- School Specialty, LLC
- Iron Bow Technologies, LLC
- SYNEX Corporation
- ThunderCat Technology, LLC
- Granite Telecommunications, LLC
- RingCentral, Inc.
- Schindler Elevator Corporation
- TK Elevator Corporation
- Daikin Applied Americas, Inc.
- Johnson Controls, Inc.
- TDIndustries, Inc.

October 2023

- Music & Arts
- Stanbury Uniforms, Inc.
- Washington Music Center
- Wenger Corporation
- Sunbelt Rentals, Inc.

A motion was made by Mrs. Scotty Bass and seconded by Mrs. Linda Tinnerman to approve all consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Action Items

A. Administration

4A-1 A motion was made by Mrs. LaVerie Wise and seconded by Mr. Victor White to approve declaring the following unopposed candidates elected to their designated places on the Region 4 Board of Directors:

- Mrs. LaVerie Wise, Place 3- representing Harris County (Houston Independent School District)
- Dr. Hugh Hayes, Place 4- representing Harris County (Aldine, Alief, Cypress-Fairbanks, Humble, Katy, Klein, Spring, Spring Branch, and Tomball Independent School Districts) The motion carried unanimously.

4A-2 A motion was made by Dr. Hugh Hayes and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to authorize Executive Director or designee to negotiate final terms and execute a professional services agreement with Imani Software LLC for Educator Preparation Data Model Phase II - Dashboards to Support the Effective District Framework for Texas Education Agency in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. Mr. Jeff Kohrman shared information regarding the approval of the Imani Software LLC service agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

4A-3 A motion was made by Dr. Hugh Hayes and seconded by Mrs. Linda Tinnerman to authorize Executive Director or designee to negotiate final terms and execute the contract for services from Slalom at a price not to exceed \$984,860. Mr. Jeff Kohrman reviewed information regarding the approval of Imani Software LLC service agreement. Mr. Robert Zingelmann shared that funding for technology upgrades will come out of Committed Fund Balance. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Closed Session

Mrs. Carmen Moreno requested a motion to enter into Closed Session. A motion was made by Mrs. LaVerie Wise and seconded by Mrs. Scotty Bass to enter into Closed Session to discuss goals and evaluation of the Executive Director [Tex. Gov. Code §551.074] as well as to review Human Resources updates [Tex. Gov. Code Section 551.074]. The motion carried unanimously. The Board entered Closed Session at 11:43 a.m. A motion was made by Mrs. Linda Tinnerman and seconded by Mrs. LaVerie Wise to reconvene the Board Meeting. The Board reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Linda Tinnerman and seconded by Mr. Victor White to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Carmen Moreno adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.



Chair



Secretary