

THE VARNETT PUBLIC SCHOOL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA

August 31, 2020 at 10:30 A.M.

VIA TELEPHONE

Governor Abbott temporarily suspended a number of open meetings laws in response to COVID-19, allowing governmental entities, including VPS, to conduct meetings by telephone or video conference. Notice is hereby given that VPS intends to conduct this regularly scheduled meeting via telephone. As required by the temporary suspension, VPS:

- Has provided online written notice containing a public toll-free dial-in number, as well as an electronic copy of any agenda packet, before conducting this telephonic meeting; specifically, the public may use the following toll-free dial-in number: (844) 802-6666 Access code: 805624#;
- Will provide the public with access and a means to participate in the meeting, through two-way audio connection; and
- Will provide the public with access to a recording of the meeting.

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1. Opening Items

- A. Call to Order
 - B. Declaration of Quorum Stated for the record, the names of trustees representing the quorum and the notice has been posted in the time and manner required by law
 - C. Invocation and Pledges to the United States Flag and Texas Flag
2. Citizen Inquiries will be allocated at each regular meeting. After registering with the board prior to the meeting, a school district resident, parent, employee, vendor, or potential vendor shall have an opportunity to address the Board of Trustees for the four specific purposes as dictated by the state laws governing open meetings:
- 1) to discuss an item that appears on the agenda/notice of meeting,
 - 2) to make a request for specific factual information,
 - 3) to ask for a recitation of existing policy, and
 - 4) to redress grievances.

In accordance with the law, no deliberation, discussion or decision will be made other than to consider a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting, unless the subject is listed on the board agenda, in which case it may be discussed by the board. Factual information only in regard to a citizen inquiry may be shared at any point by the superintendent. Oral comments are limited to five minutes in length, unless extended by a majority of the trustees, and must not mention any individuals by name or position or contain any personally identifiable reference.

3. Closed Session and/or Executive Session

Executive Session

Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071: § 551.072 Consultation with Board attorney regarding all matters as authorized by law and legal advice; including but not limited to pending litigation.

Tex. Gov't Code § 551.074: deliberation regarding appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public school official or employee.

Reconvene after Closed Session and/or Executive Session

4. Approve Action on items from closed session, if any, without limitation:

A. Approve Action Items:

| Item | Description |
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| A-1 | Consider approval of the Minutes to the Regular Board Meeting held on August 17, 2020 |
| A-2 | Consider approval of 2019-2020 4th and Final Budget Amendment |
| A-3 | Consider approval and ratification of 2019-2020 vendor awards, consultant and professional service contracts projected to be over \$49,999 |
| A-4 | Consider approval of Annual Authorization to carry forward and re-appropriate 2019–2020 encumbrances and fund commitments into fiscal year 2020–2021 |
| A-5 | Consider approval of Work from Home Request Form, Agreement and Temporary Policy Changes to incorporate Federal Requirements for Coronavirus-Related Leave - 1st Reading |

B. Board Item

C. Superintendent's Report (Information items)

1. Personnel Updates (New Hires and Terminations)
2. Response to TEA Correspondence

D. Attorney's Report

E. Chief Financial Officer Report – July Board Report

F. Grant and Curriculum Officer Report (Information items)

G. Facilities Report – Terrell Russell, FMOT Director (Information Items)

H. Follow Up on Prior Requests

I. Announcements and Adjournment