



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES October 25, 2019

Call to Order: 12:01 p.m.

President Kit Spelce welcomed those in attendance, introducing herself and her co-president Kristin Paull who was unable to attend the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the September 20, 2019 General Meeting were presented for approval, copies having been provided. Ray Clayton moved to approve the minutes. Jane DeGiacomo seconded the motion, which was approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – 2019 STATE OF THE DISTRICT: Eanes I.S.D. Superintendent Dr. Tom Leonard delivered this presentation, which was filmed for ultimate inclusion on the Eanes I.S.D. website (www.eanesisd.net). Eanes Executive Director of Communications and Community Engagement Claudia McWhorter will oversee the publication of the presentation and accompanying visuals within the month. Not included in the presentation was the following question from the audience:

Question: In the past, there has been difficulty in convincing district residents without children attending the schools to vote for bonds. How do we communicate more effectively with these residents?

Response from Dr. Leonard: Results from recent elections illustrate that this issue is improving. The district has improved communication through more consistent messaging, which has resulted in greater, more widespread trust in the bond process. The creation of the bond oversight committee has also increased confidence in the transparency of the bond process.

Dr. Leonard also announced that, due to recent changes in the laws, the district may revisit the TRE-Golden Pennies option which was approved by over 80% of district residents and which had a positive financial impact on the district.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: President Spelce asked Principal Steve Ramsey if he would like to deliver a report at this time. Principal Ramsey elected to speak at the next General Meeting.

President Spelce announced that the next PTO General Meeting will take place at 12:00 p.m. on November 15th in the Chap Room (subsequently changed to November 15th). The results of the Fall 2019 allocations request fulfillment process will be presented at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.