

room has been changed. He plans to change out the lights in Mrs. Pittman's room. In the auditorium, he plans to move controls to the far back left corner and the new lights will be app controlled. The roof observation by the architect has been completed inside of the building but has not yet been done outside.

There were no 2021-2022 budget amendments.

Discussion was held regarding a purchase of at or above \$50,000 for replacement of the HVAC captive replacement part or component for the cafeteria's commercial refrigerator and freezer and board determination that the delay posed by the methods provided for in Education Code 44.031 would prevent or substantially impair the conduct of classes or other essential school activities. Both units are going out and Marty Pearcy quoted \$35,000 to \$36,000 for replacement. Jodie Arrott made a motion to bypass the delayed comp bidding process and was seconded by John Seales. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0.

Discussion was held regarding possible board action to accept the application of BNB Tennyson for an appraised value limitation on qualified property; authorize the superintendent to review the application for completeness and submit to the comptroller; and authorize the superintendent to enter into any agreement to extend the deadline for board action beyond 150 days subject to board ratification. Mr. Robert David with Moak Casey and Mr. Josh Odom (via Zoom) verified the timeline for the 313 agreement is still on schedule with construction of the 150 megawatt solar farm beginning in the summer of 2024. The total negotiated payments to the school total about \$2.2 million over 15 years, ending in 2040 (\$50,000 annual payments for 15 years plus a lump sum of \$1.4 million distributed in 2028-2032). Jodie Arrott made a motion to approve and was seconded by Terry Queen. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0.

Discussion was held regarding possible board action to retain consultants to assist the district

in processing of the application for appraised value limitation on qualified property from BNB Tennyson. Lynsey Coalson made a motion, with Josh Schoenfield seconding, to retain consultants to assist as recommend. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0.

A written log of when school buses tires have been checked and changed will be kept. The Van Hool bus will be checked once a month. Mr. Calvin McCutchen has a notebook with dates for tire warranties. Tires will be replaced every 5 - 7 years, installing tires with dates facing outward. Bus 8 and the Van Hool both have new tires. It is planned to replace the Van Hool tires in 4 - 5 years with the other buses staggered in years to be changed. A log will be kept for documentation. CDL requires inspection before leaving the lot. Mr. McCutchen will also sign pre-trip inspections as well as the driver of the bus being used.

The board was notified of the resignation of Paula Gonzalez.

The June meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, at 5:30 pm.

Terry Queen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jodie Arrott seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.



Freedom in Community

By James M. Decker

As I write this on July 4th, I am thinking about the various dimensions that come with the idea of “freedom.” A few weeks ago, I wrote on Juneteenth that freedom in America has been a continuous journey. On July 4, 1776, Thomas Jefferson did not



Camp! *Bronte ISD recently hosted a football camp. The participants had a lot of fun and learned so much!*

announce the successful completion of a new for of government. He charted a course for that government on that day, but the work was only beginning.

In fact, the work was only beginning for the Founding Fathers themselves! Even beyond five more years of war with the British, the newly independent United States were a dysfunctional mess. There was no seamless transition from the Declaration of Independence to victory in war to the Constitution that we know today. It was quite the opposite. The Continental Congress drafted the Articles of Confederation in 1777, but it

took four years for the states to fully ratify this document in 1781. After that, the new United States were left with an impotent government that presided over everything from economic disaster to foreign policy failure to outright insurrection in Shays' Rebellion.

Our Constitution was the result of an effort to clean up this mess. It continued the work that began on July 4, 1776. Even then, if you've ever spent any time reading the Federalist Papers (or even reading about them), you know that our Founding Fathers had some VERY sharp disagreements about the basic construction of our government.

What I'm saying is freedom is hard. Freedom has been under construction since July 4, 1776. We have gotten some things very right. We have gotten some things terribly wrong. We have fixed some terrible wrongs. We have created other wrongs in the process and fixed those, but we have struggled to fix other issues. And you know what? It will continue to be a work in progress, so long as flawed humans are at the steering wheel of this country.

Concepts like freedom are complex. Over the years, we've seen our society struggle to provide the same level of freedom to everyone in the society.

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Joke County Water Supply Incorporation awarded grant

The Texas Water Development Board approved resolution on December 15, 2019, financial assistance in the amount of \$500,000 to the Joke County Water Supply Corporation for the Joke County Water Supply Corporation. The Corporation is for the purpose of financing, constructing, and operating water supply facilities for the county. The Corporation is for the purpose of financing, constructing, and operating water supply facilities for the county. The Corporation is for the purpose of financing, constructing, and operating water supply facilities for the county.

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SPECIAL OIL & GAS SECTION

Worker Rig Southeast of Robert Lee

By Melinda McCutchen, Publisher

Many Coke County citizens view the oil boom positively, but some are concerned about the impact on the environment. The oil boom has brought many jobs to the county, but it has also brought a lot of environmental concerns. The oil boom has brought many jobs to the county, but it has also brought a lot of environmental concerns. The oil boom has brought many jobs to the county, but it has also brought a lot of environmental concerns.

Special Government Section

Coke County Courthouse • Robert Lee

Coke County covers 928 square miles on the Edwards Plateau in west central Texas. The county was founded in 1839 and named for Richard Coke, the 15th governor of Texas.

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Saluting the Robert Lee High School Class of 2020

Robert Lee High School graduates for 2020 have been announced. The graduates are: [Names of graduates]

Confirmed Cases of Covid-19 in Texas

As of May 15, 2020, there have been 1,327 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Texas.

Saluting the Blackwell High School Class of 2020

Blackwell High School graduates for 2020 have been announced. The graduates are: [Names of graduates]

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