



Open House! Robert Lee businesses hosted their annual Christmas Open Houses on Friday, December 1. Locations pictured above and their festivities are (clockwise from top left) Ivey Motors, Coke County Courthouse, Austin St. Coffee House, and Robert Lee State Bank.

institution for its moment in time. That time has passed, but the memories of the Bread Man, the Bus Driver, and all the rest will live on. If we value our local culture as we should, we will find new places and new casts of characters to create our own version of The Table.

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RLISD Board meeting minutes told

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. Members present included Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, Beverly Sinclair, Cole Bosworth, Linda Burns, Jose Morales, and Erin Oleksiuk.

The meeting was called to order at 5 pm by President Washam with a quorum of members present.

The invocation and pledge were led by Linda Burns.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2023, and was

seconded by Linda Burns. All were for.

Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to approve the financial report as presented and to approve the bills as presented by Robin Allen. She was seconded by Cole Bosworth and all were for.

Supt. Aaron Hood gave the high school update, reporting 137 students enrolled and a 96.7% ADA. He also gave the elementary report, reporting 121 students and a 94.74% ADA. This makes a total of 258 students for September 2023.

Supt. Hood presented the 2023-2024 Gifted and Talented Program Guide.

Supt. Hood presented the 2022 School District Property Value Study Trustee Report.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on construction, budget, activities,

district audit, yearbook incident, and staff Christmas party.

The next regular board meeting will be November 16, 2023, at 5 pm.

Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Linda Burns. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

**Please Pray for our Communities,
Our County, Our State and Our Country**



And Don't Forget to Pray for Rain!

FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER

**December 25, 11 am to 12:30 pm
or until we run out**

We will not take reservations.
Plates will be served on a first come, first served basis. Drive through, to go plates only.
We will only give out plates to those present in the vehicle.

Meal to include ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, green bean casserole, and a roll.

NOEL & Co.

11200 W. St. Hwy 158, Robert Lee
Approximately 6 miles west of Robert Lee on the right.

For further information,
call 763-8890.

*Merry Christmas
from our kitchen to you!*