

to approve the financial report as presented and to approve the bills presented by Robin Allen. She was seconded by Beverly Sinclair and all were for.

Supt. Hood gave the Principal's Report.

Supt. Hood held a public meeting on ARP ESSER III Federal Grant, ESSA Federal Funding and State Compensatory Education Program and Evaluation.

Supt. Hood recommended to continue with the plan as is on the Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Learning Plan. Erin Oleksiuk made the motion to approve the recommendation and was seconded by Linda Burns. All were for.

Discussion was held on the Status of Implementation of Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) Plan.

Supt. Hood recommended to adopt T-TESS Calendar for 2023-2024 as presented. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the calendar as presented and was seconded by Linda Burns. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended naming the 2023-2024 District Appraisers as Aaron Hood and David O'Dell. Beverly Sinclair made a motion to approve the recommendation and was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended adopting the RLISD Device Policy and Usage Handbook with the update for the 2023-2024 school year. Beverly Sinclair made a motion to approve the recommendation and was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

No changes were made to the Robert Lee ISD Student Dress Code.

No changes were made to the Robert Lee ISD Faculty Dress and Grooming Code.

Supt. Hood recommended to adopt the Robert Lee Student Code of Conduct and Extracurricular Code of Conduct with changes presented. Beverly Sinclair made the motion to approve the recommendation and was seconded by Linda Burns. All were for.

Supt. Hood presented the RLISD Student Handbook and Employee Handbook.

Supt. Hood recommended opening a Construction Account at Robert Lee State Bank for the 2023 Bond Proceeds. The signers on the account are as follows: President Wes Washam, Vice President Erin Oleksiuk, Business Manager Robin Allen, and Superintendent Aaron Hood. Jeffie Roberts made the motion to approve the recommendation and was seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All were for.

Supt. Hood held a budget workshop for the 2023-2024 budget.

Supt. Hood recommended a Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.845 for Maintenance & Operations and \$0.42 for Interest & Sinking for the 2023-2024 school year. Linda Burns made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate as presented and was seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended approving the Localized Policy Manual Update 121 with changes and leave DEA Local as is. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve Update 121 with changes seconded by Erin Oleksiuk. All were for.

Supt. Hood gave his report on summer maintenance update, summer board conference, and upcoming audit.

The next regular board meeting will be August 22, 2023, at 5 pm.

A motion was made by Jeffie Roberts and seconded by Erin Oleksiuk to adjourn at 7:07 pm.



Downtown! Robert Lee is also seeing some changes being made to their downtown area. One of the historic buildings on Austin Street has been completely renovated into a beautiful new lodging establishment. The building, named Cedar Flats, has been converted into two suites and is available now for anyone needing a cozy place to stay in Robert Lee. For more information or to make a reservation, visit www.cedarflatstx.com.

High prices, consumer demand spark cattle ranchers' optimism

By Shelby Shank
TFB Field Editor

Continued demand for beef and tightened supplies due to drought are expected to push cattle prices higher.

Dr. David Anderson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension livestock market specialist and professor, spoke to Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course participants about rebuilding the cattle herd and the growing demand for beef, despite

high retail prices.

"Folks are still buying beef," Anderson said. "Beef is something that's in demand, and that's part of the reason for record high beef prices. We have demand for something that's tightening in supplies."

Rebuilding the cattle herd is largely dependent on drought conditions, feed costs and beef prices.

Beef heifers held back as cow

replacements are the lowest in 50 years and are not expected to increase significantly in 2024, but Anderson said ranchers are sending fewer cows to slaughter.

"We have historically low numbers of heifers held back for replacement. We continue to send older cows to market at rates that suggest we'll have fewer cows next year than this year," Anderson told the Texas Farm Bureau Radio Network. "But again, drought will limit some areas of the country, and we may not see that start in a big way yet."

(Continued on page 7)

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



And Don't Forget to Pray for Rain!

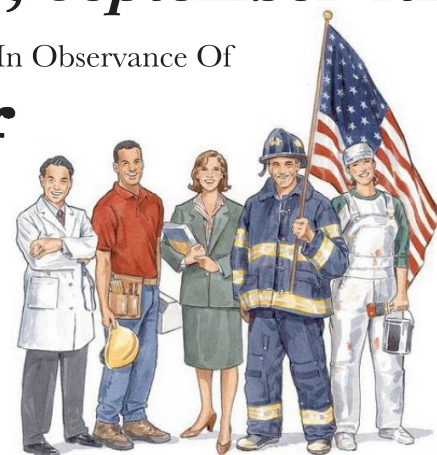
HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

*All facilities of this bank
will be closed*

Monday, September 4th

In Observance Of

**Labor
Day**



Please plan your banking requirements during regular banking hours to avoid any inconvenience.

Robert Lee State Bank

Member FDIC

453-2545

Robert Lee, Texas