

I. Call to Order & Establish a Quorum - The meeting was called to order by President Allen at 6:37 PM. Trustees present at the meeting were Chad Allen, President; Ted Robinson, Jr., Vice President; Tony Combs, Member; and Kellie Edmundson Member. Tom Ivey, Secretary, and Michelle Cantrell were absent. Monica Cantrell was sworn in and took her place at 6:45 PM, and Dr. Shirley Price arrived at 6:47 PM. HISD employees present at meeting were Travis Edwards, Superintendent; Chris Armacost, Director of Facilities & Operations; Jennifer Donovan, Finance Director; Evangelina Guerra, GGCC Director; Laurie Gilcrease, Hitchcock High School Principal; Donette Line, Crosby Middle School Principal; Connie White, Stewart Elementary School Principal; Kevin Lankford, Hitchcock Primary School Principal; Ethel Gaines, Kids' First Head Start Director; Patrick Faour, Assessment Coordinator; Sharanda Harrison-Anderson, HR Coordinator; Cherissa Crawford, Special Programs Coordinator; Dr. Tucker, C & I Coordinator; Kelly Brunson, Band Director; Fred Otto, Asst. Band Director; and Officer Villarreal.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

II.A. United States Flag – Ted Robinson, Jr. led the members of the Board of Trustees and patrons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

II.B. Texas Flag - Ted Robinson, Jr. led the members of the Board of Trustees and patrons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

III. Public Participation – Matt Vonderheide spoke regarding the need for a Hitchcock High School Band Hall and a possible future bond election. Kathy Marullo spoke regarding the modifications of Mooney Gym to accommodate growth of band.

IV. Governance

IV.A. Trustee Election

IV.A.1. Presentation of Certificate of Election for SMD 4, SMD 6, and SMD 7 - Ms. Leuschen, Notary Public, presented the Certificate of Election to Ted Robinson, Jr. SMD 4 and Monica Cantrell SMD 6 on behalf of President Allen.

IV.A.2. Statement of Elected Officers for SMD 4, SMD 6, and SMD 7 - Ms. Leuschen, Notary Public, administered the Statement of Elected Officers to Ted Robinson, Jr. SMD 4 and Monica Cantrell SMD 6.

IV.A.3. Administer the Oath of Office for SMD 4, SMD 6, and SMD 7 - Ms. Leuschen, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to Ted Robinson, Jr. SMD 4 and Monica Cantrell SMD 6.

IV.B. Reorganization of the Board of Trustees – Since the Board was reorganized in November for the election of Kellie Edmundson, they chose not to make any changes at this time.

V. Budget Workshop - Mr. Edwards and Ms. Donovan presented pay scales, stipends, and a line-item draft budget for this first budget workshop for the 2021-2022 school year.

VI. Consent Agenda - A motion was made by Kellie Edmundson and seconded by Dr. Price to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.

VI.A. Minutes

VI.B. Monthly Financial Report, Check Register and Investment Report

VI.C. Monthly Tax Collection Report

VI.D. Monthly KFHS Financial Report and Check Register

V.I.E. Monthly GGCC/SHARS Financial Report and Check Register

VII. Reports/Information

VII.A. Superintendent's Reports – Mr. Edwards, Mr. Faour, Dr. Tucker, Ms. Crawford and Ms. Guerra presented reports for their respective area.

VII.B. Principal's Reports - Ms. Gilcrease, Ms. Line, Ms. White, and Ms. Gaines gave their respective reports.

VIII. Action

VIII.A. Consider approval of Texas Schools Health Benefits Program (TSHBP) Resolution - A motion was made by Ted Robinson, Jr. and seconded by Kellie Edmundson to approve the Texas School Health Benefits Program Joining Resolution as presented and recommended by the administration. Motion carried with all in favor.

VIII.B. Consider approval of Texas Schools Health Benefits Program (TSHBP) Interlocal Agreement - A motion was made by Ted Robinson, Jr. and seconded by Kellie Edmundson to approve the Texas School Health Benefits Program Interlocal Agreement as presented and recommended by the administration. Motion carried with all in favor.

VIII.C. Consider approval of ESSER III Resolution - A motion was made by Ted Robinson, Jr. and seconded by Tony Combs to approve the ESSER III Resolution as presented and recommended by the administration. Motion carried with all in favor.

VIII.D. Discuss and consider approval of modifying Mooney Gym to accommodate growth of Band Program - A motion was made by Ted Robinson, Jr. and seconded by Dr. Shirley Price to approve the modifying of Mooney Gym to accommodate growth of the Band Program as presented and recommended by the administration. Motion carried with all in favor.

VIII.E. Discuss and consider upgrading branding of District facilities - A motion was made by Ted Robinson, Jr. and seconded by Tony Combs to approve upgrading the branding of District Facilities as presented and recommended by the administration. Motion carried with all in favor.

IX. Closed Session for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section - Mr. Allen, Board President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed session at 8:55 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section:

IX.A. Personnel Matters: Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code

IX.A.1. Discuss the employment of new professional employees(s) for the 2021-2022 school year

IX.A.2. Discuss the contracts, duties, re-assignments, discipline, and evaluation of trustees, officers, superintendent, principals, assistant principals, directors, coordinators, police chief, teachers, counselors, librarians, district nurse, and at-will employees.

X. Reconvene from Closed Session for action, if any, from Closed Session - Trustees reconvened from Closed Session at 9:35 PM.

A motion was made by Kellie Edmundson and seconded by Dr. Price to employ Brandon Barron under a Probationary Administrator contract for the 2021-2022 school year as presented and discussed in executive session. Motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Kellie Edmundson and seconded by Monica Cantrell to employ Sonya Wyche under a Probationary Administrator contract for the 2021-2022 school year as presented and discussed in executive session. Motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Kellie Edmundson and seconded by Dr. Price to employ Darby Hughes, Kaitlin Hichman, Tylisha Martella, Dawn Plite, and Artheuia Bluitt under a Probationary One-Year Contract - Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year as presented and discussed in executive session. Motion carried with all in favor.

XI. Suggested Future Agenda Items – White Stripe on Neville Road and Establish a Citizen’s Bond Advisory Committee.

XII. Announcement(s) - None

XIII. Adjourn – A motion was made by Kellie Edmundson and seconded by Dr. Price to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Linda Leuschen
Recording Secretary

HISD Board President
Chad Allen

HISD Board Secretary
Tom Ivey