

Hitchcock Independent School District

Regular Meeting

January 17, 2012

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Regular meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, held at the Hitchcock ISD Boardroom/Conference Facility located at 8004 North Railroad, Hitchcock, Texas. President Dianne James called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Present Dianne James, President; Monica Cantrell, Vice President; Estelle Holmes, Secretary; Tom Ivey, Member; Ted Robinson, Member

Absent Shirley Price, Member; Pat Turner, Member

Others Lee Knapp, Interim Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Manager; Larry Allen, Hitchcock High School Principal; Blanca Ochoa, Crosby Middle School Principal; Donette Line, Stewart Elementary School Principal; Chris Cox, Hitchcock Primary School Assistant Principal; Chris Armacost, Technology Director; Evangelina Guerra, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Ethel Gaines, Kids First Head Start Director; Betty Martins, Kids First Head Start Administrative Assistant; Bryan Tacquard, Maintenance Supervisor

Pledge of Allegiance

Monica Cantrell led the members of the Board of Trustees and patrons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. flag and Tom Ivey led the members of the Board of Trustees and patrons in the Pledge to the Texas flag.

Call to Order

Dianne James, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM; announced the presence of a quorum and stated that the meeting had been duly called and the notice had been posted in the manner prescribed by law.

Recognitions

Above and Beyond Citizen Award

The Above and Beyond Citizen Award for January was to be presented to Susan Bowles by Monica Cantrell. However, Ms. Bowles was at a conference out of town and, therefore, her award will be presented to her at the February Board of Trustees meeting.

Special Recognition

Linda Leuschen, for Mr. Knapp, read the Proclamation declaring January 2012 as School Board Recognition month. Mr. Knapp, GGCC, Daycare, KFHS, HPS, SES, CMS, HHS and the Band all presented items of appreciation to the Board.

Public Participation

Ms. Trinda Harris spoke regarding frozen salaries for HISD employees on step 30 of the pay scale.

Mr. Gerald McAfee spoke regarding several issues with his son who participates in the JV basketball program. The JV team does nothing during athletic period, only the varsity team practices in the gym. Also, he has concerns regarding out of town games and the late arrival time returning to the high school, during the week of semester exams.

Action

012-005

Consider approval of the Annual Financial Audit for period ending August 31, 2011, presented by BHP LLLP

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve the Annual Financial Audit ending August 31, 2011, as presented by Justin Mouledous from BHP, LLLP.

Motion carried with all in favor.

012-001

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and as recommended by the administration.

1. Minutes: Regular meeting of December 15, 2011

2. Monthly Financial Report, Check Register, and Investment Report for month ending December 31, 2011
3. Monthly Tax Collection Report for month ending December 31, 2011
4. Monthly Kids First Head Start (KFHS) Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending December 31, 2011
5. Monthly Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative/SHARS Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending December 31, 2011

Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports/Information from the Superintendent

The following reports were presented:

1. Kids First Head Start Board Liaison Report
2. Superintendent's Monthly Goals Report
3. Grant Report
4. Chartwell's Report
5. HISD School Health Services Report
6. Counselor's Report
7. Athletic's Report
8. Maintenance Report
9. ADA Report
10. Required Improvement Projections for AYP
11. AMAO's Report

Ms. Holmes commented that she would like to see a monthly transportation report from Durham.

Action
012-004
Changes to Replace EIA (Local) End-of-Course

Assessments, Credit and Retakes

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the changes to replace EIA Local, End-of-Course Assessments, credits and retakes.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Suggested Future Agenda Items

Ms. Holmes would like a Grade distribution list from all Principals.

Ms. Cantrell would like the Board to research the two complaints made earlier in public participation.

Ms. James announced that Agenda Item XI (A) has been postponed until the February 2012 Board meeting.

Closed Session

Dianne James, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 8:05 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code:

551.074 Personnel

- Discuss the employment of new professional employee(s) for the 2011-2012 school year

Discuss the employment, evaluation and duties of principals, assistant principals, counselors, athletic director, curriculum director, business official and teachers.

Reconvene from Closed Session

The members of the Board of Trustees reconvened from Closed Session at 9:50 PM for action, if any, from Closed Session.

No motion made after closed session.

Announcements

1. School Board members of Galveston County are meeting at Clear Creek ISD on January 24th.
2. Groundbreaking set for February 7th at 5:15 PM.
3. Ms. Holmes announced a community forum at the Hitchcock Community Center on the 28th.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Tom Ivey and seconded by Ted Robinson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leuschen
Recording Secretary

Dianne James, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary