

Hitchcock Independent School District

Public Hearing to Present District's FIRST
State Financial Accountability Rating
And
Regular Meeting

October 18, 2011

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Public Hearing to Present the District's 2009-2010 FIRST State Financial Accountability Rating and Regular meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, held at the Hitchcock ISD Boardroom/Conference Facility located at 8004 North Railroad, Hitchcock, Texas. President Dianne James called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

Late Pat Turner, Member, arrived at 6:45 PM

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; Carla Massa, Hitchcock Primary School Principal; Chris Cox, Hitchcock Primary School Assistant Principal; Chris Armacost, Technology Director; Evangelina Guerra, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Betty Martins, Kids First Head Start Administrative Assistant and Kristy Bradford, Girl's Athletic Coordinator.

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 6:30 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.

Public Hearing to Present the District's 2009-2010 FIRST
State Financial Accountability Rating

Nina Conway, Business Manager, presented, discussed and gave an overview of Hitchcock ISD's FIRST State Financial Accountability Rating for 2009-2010 school year.

Public Participation

Mr. Albert Smith spoke to the Board of Directors regarding leading the Hitchcock ISD Education Foundation.

Recognitions

The Above and Beyond Citizen Award for August was presented to Patty McNeal by Estelle Holmes.

Closed Session

Dianne James, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 6:52 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

Reconvene from
Closed Session

The members of the Board of Trustees reconvened from Closed Session at 7:02 PM for action, if any, from Closed Session.

Motion 1

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to accept Mr. Charles Libbey's Voluntary Resignation Agreement effective October 18, 2011, as presented and as discussed in executive session.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Crosby Middle School Dancers performed at 7:04 PM

011-095
Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes:
 - a. Regular meeting of September 20, 2011
 - b. Special Called meeting of September 27, 2011
2. Monthly Financial Report, Check Register, and Investment Report for month ending September 30, 2011
3. Monthly Tax Collection Report for month ending September 30, 2011
4. Monthly Kids First Head Start (KFHS) Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending September 30, 2011
5. Monthly Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative/SHARS Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending September 30, 2011
6. Review investment policy CDA (LOCAL) and approve Resolution to confirm or amend policy
7. Annual Statement of Investments

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 August & September Report
5. HISD School Health Services Report
6. Counselor's Report
7. Athletic's Report
8. Maintenance Report
9. ADA Report

Action

011-096

Approve TEA Application for Low Attendance Days

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the TEA Application for Low Attendance Days.

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-097

Consider Nomination of Delegate and Alternate to the
2012 Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC)

A motion was made by Tom Ivey and seconded by Monica Cantrell to nominate Estelle Holmes as the HISD Delegate to the HGAC.

Motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Tom Ivey and seconded by Monica Cantrell to nominate Shirley Price as the HISD Alternate to the HGAC.

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-099

Consider Appointment of Hitchcock ISD Board Liaison to
The Kids First Head Start Program

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to appoint Dianne James as the HISD Board Liaison to the Kids First Head Start Program.

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-098

Consider Approval of the 2011-2012 District Improvement
Plan and Campus Improvement Plan

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the 2011-2012 District and Campus Improvement Plans with the requested corrections.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion/Possible Action

Discuss the Superintendent Search Process

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to hold a workshop to discuss the Superintendent search process.

Motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to hold the workshop for the Superintendent's search on November 8, 2011, at 6:30 PM.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Future Agenda Items

It was suggested that the Board of Trustees needs to review and clarify the EIA (LOCAL) policy. Mr. Knapp stated that the Galveston County Superintendents intend to discuss this issue at their monthly meeting on November 3rd. The BOT would like to discuss at their meeting on November 15th.

Announcements

1. Ms. Cantrell announced that the Chamber of Commerce is collecting items for animals for their Christmas project and suggested that HISD could participate in this collection to help animals by putting a box in our cafeterias, libraries, nurse's office, etc.
2. HISD football plays in Hempstead this Friday.
3. HISD volleyball plays at home this Friday.
4. HHS Career Fair is on October 25th.
5. HPS is forming a new garden club.
6. HPS Fall Festival is on October 28th.
7. BOT workshop is on November 8th at 6:30 PM
8. Regular BOT and Public Meeting is on November 15th at 6:30 PM
9. Crosby Family Academic night is on October 26th at 6:30 PM.
10. Crosby Cancer Balloon release at 2:00 PM on October 28th.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Pat Turner and seconded by Shirley Price to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leuschen
Recording Secretary

Dianne James, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary