

Hitchcock Independent School District

Special Called Meeting

September 27, 2011

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Special Called meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 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 6:32 PM.

Present Dianne James, President; Monica Cantrell, Vice President; Estelle Holmes, Secretary; Pat Turner, Member; Shirley Price, Member

Absent Tom Ivey, Member; Ted Robinson, Member

Others Lee Knapp, Interim-Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Manager; Larry Allen, Hitchcock High School Principal; Patrick Faour, Hitchcock High School Assistant Principal; Blanca Ochoa, Crosby Middle School Principal; Donnette Line, Stewart Elementary Principal; Carla Massa, Hitchcock Primary Principal; Ethel Gaines, KFHS; Betty Martins, KFHS; Chris Armacost, Technology Director; Evangelina Guerra, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

Call to Order Dianne James, President, called the meeting to order at 6:32 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.

Action

011-090

Approve Construction Manager at Risk for new High School

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve Durotech as the Construction Manager at Risk for the new Hitchcock High School as recommended by Administration

Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports/Information

Review and discuss report from Kathy Barnett, External CIT

Ms. Barnett, External CIT, provided a handout and reported to the Board the status of Hitchcock ISD and how a Campus Intervention Team works in assisting Hitchcock ISD with implementing a Target Improvement Plan.

Action

011-087

Approval to participate in CACFP-CCC

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Dr. Shirley Price for Hitchcock ISD to participate in CACFP-CCC for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-088

Consider changes to grading guidelines as requested by TASB

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the changes to the grading guidelines as requested by TASB.

Motion carried with four (4) in favor and one (1) abstained (Dr. Shirley Price).

011-089

Approve waiver for District participation in the teacher portal of the Texas Assessment Management System

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the waiver for Hitchcock ISD to participate in the teacher portal of the Texas Assessment Management System.

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-091

Approval of out-of-state travel to New Orleans for Kids First Head Start

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Dr. Shirley Price to approve out-of-state travel to New Orleans, Louisiana for the Head Start Annual Parent Training Conference (Betty Martins, Gwen Gilmore, Nyesha Howard, Dianne James, Nina Conway, Tanika Foster, Ronald Foster and Lance Pointer)

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-092

Approval of out-of-state travel to California for Rona Smith, Hitchcock Primary Counselor

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Dr. Shirley Price to approve out-of-state travel to California for Rona Smith to attend a conference as per information provided by administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion/Possible Action

011-093

Employee entrance to home athletic events

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell that all District employees with proper ID be admitted to all home athletic events free of charge.

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-094

Discuss and possible action on Board Policy EID (local)

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to make no change to current policy EIC Local.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Suggested Future Agenda Items

1. Ms. Cantrell would like to discuss duties/responsibilities of campus administrators when children are left on campus after school or after athletic events.
2. Dr. Price would like to discuss honors programs for special education children at a future board meeting.
3. Please provide athletic reports for both boys and girls athletics. Also try to get counselor reports from every District counselor.

Closed Session

Dianne James, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 8:35 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 8:55 PM for action, if any, from Closed Session.

Motion

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Dr. Shirley Price to employ Charles Pyle under a Probationary One-Year Contract—Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year as presented and as discussed in executive session.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Announcements

The 2nd Redistricting Workshop is on October 11, 2011.

Early dismissal this Friday and the HISD football team is playing in
Industrial

Adjournment

A motion was made by Pat Turner and seconded by Monica Cantrell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leuschen
Recording Secretary

Dianne James, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary