

Hitchcock Independent School District

Special Called Meeting

August 30, 2011

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Special Called meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 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 6:35 PM.

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

Others Lee Knapp, Interim-Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Manager; Larry Allen, Hitchcock High School Principal; Chris Armacost, Technology Director; Donnette Line, Stewart Elementary Principal; Carla Massa, Hitchcock Primary Principal.

Call to Order Dianne James, President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 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.

Conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed HISD 2011-2012 budget and Tax Rate

Ms. Conway presented/reviewed the Hitchcock ISD proposed 2011-2012 school year budget and tax rate as published in the Galveston Daily News.

Action

011-070

Consider approval of the District's 2011-2012 budget

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the Hitchcock ISD 2011-2012 budget as presented by administration.

Members in favor: Dianne James, Monica Cantrell, Estelle Holmes, Ted Robinson, Tom Ivey, Shirley Price

Members abstained: Pat Turner

011-071

Consider adoption of the District's 2011-2012 Tax Rate by Written Ordinance

Motion A: A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the proposed tax rate of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion B: A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the proposed tax rate of \$.50 to pay bonded indebtedness.

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-072

Consider approval of the Final Budget Amendment for 2010-2011

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve the final budget amendment for 2010-2011 as presented by administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-073

Consider approval of Interlocal Agreement between Hitchcock ISD and the City of Hitchcock Police Department for the 2011-2012 school year

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the Interlocal Agreement between HISD and the City of Hitchcock Police Department for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-074

Consider approval of procurement method of the new High School

Ms. Holmes made a motion to postpone approval of the procurement method for the new High School until the Special Board of Trustee meeting on September 6, 2011.

011-075

Consider approval of out-of-state travel to Washington, DC, for Ethel Gaines and Denise Mosley, Kids First Head Start

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve out-of-state travel for Ethel Gaines and Denise Mosley on October 2-5, 2011, to Washington, DC.

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-076

Consider approval of the Grant Application Budget Information (GABI) for Head Start for the 2011-2012 school year.

A motion was made by Ms. Holmes to postpone approval of GABI until the Special Board of Trustee meeting on September 6, 2011.

011-077

Review and possibly revise HISD Grading Policy

A motion was made by Ms. Holmes to postpone the review of the HISD Grading Policy until the Regular Board of Trustee meeting on September 20, 2011.

Discussion/Possible Action

011-078

Consider staffing for current student enrollment

Mr. Knapp reviewed the average daily attendance rate of students at each HISD campus.

No action taken

Closed Session Dianne James, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 7:40 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 8:25 PM for action, if any, from Closed Session.

Motion 1 A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to employ Amber Scott 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.

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 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leuschen
Recording Secretary

Dianne James, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary