

Hitchcock Independent School District

Regular Meeting

March 22, 2011

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Regular meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 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 7:00 PM.

Present Dianne James, President; Monica Cantrell, Vice President; Estelle Holmes, Secretary; Pat Turner, Member; Ted Robinson, Jr., Member; Tom Ivey, Member; Shirley Price, 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; Phyliss Coleman, Hitchcock Primary School Principal; Chris Armacost, Technology Director; Evangelina Guerra, Director of Student Support Services

Call to Order Dianne James, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

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.

Recognitions

1. Dianne James presented the Above and Beyond Citizen Award for March 2011 to Nancy Wolfford.
2. Stewart Elementary School—STARBASE Kids
Elizabeth Bilek presented Certificates of Participation to the 5th grade students who participated in the STARBASE program on October 7, 2010; October 14, 2010; October 21, 2010; October 28, 2010; and November 4, 2010.

Participants:

Jessica Tholen "Angel Star"	Micah Semien "Baby Star"	Emmanuel Pena "Alien Force"
Justin Sheppard "Batman"	DeVaughn Elder "Red Comet"	Hayley Vineyard "Dancing Star"
Artemio Gonzales "Darth Vader"	Justin Simek "Halo"	Ashley Knapp "Hera"
Khalib Torres "Kal"	Haley Hubbard "Lazer Cat"	Kayla Gace "Lucky Star"
Jhenda Griffin "Luna"	NiAsia Alexander "Moon Glow"	Angie Benitez "Moon Light"
Madison Simmons "Purple Star 5080"	Ethan Kotz "Porcupine"	Keiry Benitez "Rainbow"
Raven Johnson "Rane"	Icille Littleton "Red Rocket"	Madilyn Williams "Snoopy"
Randy Carillo "Silver Alien"	Kayla Oquendo "Soft Moon"	Diona Harris "Star Dust"
Emily Kotz "Spark"	Brittanie Brown "Sunshine"	Venette McCall "Star Shine"
Demaujay Cook "Titan"	Dariela Rodriguez "Tiny Moon"	Jonas Ibarra "Trail Blazer"

3. Hitchcock High School—Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award was presented to Edward Hicks by Mr. Allen, Principal, Hitchcock High School.

Public Participation

Janice Vaughn, Rashunda Jackson, and Melsha Vaughn each addressed the Board regarding issues at the high school concerning the Dance Team, participating in athletics, and the lack of communication with the campus administrators.

011-021 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:
 - a. Special Called meeting of February 1, 2011
 - b. Special Called meeting of February 14, 2011
 - c. Regular meeting of February 15, 2011
 - d. Special Called meeting of February 21, 2011
 - e. Special Called meeting and Board Workshop of February 25, 2011

2. Monthly Financial Report, Check Register, and Investment Report for month ending February 28, 2011
3. Monthly Tax Collection Report for month ending February 28, 2011
4. Monthly Kids First Head Start Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending February 28, 2011
5. Monthly Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative/SHARS Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending February 28, 2011

Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports/Information from the Superintendent

The following reports were presented to the Board for their review and information:

1. Kids First Head Start Board Liaison Report—Verbal report by Ms. James. The Kids First Head Start meeting was canceled for lack of a quorum.
2. Superintendent's Monthly Goals Report
3. Grant Report

Closed Session

Dianne James, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 7:30 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code:

551.074 Personnel:

- Discuss assignments, re-assignments, and duties of at-will and professional employees

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.

No action from Closed Session.

Action

011-022

Changes to FO(LOCAL):

Student Discipline:

Corporal Punishment

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the proposed changes to FO(LOCAL): Student Discipline as presented. [See attached]

Members in favor: Monica Cantrell, Estelle Holmes, Ted Robinson, Tom Ivey

Members opposed: Dianne James, Pat Turner

Members abstained: Shirley Price

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

011-023

Revised 2011-2012

School Calendar

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the proposed revised calendar for the 2011-2012 school year as presented. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-024

Out-of-State Travel

Request by Kids First Head Start

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the out-of-state travel request for Ethel Gaines, Kids First Head Start Director; Rosalind Franklin, Kids First Head Start Aide; and Tameka Foster, Kids First Head Start parent, to attend the Head Start Annual Conference in Kansas City, MO on April 4-8, 2011 as presented.

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-025

EVBB Election Judge for the
May 14, 2011 Trustees Election
No action.

011-026

Resolution: Reduction in Force—
Financial Exigency or Program Change

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell
to table this item.

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-027

Resolution: Employment Areas to be
Affective as part of the Reduction in Force

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell
to table this item.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion/Possible Action

011-028

Set dates for Board Training after the
May General Trustees Election

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded Monica Cantrell to
table action until the June Board Meeting.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Future Agenda Items

1. Dance Team—April Board Meeting
2. Reduction in Force—March 29, 2011 Board Meeting
3. Black History Awards Certificates—April Board Meeting
4. Evaluation of District Improvement Plan and Campus Improvement
Plans—April Board Meeting

Announcements

LaDonna Landry is seeking help and suggestions to obtain funding for
Drager Landry to attend the Summer Workshop at Duke University.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Pat Turner and seconded by Ted Robinson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor
Recording Secretary

Dianne James, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary