

Hitchcock Independent School District

Regular Meeting

February 15, 2011

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Regular meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 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 Mike Bergman, Superintendent; 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; Carl Joiner and Scott Brady, Joiner Partnership

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. Estelle Holmes presented the Above and Beyond Citizen Award for February 2011 to Anna Munson (Moya).

Certificates of Achievement and Participation were presented by the principals and sponsors of the following events:

2. Hitchcock Primary School—Dash for Dogs, October 15, 2010, Bulldog Stadium, Hitchcock, TX, Phyliss Coleman, Principal

Girls Race—Selena Goodman

Boys Race—Jonathon Jones

Participants: Sara Quintanilla, Alexandria Torres, Caeden Landry, Geran Landry, Floyd Clay, Samuel Ruiz, Marco Sanchez, Jaelen Sims, Gerald Stephenson, Madeline Silva, Mathew Vanderhide, Mathew Cavender, Pam Richardson

3. Stewart Elementary School—Dash for Dogs, October 15, 2010, Bulldog Stadium, Donette Line, Principal
1st Place—Grover Hart
2nd Place—Taylor Kendrick

Participants: Brent Howard, Deonza McCardell, Deasja Fury, Tai’la Hart, Jacai Rawls, Jerome Spells, Averyanna Moresco, Tabitha Moresco, Trevor Moresco

4. Stewart Elementary School and Crosby Middle School—UIL Academic Meet, January 27 and January 29, Lago Jr. High, Boling, Texas, Sponsor: Denise Charlston, Sponsor; Donette Line, Principal; Blanca Ochoa, Principal

Zavion Hunter, 6th grade—6th place Mathematics
Steve Melgar, 7th grade—3rd place Mathematics
Jeremy Hitchens, 8th grade—6th place Mathematics
Drager Landry, 7th grade—4th place Spelling
Camille Hardy, 8th grade—3rd place Spelling

Participants:

Oral Reading:

6th grade—Alexis Vineyard, Luisa Silva, Nashawnda Walker, Victoria Torres

7th grade—Brandon Davis, Caleb Guidry, Jerry Davis, Billy Atwood

Ready Writing:

6th grade—Megan White, Tiayuanna Ingram, Shelby Alexander

7th grade—Drager Landry, Emily Desormeaux, Kain Jennings

8th grade—Taj Walia, Noehmi Gutierrez, Vianey Guillen

Art:

6th grade—Jessica Schoen

7th grade—Emily Desormeaux, Gracelyn Blair

Calculator Appl: 6th grade—Tra'Coreia Word, Mikaylah Perry, Ashley Johnson
 7th grade—Jerry Davis

Dictionary Skills: 6th grade—Sarah Atwood, Jessica Knapp, Viet-Anh Nguydn
 7th grade—Jerilyn Scott, Rodnesha Perkins, Sarah Medders
 8th grade—Vianey Guillen, Oyuki Sifuentes

Listening Skills: 6th grade—Victoria Torres, Luisa Silva, Megan White
 7th grade—Kylie Orrill, Abel Martinez

Mathematics: 6th grade—Tommy Saucedo, Kion Thibodeaux
 7th grade—Kain Jennings, Lilian Tran
 8th grade—Christopher Hernandez

Maps, Graphs, & Charts 7th grade—Joshua Daniels, J'Vaughn Daniels, Brianna Chambers

Music Memory: 6th grade—Michael Hood, Corey Hood, Jared Mancuso

Spelling: 6th grade—James Hernandez, Quatterria Hayes, Jalecia Jones
 7th grade—Caleb Guidry, Alyssa Lopez

Social Studies: 6th grade—Brent Smith, Tiayuanna Ingram, Tai'la Hart

Science: 7th grade—Billy Atwood, Christina Root, Brandon Davis
 8th grade—Nakera Williams

5. DECA Competition—January 27, Westin Galleria in Houston, Sponsor: Lamar Parker

Kenneth Nigrelle, senior, Hitchcock High School won 1st place in Automotive Services in Marketing. Kenneth will advance to the State Competition that will be held in Dallas, February 24-26, 2011.

Participants:

Apparel & Accessories Marketing Sales: Jackie Beard, LaQuita Williams

Principles of Marketing: Ceratha Henderson

Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan: Davion Roberts

Retail Merchandising: Tyresha Ross

6. Texas Business Professionals of America (BPA) Regional Leadership Conference, Dobie High School, Pasadena, Texas, January 29, 2011, Sponsor: Tere Burton/Hope Smalley Jackson

9th Place—Extemporaneous Speech: Garrett Frazier, Junior

9th Place—Presentation Management Team: LaQuita Williams, Senior and Vice President of Hitchcock BPA Club and Garrett Frazier, Junior

Participants:

Desktop Publishing: Krystal Frenchwood, Sophomore, BPA Secretary

Interview Skills: LaQuita Williams

7. Crosby Middle School—Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest: “Memoirs of Paul Revere”, Denise Charlston, Sponsor

1st place—Emily Desormeaux

2nd place—Drager Landry

Public Participation

1. Neal Connor—High school baseball field and baseball program
2. Stephanie Gutierrez—Incident at high school and issues with the high school principal
3. Paula Jenkins—Incident at high school and issues with the assistant principal
4. Susie Knust—Spoke in favor of reinstating corporal punishment
5. Monica McNeal—Spoke in favor of reinstating corporal punishment

011-005

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to pull item B: Monthly Financial Report for month ending January 31, 2011, item G: Request for Proposals: Athletic Equipment, Apparel, and Supplies, and item N: Make-up day for Friday, February 4, 2011, and to approve the remaining consent agenda items as presented and as recommended by the administration.

1. Minutes
 - a. Kids First Head Start Training Session between Hitchcock ISD Board of Trustees and Kids First Head Start Policy Council of January 11, 2011
 - b. Regular meeting of January 18, 2011
2. Monthly Tax Collection Report for month ending January 31, 2011
3. Monthly Kids First Head Start Financial Report, and monthly Check Register for month ending January 31, 2011
4. Monthly Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative/SHARS Financial Report and monthly Check Register for month ending January 31, 2011
5. Resolution calling for General Trustee Election and Order of Election for SMD 3 and 5 [see attached]
6. Board Resolution extending Depository Contract for Funds, 2011-2013 [see attached]
7. H-GAC Criminal Justice Resolution [see attached]
8. Textbooks—Local Board of Trustees Certification Form, 2011 [see attached]
9. Response to Texas Education Agency regarding amended charter school applications to express the opinion that the proposed new campuses, expanded grade levels, expanded geographic boundaries, and increase enrollment of the below listed charter schools poses a potential for financial difficulty because of loss of enrollment:
 - a. Kat Small Planet Montessori Preschool, Inc.
 - b. BlazinBrook Preparatory School of the Artz Board
 - c. Ambassadors Preparatory Academy
 - d. Paradigm Accelerated Charter School
 - e. Responsive Education Solutions
10. TASB Update 89 [see attached]

11. Out-of State travel for Kids First Head Start personnel to attend *Family Development Credentialing Program* on March 14-18, 2011 in Atlanta, GA

Motion carried with all in favor.

Item B

Monthly Financial Report,
Check Register, and Investment Report
for month ending January 31, 2011

A discussion was held regarding payments to Joiner Partnership on the high school projects.

After discussion, a motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the monthly Financial Report, Check Register, and Investment Report for month ending January 31, 2011 as presented and as recommended by the administration.

Members in favor: Monica Cantrell, Estelle Holmes, Pat Turner, Ted
Robinson, Tom Ivey, Shirley Price

Members abstained: Dianne James

Motion carried with all in favor.

Item G:

Request for Proposals: Athletic
Equipment, Apparel, and Supplies

A discussion was held requesting that the "color" of the items being ordered be specified in the bid proposal.

After discussion, a motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the Request for Proposal: Athletic Equipment, Apparel, and Supplies as presented and as recommended by the administration.

Members in favor: Monica Cantrell, Ted Robinson, Tom Ivey, Shirley
Price

Members opposed: Dianne James, Estelle Holmes, Pat Turner

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

Item N:
Make-up day for
Friday, February 4, 2011

After discussion, a motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve March 14, 2011 as the make-up day for February 4, 2011 as specified in the 2010-2011 school calendar.

Members in favor: Dianne James, Monica Cantrell, Estelle Holmes, Pat Turner, Tom Ivey, Shirley Price

Members opposed: Ted Robinson

Motion carried with the majority 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.
2. Superintendent's Monthly Goals Report

Action

011-006

TASB 2011 Media Honor Roll

A motion was made by Monica Cantrell and seconded by Estelle Holmes to nominate T. J. Aulds, Galveston County Daily News, for the TASB 2011 Media Honor Roll. [see attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion/Possible Action

011-007

Awning at Hitchcock Primary School

Scott Brady presented two options for the construction of an awning at Hitchcock Primary School.

Option 1—Aluminum canopy, 32' x 20', \$20,000

Option 2—Aluminum canopy, brick columns, \$28,000 - \$32,000

After discussion, a motion was made by Monica Cantrell and seconded by Estelle Holmes directing Joiner Partnership to move forward with the bids for Option 1, if under \$20,000.

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-008

New High School

Scott Brady presented the plans for the new high school construction.

Comments:

1. No band hall at the new school
 - a. Look at switches in the new gym at the current high school
2. Looks functional and appealing
3. Troubled about building a new high school, should not be building anything new at this time, not time to do this project, not a good situation
 - a. Likes design of the new high school
 - b. Will still have maintenance costs at Crosby Middle School
 - c. Need to look at budget cuts from the state
 - d. Want more technology involved
 - e. Does not make sense to build a high school—better sense to build a middle school
 - f. Do something else for lighting in the gyms
 - g. Share energy management with architects
4. Look at possibly moving curriculum to middle school (old high school)
 - a. Look for creative uses of vacant space
 - b. Would like a band hall at the new school
 - c. Sharing space—still in same area, not going across town

No action.

011-009

Corporal punishment

Discussion:

Recommend bringing back corporal punishing and revising our board policy

- a. Present former policy and current policy for input to:
 - i. Principals and Directors
 - ii. Parent meetings
 - iii. District Advisory Committee
 - iv. Campus Improvement Committee
- b. Give feedback to the Board
- c. Develop strict guidelines and define rules:
 - i. Parent consent forms
 - ii. Witnesses

iii. Video

A motion was made by Monica Cantrell and seconded by Estelle Holmes to move forward with reinstating corporal punishment in Hitchcock ISD pending working out the details.

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

Members opposed: Dianne James

Members abstained: Pat Turner

Motion carried with all in favor.

011-010

Budget Preparation Information

Dr. Bergman presented budget preparation information to the Board for their review and consideration during the budget process.

Closed Session

Dianne James, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 9:55 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code:

551.074 Personnel:

Discuss proposed Chapter 21 contract renewals for administrators and directors, and Non-Chapter 21 contracts for administrators and directors

- One-Year Term Contracts
- Multi-Year Term Contracts
- Non-Chapter 21 Contracts

Reconvene from Closed Session

The members of the Board of Trustees reconvened from Closed Session at 10:37 PM for action, if any, from Closed Session.

Action

1. A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the One-Year Term Contract—Administrator for the 2011-2012 school year for the following employee(s) as recommended by the Superintendent and as discussed in executive session.

Donette Line

Motion carried with all in favor.

2. A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the One-Year Term Contract—Administrator for the 2011-2012 school year for the following employee(s) as recommended by the Superintendent and as discussed in executive session.

Phyliss Coleman

Motion carried with all in favor.

3. A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the One-Year Term Contract—Administrator for the 2011-2012 school year for the following employee(s) as recommended by the Superintendent and as discussed in executive session.

Evangelina Guerra

Motion carried with all in favor.

4. A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the One-Year Term Contract—Administrator for the 2011-2012 school year for the following employee(s) as recommended by the Superintendent and as discussed in executive session.

Larry Allen

Members in favor: Estelle Holmes, Pat Turner, Ted Robinson, Shirley Price

Members opposed: Dianne James, Monica Cantrell, Tom Ivey

Motion carried with majority in favor.

5. A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the One-Year Term Contract—Administrator for the 2011-2012 school year for the following employee(s) as recommended by the Superintendent and as discussed in executive session.

Blanca Ochoa

Members in favor: Dianne James, Monica Cantrell, Pat Turner, Ted Robinson, Tom Ivey, Shirley Price

Members abstained: Estelle Holmes

Motion carried with all in favor.

6. A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the One-Year Term Contract—Administrator for the 2011-2012 school year for the following employee(s) as recommended by the Superintendent and as discussed in executive session.

Susan Bowles

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

Members abstained: Pat Turner

Motion carried with all in favor.

Pat Turner left the board table at 10:40 PM

7. A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the One-Year Term Contract—Administrator for the 2011-2012 school year for the following employee(s) as recommended by the Superintendent and as discussed in executive session.

Gary Carney

Motion carried with all in favor.

8. A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the One-Year Term Contract—Administrator for the 2011-2012 school year for the following employee(s) as recommended by the Superintendent and as discussed in executive session.

Susan Thompson

A motion was made by Ms. James to table this item for future discussion.

9. A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the One-Year Term Contract—Nurse for the 2011-2012 school year for the following employee(s) as recommended by the Superintendent and as discussed in executive session.

Cheryl Moffett

Motion carried with all in favor.

10. A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the Non-Chapter 21 One-Year Contract—Professional for the 2011-2012 school year for the following employee(s) as recommended by the Superintendent and as discussed in executive session.

Jeanne Conway

Motion carried with all in favor.

11. A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the Non-Chapter 21 One-Year Contract—Professional for the 2011-2012 school year for the following employee(s) as recommended by the Superintendent and as discussed in executive session.

Ethel Gaines

Motion carried with all in favor.

12. A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the Non-Chapter 21 One-Year Contract—Professional for the 2011-2012 school year for the following employee(s) as recommended by the Superintendent and as discussed in executive session.

Chris Armacost

Motion carried with all in favor.

Future Agenda Items

1. Special Called meeting for Monday, February 21, 2011 to continue discussion of the Superintendent's contract review
2. Baseball practice field

Announcements

Black History Program

1. Hitchcock High School, February 28, 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM – day program, 6:00 – 7:30 PM – night program
2. Kids First Head Start, February 23 – 3 year olds, February 24 – 4 year olds

Adjournment

A motion was made by Shirley Price and seconded by Ted Robinson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor
Recording Secretary

Dianne James, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary