

Hitchcock Independent School District

Board Workshop
and
Regular Meeting

November 16, 2010

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Board Workshop and Regular meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 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

Absent Ted Robinson, Jr., Member

Late Arrival Pat Turner, Member, arrived at 6:38 PM

Others Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Susan Thompson, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; 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; Evangelina Guerra, ESL Coordinator; Randy Dowdy, Director of Student Support Services; Carl Joiner and Scott Brady, Joiner Partnership; Members of the Bond Committee, Judy Brown, Attorney for Walsh Anderson; T. J. Aulds, Reporter

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.

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.

Board Workshop

Redistricting Process

Judy Brown explained the procedures that will be followed during the redistricting process and answered questions from the Board.

Conceptual Plans for a middle school with a Gym and Cafeteria

Carl Joiner presented plans for a new middle school to the Board. The Board asked the members of the audience (Bond Committee members and patrons) to express their preference for a new middle school, a new high school, or not to build at this time.

Comments by Bond Committee and Patrons:

- Stick with original plan to build a new high school
- Opposed to building any new schools at this time
- Original plan – new high school
- New high school
- New high school, bring up academics
- New middle school
- Get middle school into new facilities
- Middle school has seen its day, for the health and safety of students and teachers need a new facility
- New high school

Board comments:

- Scale down the high school, move middle school to current high school
- Because of financial reasons, wait until building is really needed and the tax base increases. Wait for economy and growth.
- Build new high school
- Need to get students out of middle school, increase ADA, and build a lesser version of the high school
- Will not get the growth in this area, no jobs, leave middle school as is and build a high school
- Get the scores up—that's the reason kids are leaving
- Spend money on academics and facilities rather than athletics
- Look at converting the elementary school to a middle school
- Middle school is the stepchild of the district. If we cannot afford a new high school, how can we afford a new middle school and still be able to afford to pay for it after it is built?

Since this item was a discussion only, the item will be placed on the December agenda for a formal vote.

Concession Stand at High School

Kristy Sheppard spoke to the Board about issues that need to be addressed regarding the new concession stand at the high school athletic facilities.

- No drains in floor
- Wind blows rain in under doors and windows
- Floor is discolored and rough in spots
- Visitors have access to concession stand
- No access for fans to get to the small concession stand
- Need 220 volt installed so they can cook—want stove

Board comments:

- Concession stand should be bigger and better than in the past
- Should be superior
- Have a stove
- Have drains
- Fix problems before next home football season

Regular Meeting

Recognitions

Crosby Middle School—Duke University Talent Identification Program

Certificates of Recognition were presented to Ms. Ochoa to present to the students that could not make the meeting.

Above and Beyond Citizen Award

The Above and Beyond Citizen Award was presented to Mr. Jimmy Anderson by Board member Shirley Price.

Public Participation and

Student Participation per HB 1225

Mary Basurto addressed the Board to encourage them to use funds to send more parents to the NCLB conference.

A five-minute break was called at 8:30 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 8:40 PM

010-101

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 and to pull item VII-M: Proposed changes to FB (LOCAL).

1. Minutes: Regular meeting of October 19, 2010
2. Monthly Financial and Investment Report for month ending October 31, 2010
3. Monthly Tax Collection Report for month ending October 31, 2010
4. Monthly Kids First Head Start Financial Report and month Check Register for month ending October 31, 2010
5. Monthly Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative/SHARS Financial Report and monthly Check Register for month ending October 31, 2010
6. Response to the Texas Education Agency to express the opinion that the proposed new campus by KIPP, Inc. poses a potential for financial difficulty because of loss of enrollment
7. Joint Election Agreement between Hitchcock ISD and the City of Hitchcock [See attached]
8. Submit a waiver from participating in the 2011 Summer Nutrition Program for one year and to request assistance from TDA in identifying an alternative sponsor before January 31, 2011
9. School Improvement Plan (SIP) for Stewart Elementary School, Crosby Middle School, and Hitchcock High School [See attached]
10. Set January 11, 2011 as the date to hold the annual training between Hitchcock ISD Board of Trustees and the Kids First Head Start Policy Council
11. Changed the date for the December Board meeting to December 14, 2010 and the date for the March meeting to March 22, 2011
12. Proposed changes to FFH (LOCAL) [See attached]
13. Proposed changes to DEC (LOCAL) [See attached]
14. Proposed changes to DEE (LOCAL) [See attached]
15. Kids First Head Start Program Self Assessment

Motion carried with all in favor.

010-101

Proposed changes to FB (LOCAL)

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the proposed changes to FB (LOCAL) as presented and as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports/Information from the Superintendent

KFHS Board Liaison Report

Ms. James, Board Liaison, presented the KFHS Board Liaison Report.

Reports

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

- Superintendent's Monthly Goals Report
- Drop-Out Recovery Grant
- 2010-2011 NCLB-HQ Report [See attached]
- TELPAS Report [See attached]

Discussion/Possible Action

010-102

TASB Region 4, Position A—TASB
Board of Directors

No discussion.

010-103

Discuss and Consider opening a
Reduction in Force

Dr. Bergman requested direction as to how the Board might want to proceed with a possible reduction in force.

- Set up a committee
- Do a report on where cuts will be made
- Not option to let personnel (teachers) go
- Find another way to cut budget other than personnel
- Present figures to the Board
- Add to December Board meeting

Dr. Bergman said that he would research and share with the Board and the community.

Closed Session

Dianne James, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 9:04 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code

551.074 Personnel:

- Discuss teacher's request to rescind resignation
- Discuss the employment of new professional employee(s) for the 2010-2011 school year

Reconvene from Closed Session

The members of the Board of Trustees reconvened from Closed Session at 9:40 PM for action, if any, from Closed Session.

- Motion 1 A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to employ Lenora Garza under a Probationary One-Year Contract—Teacher with Certification Addendum for the 2010-2011 school year as presented and as discussed in executive session.

Motion carried with all in favor.

- Motion 2 A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to employ Modinat Ashiru under a Probationary One-Year Contract—Teacher with Certification Addendum for the 2010-2011 school year as presented and as discussed in executive session.

Motion carried with all in favor.

- Motion 3 A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to rescind the resignation of Cindy Hinkle.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Future Agenda Items

- Ways to reduce utilities
- Reduction in Force

Announcements

- Public Forum is scheduled for December 15, 6:00 PM on School Finance.
- The Balloon Release at Crosby Middle School was very good and very touching.
- Crosby Middle School Thanksgiving Dinner was very welcoming.
- The Hitchcock Red Raiders are playing in the Super Bowl this Saturday at Santa Fe ISD.

- Awards Assembly sponsored by Delta Sigma is honoring single fathers on December 12, 2010, 5:30 PM, La Marque High School Commons Area. Tickets are \$15.00.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Pat Turner and seconded by Estelle Holmes to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor
Recording Secretary

Dianne James, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary