

Hitchcock Independent School District

Board Workshop
and
Regular Meeting

August 17, 2010

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Board Workshop and Regular meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 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 6:33 PM.

- Present Dianne James, President; Monica Cantrell, Vice President; Pat Turner, Member; Ted Robinson, Jr., Member
- Late arrival Shirley Price, Member, arrived at 6:36 PM
Tom Ivey, Member, arrived at 6:44 PM
- Absent Estelle Holmes, Secretary
- Others Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Susan Thompson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Nina Conway, Business Manager; Phyliss Coleman, Hitchcock Primary School Principal; Donette Line, Stewart Elementary School Principal; Blanca Ochoa, Crosby Middle School Principal; Larry Allen, Hitchcock High School Principal; Randy Dowdy, Director of Student Support Services; Carl Joiner and Scott Brady, Joiner Partnership; Robert Henderson, Financial Consultant; Tom Sage, Bond Attorney
- Call to Order Dianne James, President, called the meeting to order at 6:33 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.

Board Workshop

Presentation of New Construction
Bids for Phase II Construction of the
New High School

Carl Joiner, Joiner Partnership, presented information to the Board regarding the construction of a new high school.

1. The bids for the new high school came in at approximately \$16.6 million.
2. The District has approximately \$15.1 million for the construction of a new high school. The District cannot afford to build the high school as originally planned.
3. Presented alternate plans:
 - a. Build a middle school for \$15 million with future expansion for a possible high school
 - b. Build an auditorium, parking lot addition, and renovate existing high school science labs.

Mr. Joiner, Mr. Scott, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Sage answered questions presented by the Board.

Break

The Board took a break at 7:45 PM and reconvened at 8:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Monica Cantrell led the members of the Board and patrons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. flag and Tom Ivey led the members of the Board and patrons in the Pledge to the Texas flag.

Recognitions

Dianne James presented the August 2010 Above and Beyond Citizenship Award to Nina Conway.

Mr. Allen introduced the new assistant principal for Hitchcock High School, Colina Poullard, to the Board.

Public Participation

Mr. Louis Cascarelli spoke to the Board asking them to delay the building of a new high school.

Discussion/Possible Action

010-077

Phase II Construction of a new high school or other construction alternatives

A motion was made by Monica Cantrell to move forward to build the new high school at the revised cost with a guarantee price of \$15 million.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Ms. Cantrell stated that she would like to go on record as standing up for kids.

A motion was made by Tom Ivey and seconded by Shirley Price to complete the parking lot at the high school athletic complex by adding 183 additional parking spots.

Motion carried with all in favor.

The District will need to sell approximately \$1 million in bonds to pay for the project which will include drainage, lighting, paving, curbs, irrigation, and soil preparation. The project will take approximately 60-90 days to complete.

010-71
Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Monica Cantrell and seconded by Shirley Price to pull item L: Memorandum Adjunct Faculty Agreement and Resolution regarding extracurricular status of 4-H Organization for the 2010-2011 school year and to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items as presented and as recommended by the administration.

1. Minutes
 - a. Board Workshop of July 8, 2010
 - b. Regular meeting of July 20, 2010
 - c. Special Called meeting of July 26, 2010
2. Monthly Financial report, Check Register, and Investment Report for month ending July 31, 2010
3. Monthly Tax Collection Report for month ending July 31, 2010
4. Monthly Kids First Head Start Financial Report, and Check Register for month ending July 31, 2010
5. Monthly Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative/SHARS Financial Report and Check Register for month ending July 31, 2010
6. Memorandum of Understanding: 2010-2011 Transforming Lives Cooperative Program (TLC) (formerly known as the About Face Program)
7. Response to TEA: Responsive Education Services Charter Schools to express the opinion that the proposed expansion of grades levels served poses a potential for financial difficulty because of loss of enrollment [See attached]
8. Letter of Engagement: Kurth Andrews LLP as bond council for Hitchcock ISD
9. Industrial Technical Ed. Contract between Hitchcock ISD and Santa Fe ISD for the 2010-2011 school year

10. Collegiate High School Contract between Hitchcock ISD and College of the Mainland for the 2010-2011 school year

Motion carried with all in favor.

010-071

Adjunct Faculty Agreement
2010-2011

A motion was made by Monica Cantrell and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the 2010-2011 Adjunct Faculty Agreement and to adopt the Resolution recognizing the Galveston County Texas 4-H Organization as approved for recognition and eligible for extracurricular status consideration under 19 Texas Administration Code, Chapter 76.1 pertaining to extracurricular activities as presented and as recommended by the administration and to correct High Island to Hitchcock on the agreement. [See attached Resolution]

Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports/Information from the Superintendent

KFHS Board Liaison Report

Ms. James reported that the KFHS Policy Council met on August 10, 2010 at 5:30 PM and took care of the below listed business.

1. Presented the Financial Report
2. Presented the Director's Report
3. Approved the Selection Criteria for 2010-2011
4. Approved the Transportation Criteria for 2010-2011
5. Reviewed the Monitoring Review findings

Summer School Report

The Summer School Report was presented for the Board's review and information.

Action

010-072

Superintendent Evaluation
Instrument

A motion was made by Monica Cantrell and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument as presented and with corrections noted. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

010-073

Interlocal Agreement with TAPS

A motion was made by Monica Cantrell and seconded by Tom Ivey to approve the Texas Association of Public Schools Property and Liability Fund Interlocal Cooperation Contract for the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion carried with all in favor.

010-074

Board members to serve
on the Audit/Finance Committee

A motion was made by Monica Cantrell and seconded by Tom Ivey to nominate Shirley Price and Estelle Holmes to serve on the Audit/Finance Committee for the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion carried with all in favor.

010-075

Community members to serve
on the audit/Finance Committee

A motion was made by Monica Cantrell and seconded by Shirley Price to nominate Sherry Hobson, Prosperity Bank, and Cathy Cruse, Texas First Bank—Hitchcock to serve on the Audit/Finance Committee for the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion carried with all in favor.

010-076

Set date for “Invite Alumni Back to
Hitchcock ISD” night

A motion was made by Monica Cantrell and seconded by Ted Robinson to set October 29, 2010 as “Invite Alumni Back to Hitchcock ISD” night.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Future Agenda Items

None

Announcements

1. Gold Athletic Passes
2. TASA/TASB Convention—Houston—September 24 – 26, 2010
3. Update to the Texas Education Code is schedule at Pearland ISD

Adjournment

A motion was made by Pat Turner and seconded by Shirley Price to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor
Recording Secretary

Dianne James, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary