

Hitchcock Independent School District

Special Called Meeting and Board Workshop

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

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The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Special Called meeting and Board Workshop on Tuesday, April 27, 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 6:34 PM.

Present Dianne James, President; Monica Cantrell, Vice President; Pat Turner, Member; Ted Robinson, Member; Tom Ivey, Member; Shirley Price, Member

Late Arrival Estelle Holmes, Secretary, arrived at 7:12 PM

Others Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Manager; Carl Joiner, Scott Brady of Joiner Partnership; Robert Henderson, Financial Advisor; John Carson and Andy Richardson, Brookstone Construction; Stephen Dubner, District's Attorney

Call to Order Dianne James, President, called the meeting to order at 6:34 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.

Closed Session Dianne James, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 6:37 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code:

551.071 Consultation with District's Attorney Stephen Dubner of the Law office of Stephen Dubner on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act specifically including the resignation agreement of Coy Martin and rescinding the proposed nonrenewal of Coy Martin

551.074 Personnel

- Discuss the resignation agreement of Coy Martin
- Discuss rescinding the proposed nonrenewal of Coy Martin

## Reconvene from Closed Session

The members of the Board of Trustees reconvened from Closed Session at 7:06 PM, for action, if any, from Closed Session.

Motion 1 A motion was made by Monica Cantrell and seconded by Tom Ivey to approve Coy Martin's Resignation Agreement.

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

Members opposed: Pat Turner

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

Motion 2 A motion was made by Monica Cantrell and seconded by Tom Ivey to rescind its March 23, 2010 motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to propose the nonrenewal of Coy Martin's term contract.

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

Members opposed: Pat Turner

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

## Discussion—Board Workshop

### Discuss bids for construction of a new high school

Carl Joiner, Joiner Partnership, stated that the bids for the construction of a new high school have been received and the new high school can be built for \$16 million.

Robert Henderson, Financial Advisor, spoke to the Board regarding the following:

1. Property values are no longer expected to fall.
2. The District is not in line for the QSCB funds. Must file an application and compete for the money.
3. Permanent School Fund is now available.
4. We can sell bonds now and not exceed the \$.50 I & S tax base, but it is not cost effective.
5. Will have to delay principal and pay on bonds for a longer period of time.

6. Reduces the ability to do additional capital improvements and will issue debt for 15 to 24 years.
7. The District has decreased ADA.
8. Will lose the opportunity to build another elementary school in 2016.
9. Has M & O concerns.
10. Passed a \$1.5 million deficit budget in 2009-2010.
11. Must be able to make business decision in the best interest of the District.

Carl Joiner stated:

1. Construction prices have come down.
2. Construction inflation will be higher than district growth.
3. If going to build a new school, it needs to be done now because we will not be able to afford later because of construction inflation costs.
4. New high school has 550-600 capacity.

Board comments:

1. Move forward, the need is now. Close Crosby Middle School, place all students in new facilities, sell off district properties and use money to help pay off debt.
2. We do not have the jobs in Hitchcock to attract people to Hitchcock.
3. Risk taking on the project.
4. Too many unknowns to make a commitment.
5. We can get 100 students by August if the District aggressively pursues. The District is not doing enough.
6. Need to attract Pre-K over-income eligible students.
7. Need to use School Messenger to get the word out – add Board Members to the messenger list.
8. Have parents complete a survey when students are withdrawn for school.

Administrative comments:

Currently the District has 1100 students for 2010-2011.

Campus	Enrollment	Capacity	%
Primary	415	650	63%
Stewart	252	423	65%
Crosby	140	398	44%
High School	312	564	58%

TEA likes 80% capacity.

Patron comments: Several patrons in the audience spoke in support of building the new high school.

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to proceed with the plans to build a new high school.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Robert Henderson reminded the Board that they must complete the application for the QSCB funds and must qualify for the money.

#### Future Agenda Items

1. Budget – May meeting – Staffing
2. Expense summary – compare with other districts

#### 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 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor  
Recording Secretary

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Dianne James, President

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Estelle Holmes, Secretary