

Hitchcock Independent School District

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

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The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Regular meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 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; Susan Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Nina Conway, Business Manager; Blanca Ochoa, Crosby Middle School Principal; Phyliss Coleman, Stewart Elementary School Principal

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

Ms. Cantrell led the members of the Board and patrons in the Pledge of

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

Recognitions            The Above and Beyond Citizen Award for December 2009 was presented to Denise Charlston by Ms. Cantrell.

Luxury Triplett, Sydney Turner, Grace Mamula, Zoe Mamula, and MacKenzie Mahan of Crosby Middle School, under the direction of Ms. Denise Charlston, performed several Christmas songs, presented a Christmas card to the Board, and read "Twas the Week before Christmas" poem.

The Christmas program was enjoyed by all.

Public Participation    The following employees and parents addressed the Board concerning campus realignment:

Employees:

Parents:

Liz Bilek

Virginia Woodard

Rachael Stephenson

George Schattel

Rona Smith

Marilyn Peloquin

009-146

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented and as recommended by the administration:

1. Minutes: Special Called meeting of November 12, 2009, Regular meeting of November 17, 2009, and Special Called meeting of November 21, 2009
2. Financial Report, Check Register, and Investment Report for month ending November 30, 2009
3. Tax Collection Report for month ending November 30, 2009
4. Kids First Head Start Financial Report and Check Register for month ending November 30, 2009
5. Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative Financial Report and Check Register for month ending November 30, 2009
6. TASB Localized Board Policy—Update 86 [See attached]
7. Proposed changes to CH (LOCAL): Purchasing and Acquisition [See attached]
8. Award of supplemental pay to Brenda Kemmerling

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

Members abstained: Pat Turner

Motion carried with all in favor.

Report/Information from the

Superintendent

Board Liaison Report: KFHS

Policy Council

Ms. James stated that the Kids First Head Start Policy Council met on December 8, 2009, at 5:30 PM and the following items were presented:

1. Financials
2. Director's Report
3. Training for the monitoring visit by Mr. Gerald Richards

#### Parent Involvement Report

The Parent Involvement Report was presented to the Board for their review and information.

#### October 2009 TAKS

##### Exit Level Retest Results

The October 2009 TAKS Exit Level Retest Results were presented to the Board for their review and information.

#### Board Continuing Education Report

of hours received as of December 7, 2009

The Board Continuing Education Report of hours received as of December 7, 2009, was verbally announced by the board president.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Tier One Orientation to &amp; Texas Education Code</b>	<b>Tier Two Teambuilding</b>	<b>Tier Three Discretionary Continuing Education</b>
Dianne James, President	Y	N	Y
Monica Cantrell, Vice President	Y	N	Y
Estelle Holmes, Secretary	Y	N	Y
Pat Turner, Member	N	N	Y

Ted Robinson, Member	N	N	Y
Tom Ivey, Member	N	N	Y
Shirley Price, Member	Y	N	Y

2009-2010 NCLB HQT Report and  
HQT District and Campus Continuous  
Improvement Plans

The 2009-2010 NCLB HQT Report and HQT District and Campus Continuous Improvement Plans was presented to the Board for their review and information. [See attached]

Action

009-147

Set date for KFHS Training

Session

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to set the date for the KFHS Training session for Thursday, January 28, 2010.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-148

Change in Board Meeting

Dates

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to schedule Special Called meetings on a day other than a Tuesday. Regular Board meeting date will remain the same.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-149

Construction Budget

Amendment

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the Budget Amendment #2, as presented and as recommended by the administration. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-150

Donation of Playground

Equipment for Hitchcock Primary

School

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to accept the donation, by the Stewart Elementary School PTO, of the swing set valued at \$11,564.00 as part of the playground equipment purchase for the students of the Hitchcock Primary School, as presented and as recommended by the administration.

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

Members abstained: Pat Turner, Shirley Price

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-151

Realignment of the Stewart Elementary School  
and Hitchcock Primary School faculty and staff

A motion was made by Ted Robinson and seconded by Estelle Holmes to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss financial considerations.

T. J. Aulds, Galveston County Daily News, protested the Board going into Closed Session to discuss financial considerations stating that it was clearly an open session agenda item.

A motion was made by Ted Robinson and seconded by Estelle Holmes to rescind the previous motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Closed Session

Dianne James, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 8:03 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code:

551.074 Personnel

- Discuss the duties of professional and paraprofessional personnel
- Discuss the employment of professional and paraprofessional personnel

Reconvene from

Closed Session

The members of the Board of Trustees reconvened from Closed Session at 9:12 PM for action, if any.

Action

009-051

Realignment of the Stewart Elementary School

and Hitchcock Primary School Faculty and Staff

A motion was made by Monica Cantrell to hire the necessary personnel and to move PK-2 to Hitchcock Primary School.

Motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to move PK-4 to the Hitchcock Primary School immediately.

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

Members opposed: Dianne James, Monica Cantrell

Motion carries with all the majority in favor.



## Future Agenda Items

1. At-will employee hiring
2. Drug testing of employees

## Announcements

1. Dr. Bergman announced a possible Open House in January for public and parents
2. February is Black History Month – Ms. Holmes encouraged all teachers and students to develop projects and programs
3. Ms. Cantrell thanked Ms. Ochoa and Ms. Line for taking on a very difficult job, for stepping up, stating that Crosby Middle School has a very professional staff and they are doing an excellent job accommodating the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and she stated that she appreciated the administrators, faculty, and staff.

## Adjourn

A motion was made by Pat Turner and seconded by Tom Ivey to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor

Recording Secretary

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Dianne James, President

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Estelle Holmes, Secretary