

## Hitchcock Independent School District

### Special Called Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2009

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The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Special Called meeting on Thursday, November 12, 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 6:30 PM.

Present                    Dianne James, President; Monica Cantrell, Vice President; Estelle Holmes, Secretary; Ted Robinson, Member; Tom Ivey, Member; Shirley Price, Member

Absent                    Pat Turner, Member

Others Present        Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Susan Thompson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Nina Conway, Business Manager; Ethel Gaines, Acting Director of Kids First Head Start; Stephen Dubner, Attorney for the Administration; Chris Gilbert, Attorney for the Board of Trustees; Taye Clark, Sunbelt Reporting & Litigation Services

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.

Consideration of Recommendation of the Certified Hearing Examiner and oral argument in TEA Docket No. 008-LH-0909; Hitchcock ISD v. Doreatha Walker (Before Franklin Holcomb, Certified Hearing Examiner, Texas Education Agency), and possible action on same. This hearing will be held in closed session under Texas Government Code Section 551.074, unless the employee who is the subject of this hearing requests an open hearing. At any time during this hearing or during deliberations, the Board may also go into closed session to confer with its attorney, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

Ms. Doreatha Walker requested an open hearing.

Ms. Walker was granted ten minutes and Mr. Dubner was granted

ten minutes in which to present oral arguments in the hearing.

After oral arguments, the following motion was made:

Motion:

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to adopt the recommendation of the Certified Hearing Examiner in its entirety, including the findings of fact and conclusions of law, and that Doreatha Walker's probationary employment contract with the district be terminated immediately.

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

Members abstained:       Shirley Price

Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor

Recording Secretary

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Dianne James, President

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Estelle Holmes, Secretary