

Hitchcock Independent School District

Public Hearing to Present Hitchcock ISD's State Financial Accountability Rating Pursuant to the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) for 2007-2008,

Public Hearing on the High School Equivalency Program, and

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Public Hearing to present Hitchcock ISD's State Financial Accountability Rating pursuant to the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) for 2007-2008, Public Hearing on the High School Equivalency Program, and Regular meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 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 6:34 PM.

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

Absent Pat Turner, Member; Ted Robinson, Jr., Member

Others Present Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Susan Thompson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Nina Conway, Business Manager; Larry Allen, Hitchcock High School Principal; Blanca Ochoa, Crosby Middle School Acting Principal; Phyliss Coleman, Stewart Elementary School Principal; Chris Armacost, Technology Director

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.

Pledge of Allegiance Ms. Cantrell led the members of the Board and patrons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. flag and Ms. Holmes led the members and patrons in the Pledge to the Texas flag.

Recognitions The Above and Beyond Citizen (ABC) Award presentation:

- Tom Ivey presented the ABC award for September 2009 to Shirley Carey.
- Shirley Price presented the ABC Award for October 2009 to Marie McNeil.

Public Hearing on Hitchcock ISD's FIRST State Financial
Accountability Rating, 2007-2008

Ms. Conway presented an overview of the FIRST Report for 2007-2008 to the Board and patrons stating that the district received an Above Standard Achievement rating.

No comments from patrons.

Public Hearing: High School Equivalency Program

Mr. Sheffield, AEP/Drop-Out Recovery, presented the High School Equivalency Program to the Board and Patrons.

No comments from patrons.

Public Participation

1. Shawn Woodard addressed the Board concerning paraprofessionals and parent volunteers helping with the cheerleaders and other extracurricular activities. Ms. Woodard asked to Board to consider letting paraprofessional and parent volunteers step up and for the Board to have more say over paraprofessionals.
2. Mr. Minor, Harry Robinson, and Anthony Matranga spoke to the Board regarding the Foreign Trade Zone, which is on the agenda for action, asking the Board to support the Foreign Trade Zone for Hitchcock.
3. Jody Wheeler addressed the Board concerning the safety of the children and protecting them against bullies and drugs.

009-127
Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and as recommended by the administration:

1. Minutes: Regular meeting of September 15, 2009
2. Monthly Financial Report, Check Register, and Investment Report for month ending September 30, 2009
3. Monthly Tax Collection Report for month ending September 30, 2009
4. Monthly Kids First Head Start Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending September 30, 2009
5. Monthly Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative/SHARS Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending September 30, 2009

Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports/Information from the
Superintendent

Board Liaison Report:
KFHS Policy Council

Ms. James gave a verbal report stating that the KFHS Policy Council met on October 13, 2009, at 5:30 PM and discussed the following items:

1. Workshop at Camp Allen
2. Head Start monitoring visit
3. Hiring a teacher aide to fill a current vacancy

Monthly Federal Program
Grant Report

The monthly Federal Program Grant Report was presented to the Board for their review and information. [See attached]

Grading Guidelines Update

The update on the grading guidelines was presented to the Board for their review and information.

Construction Update for
Hitchcock Primary School and the
Concession Stand—Hitchcock
High School

An update on the construction at the Hitchcock Primary School and the concession stand at Hitchcock High School was presented to the Board for their review and information.

Financial Report for
Phase II of Construction and
Affordability of the New High
School

Dr. Bergman stated the District should know by December whether or not the funds will be available to start Phase II of the construction of the new high school.

College Night at
Hitchcock High School

Career Day and College Night will be held at Hitchcock High School on October 28, 2009.

Action

009-128
High School Equivalency
Program

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to postpone action on the High School Equivalency Program until the November meeting pending additional information, as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-129
Port of Galveston request for
exemption of 55 acres of
land at the Blimp Base for
proposed Free Trade Zone

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to grant a Free Trade Zone (FTZ) as requested by the Port of Galveston.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-130
New contract for lower rates
with Energy for Schools

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to authorize the superintendent to sign the new energy contract with Energy for Schools and to submit by the deadline, as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-131
Proposed changes in
Extra Duty Supplemental Pay
Schedule

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the proposed changes to the Extra Duty Supplemental Pay Schedule, as presented and as recommended by the administration. [See attached]

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

Members abstained: Estelle Holmes

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-132

RFP: Dehumidification of Building
Components—Hitchcock High School

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to award the Dehumidification of Building Components—Hitchcock High School to Moddecor Corporation in the amount of \$59,721.00 plus \$3.50 per sq. ft. for mold remediation only if present, as presented and as recommended by the administration. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-133

Appointment of HISD
Board Liaison to the KFHS
Policy Council

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to appoint Dianne James as HISD's Board Liaison to the KFHS Policy Council, as presented and as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion with
Possible Action

009-134

Reconfiguration of the
District

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the reconfiguration of district schools, as follows:

Effective January 2010 – June 2010
Hitchcock Primary School—Grades PK-2
Stewart Elementary School—Grades 3-4
Crosby Middle school—Grades 5-8
Hitchcock High School—Grades 9-12

Effective 2010-2011 school year
Hitchcock Primary School—Grades PK-2
Stewart Elementary School—Grades 3-5
Crosby Middle School—Grades 6-8

Hitchcock High School—Grades 9-12

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-135
Board Travel and
Required Training

Ms. James reminded the Board about required Board training stating that the Board needs to be financially responsible and be where they are supposed to be, and, if not, to communicate with the administration so that registrations, etc., can be cancelled.

No action taken.

Closed Session

Dianne James, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 8:24 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code:

551.074 Personnel

- Employment of new professional employee(s) for the 2009-2010 school year
- Employment of campus principal—Crosby Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year

Reconvene from
Closed Session

The members of the Board of Trustees reconvened from Closed Session at 8:53 PM for action, if any.

- Motion 1 A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to employ Theresa Marney under a Probationary One-Year Contract—Teacher for the 2009-2010 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 Monica Cantrell to employ Jennifer Logsdon under a Probationary One-Year Contract—Teacher for the 2009-2010 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 Tom Ivey to employ Blanca Ochoa as Principal of Crosby Middle School under her current administrator term contract for the 2009-2010 school year, as presented and as discussed in executive session.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Future Agenda Items

1. Paraprofessionals and Parent Volunteers for extracurricular activities
2. School newspaper—why is there not a school newspaper at the high school?
3. Football programs
 - Band members need to be included in the program along with the administration and Board members
 - Run off colored copies of the Band members flyer to insert in the program
4. Share information the Board received at the convention in November
 - Ms. James will contact Dr. Ron Kelly to check on the cost of him presenting the Ed-Rap program to the students and possibly scheduling a board workshop to present to the Board
5. Update on extra – and co-curricular activities. Is the District accomplishing the Board's goals in this area?
6. Requested information on the DynaEd ESL presentation. (Can be a mail out in the Board's weekly mail)

Adjournment

A motion was made by Tom Ivey and seconded by Monica Cantrell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor
Recording Secretary

Dianne James, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary