

Hitchcock Independent School District

Special Called Meeting

Monday, August 31, 2009

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Regular meeting on Monday, August 31, 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 6:33 PM.

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

Late Arrival Pat Turner, Member, arrived at 7:15 PM

Absent Shirley Price, Member

Others Present Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Manager; Susan Thompson, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

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.

Recognitions

Above & Beyond Citizen Award

The Above & Beyond Citizen Award nominees were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Randy Williams—July 2009, presented by Ted Robinson. Mr. Williams was unable to attend the meeting.

Nadine Smith—August 2009, nominated by Pat Turner, presented by Dianne James.

Their names will be added to the Above & Beyond Citizen plaque in Central Office.

Public Hearing on the Proposed 2009-2010 Budget and Tax Rate

Nina Conway, Business Manger, presented an overview of the District's budget stating that the budget represents a \$393,000 or 3.2% reduction in expenditures.

The Debt Service increased about \$50,000 from last year due to Hurricane Ike related property decrease and other factors. The I & S tax

rate was increased by \$.04 for a total of \$27.08 increase in taxes per year for the taxpayer.

[See attached handout]

Total Budget for the 2009-2010 school year is \$14,560,407.00.

Action

009-103

Adoption of the 2009-2010
Budget

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to adopt the 2009-2010 Budget in the amount of \$14,560,407.00, as presented and as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-099

Marquee for New
Primary school

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve the shorter marquee that was presented at the last Board meeting.

Scott Brady and Carl Joiner, Joiner Partnership, addressed the Board's concerns:

1. Position of the marquee to be seen on FM 2004—Will be seen from both directions
2. Elevation—Will be elevated on a small knoll approximately 2 feet tall.
3. Type of letters to be used—Cast aluminum with a bronze finish, 12" tall and 6" on the smaller letters
4. Lighted—Will be lighted from both sides by a spotlight

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-100

Name of the New
Primary School

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to name the new primary school as Hitchcock Primary School.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-101

Grade Levels for
Hitchcock Primary School

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to move PK-3 to the new Hitchcock Primary School.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-102
Cornerstone at
Hitchcock Primary School

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to table action on the John Mitchell Masonic Lodge erecting a cornerstone at Hitchcock Primary School.

After discussion, a motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to rescind the previous motion.

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve the John Mitchell Masonic Lodge erecting a cornerstone at the Hitchcock Primary School.

Pat Turner arrived at 7:15 PM.

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

Members opposed: Estelle Holmes

Members abstained: Pat Turner

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

009-104
2009-2010 Tax Rate by
Written Ordinance

Motion 1

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to move that the property taxes will remain the same by the adoption of the tax rate of \$1.040050 for Maintenance and Operation by written ordinance, as presented and as recommended by the administration. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion 2

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to move that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.40000 for Interest and Sinking by written ordinance, as presented and as recommended by the administration. [See attached]

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

Members opposed: Monica Cantrell

Members abstained: Pat Turner

Motion carried with the majority in favor.
Total Tax Rate for 2009-2010 = \$1.440050

009-105
Budget Amendment Final for
2008-2009

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve all budget amendments, as presented and as recommended by the administration. [See attached]

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

Members abstained: Pat Turner

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

009-106
PDAS Appraiser

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to approve Terri Jones as an official PDAS appraiser for the 2009-2010 school year for the Kids First Head Start Program.

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

Members abstained: Pat Turner

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

009-107
College of the Mainland—Collegiate
HS Agreement for 2009-2010

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to approve the 2009-2010 Collegiate High School contract with College of the Mainland, 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

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

009-108
Drop-Out Recovery Grant
PLATO Licenses

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to grant approval to move forward with the purchase of an additional year of PLATO licenses, exam interventions to prepare for GED, SAT, and ACT

exams, and relevant training in the amount of \$32,700 from the Drop-Out Recovery Grant, as recommended by the administration.

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

Members abstained: Pat Turner

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

009-109
Half-time Math Teacher
at Hitchcock High School

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to approve a half-time math teacher at Hitchcock High School and if there are funds available for a full-time position to be paid by SIP funds.

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

Members abstained: Pat Turner

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

009-110
ESL Aide at Hitchcock
High School

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to approve the hiring of an ESL instructional aide for Hitchcock High School to support our increasing LEP population, as recommended by the administration.

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

Members abstained: Pat Turner

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

Discussion/Possible Action

009-012
New HHS Construction

Bob Henderson, Financial Advisor, and Dusty Trailer, Vice President, addressed the Board regarding stimulus money available from the Texas Education Agency for new construction to be used for the new high school.

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to authorize the administration to apply for stimulus money in the amount of \$5,000,000 available from the Texas Education Agency.

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

Members abstained: Pat Turner

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

Carl Joiner addressed the Board regarding proceeding with the sale of the bonds for construction of the new high school so that we can keep to the plan and have the new high school built by July 2011.

Scott Brady, addressed the Board regarding matching the brick for the new high school gym with the existing brick stating he would bring a sample for the Board to look at and he stated that the company is still in business and the brick from the existing building is still made with an almost perfect match.

Mr. Joiner will bring back to the Board a recap on all projects to date.

Questions:

1. Parking at Hitchcock Primary School—we will bring to the Board a complete plan from the Texas Department of Transportation to address the traffic flow. The parking at the new school is larger than the parking lot at Stewart Elementary School
2. Scoreboard—Joiner will fund up to \$10,000 for a new scroll feature for the scoreboard and will bring the plan to the Board.

009-011
Cell Phone use in
School Zones

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson for Dr. Bergman to meet with the Mayor of Hitchcock about posting the appropriate signs regarding cell phone use in school zones.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-113
Parental Involvement
Workshop

The Parental Involvement Workshop will be held Saturday, September 12, 2009, at 9:00 AM at the First Baptist Church of Hitchcock and at Greater St. Matthews Church. Attending the workshop at Greater St. Matthews Church will be Dr. Bergman, Dianne James, and Estelle Holmes. Attending at First Baptist Church of Hitchcock will be Susan Thompson and Tom Ivey.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Pat Turner and seconded by Ted Robinson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

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

Members abstained: Pat Turner

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor
Recording Secretary

Dianne James, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary