

Hitchcock Independent School District

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Regular meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 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 7:04 PM.

- Present Dianne James, President; Monica Cantrell, Vice President; Pat Turner, Member; Ted Robinson, Jr., Member; Tom Ivey, Member
- Late Arrival Estelle Holmes, Secretary, arrived at 7:29 PM
- Absent Shirley Price, Member
- Others Present Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Manager; Susan Thompson, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Randy Dowdy, Director of Student Support Services; Larry Allen, Hitchcock High School Principal; Phyliss Coleman, Stewart Elementary School Principal
- Call to Order Dianne James, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 and patrons in the Pledge to the Texas flag.
- Public Participation Judge Mike Nelson, representing the John Mitchell Masonic Lodge, spoke to the Board about the John Mitchell Lodge #1401 dedicating a cornerstone at the new elementary school.
- The Board requested that this item be placed on the next agenda for consideration.
- 009-089
- Consent Agenda A motion was made by Monica Cantrell and seconded by Tom Ivey to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and as recommended by the administration.
1. Minutes
 - a. Special Called meeting of July 6, 2009
 - b. Regular meeting of July 21, 2009

2. Monthly Financial Report, Check Register, and Investment Report for month ending July 31, 2009
3. Monthly Tax Collection Report for month ending July 31, 2009
4. Monthly Kids First Head Start Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending July 31, 2009
5. Monthly Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative/SHARS Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending July 31, 2009
6. Memorandum Adjunct Faculty Agreement (Regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization) for the 2009-2010 school year

Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports/Information from the Superintendent

Board Liaison Report: KFHS Policy Council

Ms. James reported that the KFHS Policy Council met on August 13, 2009 at 5:30 PM. The Policy Council addressed the following items:

1. Received information on the AARA/COLA grant
2. Received information on the status of the building repairs
3. Received a financial update
4. Recommended to the HISD Board of Trustees that the KFHS Director be terminated

Parent Involvement Weekend September 12, 2009

Reservations have been made for Greater St. Matthews and First Baptist Church for September 12. This is set for 9:00 AM and a PowerPoint presentation and handouts are being prepared now. The Board requested that this item be placed on the August 31, 2009, agenda to discuss which members would attend which church.

State changes in Graduation Plans HB 3

Dr. Bergman presented information to the Board concerning recent changes to the State graduation requirement for the three graduation plans.

He recommends no changes for the current school year and recommends the Board conduct a specific workshop in October to address any changes.

Action

009-090
Marquee for New Primary
School

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve the marquee that sits on the ground and is more substantial. [see picture 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.

It was important, at this meeting, to approve the type of marquee for the new school. Additional information will be presented at the August 31, 2009, meeting by Joiner Partnership. Some items to be discussed are:

1. Elevation
2. Type and size of lettering
3. Lighting

009-091

Interlocal Agreement between
HISD and the City of Hitchcock
Police Department, 2009-2010

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to approve the one-year contract with the City of Hitchcock for two (2) uniformed police officers for the 2009-2010 school year as outlined in the Master Agreement between the Hitchcock Police Department and the Hitchcock Independent School District for a total annual payment to the Hitchcock Police Department of \$102,149.00, 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.

009-092
Interlocal Agreement with the
TAPS Liability Fund

No action—not needed for 2009-2010.

009-093
Appointment of Board Members
to the Audit/Finance Committee
2009-2010

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to appoint Ted Robinson and Tom Ivey to serve as committee members on the Audit/Finance Committee for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-094
Appointment of Community
Members to the Audit/Finance
Committee, 2009-2010

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to appoint Sam Collins and Shirley Carey to serve as committee members on the Audit/Finance Committee for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-095
Subscription to NSBA American
School Publication

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Monica Cantrell to subscribe to the NSBA American School Publication.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-096
NSBA National Affiliate
Advocacy Network (NAAN) and
Appointment of District Representative

A motion was made by Monica Cantrell and seconded by Ted Robinson to appoint Dianne James as their NAAN representative.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-097
2009-2010 State Compensatory
Education Policy and Procedures

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to approve the 2009-2010 State Compensatory Policy and Procedures, as presented and as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion/Possible Action

009-098

Chain of Command—Emergency
Operation Plan vs. day-to-day operations

It was the consensus to add this item to the next Board meeting. The Board would like to see it in writing where it states “designee”.

Closed Session

Dianne James, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 7:56 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code:

551.074 Personnel

1. Employment of new professional employee(s) for the 2009-2010 school year
2. Discuss employment and duties of Acting Director—Kids First Head Start
3. Discuss employment and duties of Acting Principal—Crosby Middle School
4. Discuss employment and duties of Acting Assistant Principal—Crosby Middle School
5. Discuss contract of Business Manager
6. Superintendent Evaluation and contract renewal

Reconvene from Closed Session

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 10:47 PM for action, if any, from Closed Session.

Pat Turner and Monica Cantrell were not seated.

Motion 1

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to employ Jela Davis under a Probationary One-Year Contract—Teacher for the 2009-2010 school year, as presented and as discussed in executive session.

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

Members opposed: Dianne James

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

Motion 2

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to employ Shawn Williamson under a Probationary One-Year Contract—Teacher with Certification addendum 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 Lesli Gooden under a Probationary One-Year Contract—Teacher

with Certification Addendum for the 2009-2010 school year, as presented and as discussed in executive session.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Future Agenda Items

1. Law regarding cell phone use in school zones
2. Paw prints in the hallway at Hitchcock High School

Announcements

1. Parent Workshop, September 12, 2009, 1st Baptist Church and Greater St. Matthews
2. Board Workshop and meeting on August 31, 2009
 - a. Naming of the new primary school
 - b. Grade levels at the new primary school

Adjourn

A motion was made by Tom Ivey and seconded by Ted Robinson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Taylor
Recording Secretary

Dianne James, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary