

Hitchcock Independent School District

Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2009

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, held at the Hitchcock ISD Boardroom/Conference Facility located at 8004 North Railroad, Hitchcock, Texas. President Monica Cantrell called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

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

Late Arrival Estelle Holmes, Secretary, arrived at 7:12 PM
Pat Turner, Member, arrived at 7:24 PM

Absent Shirley Price, Member

Others Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Official; Susan Thompson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Stephen Dubner, Attorney

Call to Order Monica Cantrell, 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. James 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.

Recognitions The following students were recognized by the Board and were presented with Certificates of Achievement.

DECA District Winners

Winners

- Leroy Gonzales Jr. & Alex Bueno—Buying and Merchandising Management Team
- Jillian Wise—Restaurant and Food Service Management Individual Series Event
- Joe Lopez—Hotel and Lodging Management Individual Series Event

Alternate Winner

- Patricia Villarreal & Alexandra Stephenson—Hospitality Services Management Team

HOBY

HOBY representatives for the 2008-2009 school year are:

- Tyler Tuck
- Jackie Beard

Both of these outstanding young ladies will be attending the leadership seminar June 5-7, 2009, at Rice University. HOBY is an international organization.

UIL Competition Winners – Crosby Middle School

5th grade:

Drager Landry – 1st place Ready Writing; 3rd place Spelling
Emily Desormeaux – 2nd place Ready Writing
Gabrielle Garner – 4th place Ready Writing
Billy Atwood – 6th place Listening Skills

6th grade:

Camille Hardy – 5th place Spelling

7th grade:

Jacob Burkhalter – 2nd place Listening Skills

8th grade:

Gray Laskoskie – 4th place Spelling
Damaris Guzman – 6th place Listening Skills
Briana Touchstone – 4th place Dictionary Skills

Public Participation

Ms. Alicia Tholen addressed the Board about installing cameras on the buses citing two incidents of a bus driver allegedly grabbing a student. Cameras would help to ensure that children are protected and not mistreated.

009-008

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approved the Minutes:
 - a. Special Called meeting of January 6, 2009;
 - b. Kids First Head Start Training Session of January 13, 2009;
 - c. Public Hearing to Discuss the District's 2007-2008 Annual Performance Report (AEIS) and Regular meeting of January 20, 2009; and
 - d. Board Workshop of January 24, 2009.
2. Approved the Monthly Financial and Investment Report for month ending January 31, 2009.
3. Approved the Monthly Tax Collection Report for month ending January 31, 2009.
4. Approved the Monthly Kids First Head Start Financial Report, Check Register, and Monthly KFHS Report for month ending January 31, 2009.
5. Approved the Monthly Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative/SHARS Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending January 31, 2009.
6. Approved the Annual Statement of Investments for period ending January 31, 2009. [See attached]

7. Approved the Budget Amendment. [See attached]
8. Approved the Resolution extending Depository Contract—Prosperity Bank for an additional two-year term from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2011. [See attached]
9. Approved the request to communicate with the Texas Education Agency to express the opinion that the proposed new campuses, expanded grade levels, and the increased enrollment of the below listed charter schools poses a potential for financial difficulty because of loss of enrollment. [See attached]
 - a. Odyssey Academy—add a campus
 - b. Ambassadors Preparatory Academy—expand grade level served
 - c. West Houston Charter School—expand grade levels
 - d. KIPP Southeast Charter and KIPP Inc. Charter—increase maximum enrollment, expand grade levels served, and add a campus
10. Approved the Shared Service Arrangement for Galveston-Brazoria Cooperative for the Hearing Impaired until such time that the arrangement is superseded.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports/Information

Kids First Head Start Policy Liaison Report

Ms. James reported that all of the policy council members were given information to read prior to the KFHS audit review. She announced that on March 7, the KFHS Program will sponsor a day-long Multicultural Program and the Board is invited.

Action

009-009 Presentation and Approval of Board Member Continuing Education Hours

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to approve the continuing education hours and to let the minutes reflect the below information.

Board Member	Hours Earned 02/01/2008 to 01/31/2009	Tier One Orientation to & Texas Education Code	Tier Two Teambuilding	Tier Three Discretionary Continuing Education
Monica Cantrell, President	32.75	NA	Y	Y
Tom Ivey, Vice President	16.25	NA	Y	Y
Estelle Holmes, Secretary*	19.00	NA	Y	Y
Pat Turner, Member	0.00	NA	N	N
Ted Robinson, Member	15.25	NA	N	Y
Shirley Price, Member*	3.00	NA	Y	N
Dianne James, Member**	22.00	Y	Y	Y

*Needs to submit NSBA hours from April 2008

**Has met requirements for Open Meeting Training and Public Information Act Training required for new board members.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-010

Appointment of the District's
Deputy Clerks for Early Voting

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Dianne James to appoint Susan Gage, Pam Haygood, and Eleanor Spells as the District's Deputy Clerks for Early Voting, as presented and as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-011

Contracting with the
Galveston County Election Division
to Conduct Early Voting and the
May 2009 General Trustee Election

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve contracting with the Galveston County Election Division to conduct the May Board Elections and to authorize the Superintendent to send a letter to the Department of Justice to request a Preclearance as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-012

Early Voting Ballot Board

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Dianne James to table action pending additional information.

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-013

Resolution Calling for
General Trustee Election and
Order of Election for General
Trustee Election

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Dianne James to approve the Resolution calling for the 2009 General Trustee Election for Single Member District 4, 6, and 7, and to approve the Order of Election for the May 9, 2009 General Trustee Election. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-014
College of the Mainland to
Participate with Hitchcock ISD
in the May 9, 2009, Election

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve the request from College of the Mainland to use Mooney Gym as their polling location for the May 9, 2009 Election.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion/Possible Action

009-015
Assuming Custodial Duties
for one of our campuses

Dr. Bergman proposed that the District assume the custodial duties of Stewart Elementary School and to use our employees rather than contractual employees. Mr. Mull is gathering quotes from different vendors for supplies and equipment and will have the information at the next board meeting.

Discussion:

1. Go out for Request for Proposals for all janitorial services on a per campus basis.
2. Take all janitorial services back in-house rather than one at a time
3. Need cost breakdown

It was the consensus of the Board to table action until the March 10, 2009, meeting.

009-016
Student Dress Code

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a Board Workshop on March 24, 2009, 6:30 PM to finalize the Student Dress Code and to take formal action at the April Board Meeting.

Closed Session

Monica Cantrell, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 7:45 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code:

551.071 Consultation with the District's Attorney Stephen Dubner of the Law Office of Stephen Dubner to discuss the following:

- Employee pay scales
- Potential reduction in force for professional employees

551.074 Personnel

- Discuss personnel matters
- Discuss potential reduction-in-force for professional employees
- Discuss Superintendent's Summative Evaluation and Contract Review

Reconvene from
Closed Session

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 12:37 AM, for action, if any, from Closed Session.

No action taken from Closed Session.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ted Robinson, seconded by Estelle Holmes to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor
Recording Secretary

Monica Cantrell, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary