

## Hitchcock Independent School District

### Board Workshop Saturday, January 24, 2009

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The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Regular Meeting on Saturday, January 24, 2009, held at the Hitchcock High School Cafeteria located at 6625 FM 2004, Hitchcock, Texas. President Monica Cantrell called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

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

Late Arrival Pat Turner, Member, arrived at 9:55 AM; Estelle Holmes, Secretary, arrived at 10:20 AM

Absent Ted Robinson, Jr.

Others Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Susan Thompson, Curriculum Director; Pat Fox, Principal, Crosby Middle School; Larry Allen, Principal, Hitchcock High School; Sandy Belcher, Assistant Principal, Hitchcock High School; Teachers and Parents

Call to Order Monica Cantrell, President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM; 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.

#### Board Workshop

#### Student Dress Code

Ms. Cantrell asked members of the audience to stand and identify themselves and what campus their student attends and to give comments on the student dress code.

Summary of comments made by the parents and staff in attendance:

1. No uniforms
2. Hates dress code
  - a. Takes individuality away from the student, image concerns
  - b. Could care less about what the kids wear so long as the kids do their work
  - c. Should concentrate on learning
3. More pressing issues than dress code
4. Should have a standard of dress and decorum
  - a. Enforce decent dress appropriate for school
5. Enforce current dress code
6. Officials have to demand enforcement of the dress code
7. Dress code begins at home, continues at school
  - a. Students should be in dress code when they come to school

8. Need to educate parents, make parents responsible
9. Teach kids to make good choices
10. Phone, i-pods are also a distraction – students hide in their coats, purses, bags, etc.
11. Enforce the 4 B's – no boobs, butts, belly, or back showing

Board comments:

1. Likes the 4 B's
2. Should focus on academic learning and not dress
3. Cannot just wear what you want in high school
4. Give some semblance of order in school, structure. Should be other consequences rather than sending the student home.
5. District has lowered the standards over the years. Tell our students to meet standards. Wants students to follow the rules. Has a problem with not holding the student accountable for obeying simple rules.
6. Parents need to make the kids follow rules, need guidelines. Dress code does not need color, needs rules and regulations.

The Board will take all of the information given and will put together a dress code that can be enforced with input from principals, teachers, and parents.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM by general consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Taylor  
Recording Secretary

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Monica Cantrell, President

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Estelle Holmes, Secretary