

Hitchcock Independent School District

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 16, 2008

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2008, held at the Hitchcock ISD Boardroom/Conference Facility located at 8004 North Railroad, Hitchcock, Texas. President Monica Cantrell called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

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

Late Arrival Pat Turner, Member, arrived at 7:55 PM

Absent Ted Robinson, Jr., Member

Others Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Official; Susan Thompson, Curriculum Director; Susan Bowles, Special Education Director; Barbara Trahan, Principal, Stewart Elementary School; Pat Fox, Principal, Crosby Middle School; Larry Allen, Principal, Hitchcock High School; Carl Joiner, Joiner Partnership; Scott Brady, Joiner Partnership; Andy Richardson, Brookstone; John Carson, Brookstone; Bob Henderson, Financial Advisor; Stephen Dubner, District's Attorney

Call to Order Monica Cantrell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 the Texas flag.

Recognitions The Board presented Certificates of Recognition:

1. Robert Greineisen—Special Educator of the Year—Region IV ESC. (Susan Bowles accepted for Mr. Greineisen)
2. BP Physics Challenge at NASA
 - a. 1st Place—Projectile Rocket Completion
 - i. Jordan Holmes
 - ii. Liz Harper

- iii. David Saucedo
- b. 3rd Place—Engine Rocket Completion
 - i. Ana Diaz
 - ii. Jessica Rojas
 - iii. Mayra Garza
 - iv. Jordon Holmes
- c. Honorable Mention—Engine Rocket Completion
 - i. John Dieringer
 - ii. Sage Rouser
 - iii. Danielle Ivey
 - iv. Azania Fields
 - v. Alex Stephenson
 - vi. Patricia Villarreal
- d. Honorable Mention—Engine Rocket Completion
 - i. Jill Wise
 - ii. Sarah Sendejas
 - iii. Ashley Newell
 - iv. Nick Newsom
 - v. Joseph Forasiepi

Public Participation

None

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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
 - a. Board Workshop and Special Called meeting of November 6, 2008
 - b. Regular Meeting of November 20, 2008
2. Monthly Financial and Investment Report for month ending November 30, 2008
3. Monthly Tax Collection Report for month ending November 30, 2008
4. Monthly Kids First Head Start Financial Report (KFHS), Check Register, and Monthly KFHS Report for month ending November 30, 2008

5. Monthly Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative/SHARS Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending November 30, 2008
6. TASB Localized Update 84
7. Memorandum of Agreement between HISD and Kids First Head Start

Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports/Information from the Superintendent

Construction Draw Schedule

Bob Henderson, Financial Advisor, presented the following information on the Phase 1 Budget: [See attached]

1. Estimated Sources & Uses
2. Project Draw Request based upon preliminary estimates

Carl Joiner, Architect, presented the Board with the Design Development Plans—New Hitchcock High School. Phase 1 will include the new primary school, field house, track resurface, and synthetic turf.

Closed Session

Monica Cantrell, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 7:32 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:

- Legal implications of make-up days
- Appeal to the Board—Student Expulsion

551.074 Personnel—Legal implications of make-up days

551.082 Student Discipline—Appeal to the Board, Student Expulsion

Pat Turner arrived at 7:55 PM during Closed Session.

Reconvene from
Closed Session

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 10:18 PM, for action, if any from Closed Session.

Motion

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to grant the appeal to the Board regarding the Student Expulsion.

Members in favor: Pat Turner, Estelle Holmes, Shirley Price

Members opposed: Tom Ivey, Dianne James

Members abstained: Monica Cantrell

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

Reports/Information from the
Superintendent

United Way

The United Way Campaign Report was presented for the Board's review and information.

ADA Report

The ADA Report for week ending November 21, 2008, was presented for the Board's review and information.

Federal Program
Report

The Federal Program Report was presented for the Board's review and information.

Maintenance/Facility
Report

The Maintenance/Facility Report was presented for the Board's review and information. Dr. Bergman announced that the lights at the high school parking lot should be fixed by Thursday or Friday.

Board Continuing Education
Hours

The Board's continuing education hours were presented and announced as required by BBD (LEGAL).

Board Member	Tier One Orientation to & Texas	Tier Two Teambuilding	Tier Three Discretionary Continuing
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	Education Code		Education
Monica Cantrell, President	NA	Y	Y
Tom Ivey, Vice President	NA	Y	Y
*Estelle Holmes, Secretary	NA	Y	Y
Pat Turner, Member	NA	N	N
Ted Robinson, Member	NA	N	Y
*Shirley Price, Member	NA	Y	N
**Dianne James, Member	Y	Y	Y

*Needs to turn in training hours from NSBA 2008

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

TELPAS Report

Ms. Thompson presented the 2007-2008 TELPAS Report.

K-12 Math Initiative Report

Ms. Thompson presented the K-12 Math Initiative Report stating that the teachers are appreciative of the program and the support they have received.

Benchmark/TPRI

The campuses are still doing the Benchmark tests. A full report will be available in January.

October TAKS Exit Level Results

Mr. Allen presented the October TAKS Exit Level Results.

Pat Turner left the meeting at 10:30 PM.

PLATO Report

The PLATO Report was presented for the Board's review and information.

Mentor Teacher Report

The Mentor Teacher Report was presented for the Board's review and information.

Action

008-162
Make-up days for
Hurricane Ike

Motion 1 A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve May 25, 2009 and June 5, 2009 as make-up days for Hurricane Ike.

Members in favor: Estelle Holmes, Shirley Price

Members opposed: Monica Cantrell, Tom Ivey, Dianne James

Motion failed for lack of a majority.

Motion 2 A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve April 10, 2009 and May 25, 2009 as make-up days for Hurricane Ike.

Members in favor: Estelle Holmes, Shirley Price

Members opposed: Monica Cantrell, Dianne James

Members abstained: Tom Ivey

Motion failed for lack of a majority.

Motion 3 A motion was made by Tom Ivey and seconded by Estelle Holmes to approve May 25, 2009 and to make June 5, 2009 an instructional day with the teacher work-day on June 6, 2009.

Members in favor: Monica Cantrell, Tom Ivey, Estelle Holmes, Shirley Price

Members opposed: Dianne James

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

Discussion/Possible Action

008-163
Over-Income
Pre-K Program

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to table the Over-Income Pre-K Program indefinitely.

Members in favor: Monica Cantrell, Tom Ivey, Estelle Holmes, Shirley Price

Members opposed: Dianne James

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Substitute Pay & Program

The Board requested that this item be placed on the January 20, 2009 agenda as a discussion with possible action.

Future Agenda Items

1. Student teachers
2. Superintendent evaluation

Announcements

There is a Special Called meeting for Friday, December 19, 2008, at 1:00 PM to approve the 403 (b) Plan that goes into effect on January 1, 2009. It is important to have a quorum at this meeting.

Ms. Cantrell, Ms. Price, Ms. James, and Mr. Ivey will be at the meeting. They requested that the meeting be held at 7:00 AM. Ms. Taylor will post an amended agenda.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Tom Ivey and seconded by Dianne James to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor
Recording Secretary

Monica Cantrell, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary