

Hitchcock Independent School District

Board Workshop and Special Called Meeting
Thursday, November 6, 2008

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Board Workshop and Special Called Meeting on Thursday, November 6, 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 6:36 PM.

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

Late Arrival Estelle Holmes, Secretary, arrived at 7:45 PM

Absent Pat Turner, Member

Others Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Official; Carl Joiner, Architect, Joiner Partnership; Members of the Bond Committee

Call to Order Monica Cantrell, President, called the meeting to order at 6:36 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.

Discussion

Update from the Architect and Administration on the progress of the new elementary school and the new high school

Ms. Cantrell thanked the members of the Bond Committee for coming to the meeting and assured them that the Board will build what was promised, there is no hidden agenda, and everyone is available to answer questions. She also asked the committee members to come to the Board if they had questions.

Ms. James commented that the projects must be done in a timely manner and not postponed. Start construction on the football field first.

Mr. Robinson asked that the field turf and weight room be addressed amid concerns that construction is not going to happen in Phase One.

Carl Joiner briefly outlined the progress the district has made in finalizing the plans for Phase One of the construction.

1. Passed Bond Election in May with the construction of the primary school scheduled to start in August 2009
2. Original property fell through; found another property on FM 519 which fell through because the land owner could not clear the property, found a property on FM 2004, which the district will close on November 7.
3. Go out for bids before the end of November
4. Proposed opening for the new primary school is December 2009, pending weather
5. Turf and track at the high school is a 90-day job
6. Financial Advisor advised that the field house, middle school gym be made a part of the high school portion
7. On track to deliver what was committed to the public

Scott Brady presented the plans for the elementary school and the high school and gave an update, stating that a decision needs to be made on the stage at the high school.

The members of the Bond Committee stated that the priority is for the field house, football field, turf, and track be completed first. The athletic facilities are the number one priority over academics because athletics will attract kids to the district.

Estelle Holmes arrived at 7:45 PM.

Concerns:

1. Scoreboard – Joiner Partnership will donate the money to upgrade the scoreboard
2. Need a parking lot at the field house

Carl Joiner will give a timeline for the completion of the project and it will be mailed to the Bond Committee. The Board asked the Bond Committee to call Dr. Bergman if they had any questions or concerns that they would like to discuss.

Break: 8:50 PM to 9:05 PM

Pre-K Qualification and
Process for Enrollment

Discussion:

1. Did not publicize the program enough
2. Try again in 2009-2010 to implement the program
3. May have to look at a higher registration fee

Start advertising in January for enrollment in April and final enrollment in August.

1. Newspaper
2. Letter to parents
3. Good Old Days
4. Posters and flyers around town: Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, banks, businesses
5. Marquees
6. Website

Review process for Pre-K now:

1. Qualifications (Income)
2. Registration requirements
3. Screening process
4. Qualifying characteristics
5. E-mail to the Board

Future Agenda Items

1. Board Self-Evaluation—schedule for a Special Called meeting or in December
2. Have Mr. Joiner sign document that he agrees to donate the money to upgrade the scoreboard
3. Clarify why substitutes are not paid for full/half day. What constitutes a long-term substitute and who chooses the long-term substitute.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ted Robinson and seconded by Tom Ivey to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor
Recording Secretary

Monica Cantrell, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary