

Hitchcock Independent School District

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 28, 2008

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 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 7:00 PM.

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

Members Absent Estelle Holmes, Secretary

Others Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Official; Ron Mull, Maintenance Director

Call to Order

Monica Cantrell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 and Mr. Ivey led the members of the Board of Trustees and patrons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. flag and the Pledge to the Texas flag.

Public Participation

1. Stephen Smith addressed the Board regarding concerns he and his fellow bond committee members had regarding the bond issue. Ms. Cantrell asked Mr. Smith to contact Dr. Bergman on Friday, October 31, 2008, for an update on the bond and facilities. The Board will also set a workshop in November to discuss the bonds and facilities and invite the bond committee to the meeting.
2. Kelley Reyna addressed the Board concerning safety issues at Stewart Elementary and related her experience in picking up her daughter from school. The Board asked Ms. Reyna to contact the Administration Office in regards to teacher qualifications and directed Dr. Bergman to investigate the situation upon his return to the district on October 31.

008-136 Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and as recommended by the administration:

- A. Minutes
 - a. Public Hearing to present the Hitchcock ISD's State Financial Accountability Rating Pursuant to the Financial Integrity Rating system of Texas (FIRST) and Regular meeting of September 23, 2008
 - b. Emergency meeting of September 23, 2008
- B. Monthly Financial and Investment Report for month ending September 30, 2008
- C. Monthly Tax Collection Report for month ending September 30, 2008
- D. Monthly Kids First Head Start (KFHS) Financial Report, Check Register, and Monthly KFHS Report for month ending September 30, 2008
- E. Monthly Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative/SHARS Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending September 30, 2008
- F. TEA Waiver Application for Missed Instructional Days, 2008-2009. [See attached]
- G. TEA Waiver Application for Low Attendance Days, 2008-2009. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports/Information from the Superintendent

ADA Report

The ADA report for week ending September 5, September 12, and October 3, 2008, were presented to the Board for their review and information.

Grade Distribution Report

The 1st six weeks Grade Distribution Report was presented to the Board for their review and information.

Maintenance Report

The Maintenance Report for September and a report on the damage to schools from Hurricane Ike were presented to the Board for their review and information.

Annual Grant Report

The Annual Grant Report was presented to the Board for their review and information. [See attached]

Monthly Federal Program Report

The Monthly Federal Program Report was presented to the Board for their review and information. [See attached]

Preliminary AYP Report for 2007-2008

The preliminary AYP report for 2007-2008 was presented to the Board for their review and information. [See attached]

Hitchcock High School missed AYP in Reading/Math – in Stage 2 of School Improvement.

Crosby Middle School and Stewart Elementary School made AYP.

Hitchcock ISD missed AYP in Reading/Math Performance. Dr. Bergman said he strongly believes that HISD made AYP and is addressing with TEA.

The District is currently using CCAP and C-Scope for School Improvement. Dr. Bergman stated that he was looking forward to positive results.

Action

008-137
Remove & Install roof at HISD Administration Building

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve the purchase order to Walker Roofing in the amount of \$33,078.00 to remove the existing roof and to install a new roof at the Hitchcock ISD Administration Building as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-138
Reappraisal of Hitchcock ISD Properties

A motion was made by Tom Ivey and seconded by Ted Robinson to not do a re-evaluation of district taxable properties due to damages by Hurricane Ike as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-139
Request to spend LEP
Grant money

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the purchase of PLATO package "Achieve Now" using LEP grant monies in the amount of \$51,979.00, as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

The Board requested that updates on the grants be provided by the Principals and Directors and to add "actions taken" to the Monthly Federal Program Report.

008-140
Resolution on School
Finance

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the Resolution on School Finance as presented and as recommended by the administration. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-141
Parent Liaison

No action taken.

Board Liaison to
KFHS Policy Council

A motion was made by Pat Turner and seconded by Shirley Price to appoint Dianne James to serve on the KFHS Policy Council as the District's Board Liaison in a non-voting capacity effective December 1, 2008.

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-143
Board Travel to attend the
Legislative Committee Meetings
in Austin

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Ted Robinson to deny Ms. Holmes' travel to attend the TASB Legislative Committee Meetings in Austin at district expense.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion

Set date for Board
Workshop to meeting with
Architect

The Board met with the architect, Joiner Partnership, at the October 23, 2008 board meeting.

008-145
Set date for Groundbreaking
Ceremony for the New
Elementary School

The Groundbreaking Ceremony is pending the following:

1. Completed environment survey
2. Closing on the property

Tentative dates for the ceremony are November 18 or November 20, 4:00 PM, pending finalization of the above.

Ms. Taylor will notify the Bond Committee of the tentative dates of the ceremonies and also notify the media.

A Board Workshop has been set for November 11, 2008, 6:30 PM, to meet with the Bond Committee and the Architect to review progress to-date on the new schools and to review plans.

008-146
Set date for Board
Workshop to review
Pre-Kindergarten Qualifications
and Processes

This item will be discussed at the Board Workshop set for November 11, 2008, 6:30 PM.

Closed Session

Monica Cantrell, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 8:55 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code:

- 551.074 Personnel:
- a. Superintendent's Contract
 - b. Board's Self-Evaluation

Pat Turner left the meeting at 10:30 PM during Closed Session

Reconvene from
Closed Session

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 10:37 PM to take action from Closed Session, if any.

No action from Closed Session.

Future Agenda Items

1. Re-schedule the Board Evaluation to the November 11, 2008, Board Workshop

Announcements

1. Ms. James will head a HISD Traditions Committee and will appoint teachers, students, and board members to serve on the committee.
2. In November, Dr. Bergman and Ms. Conway will present facts and figures on the anticipated reduction-in-force for the 2009-2010 school year to reduce deficit spending.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Ted Robinson and seconded by Tom Ivey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor
Recording Secretary

Monica Cantrell, President

Tom Ivey, Vice President