

## Hitchcock Independent School District

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  
on  
Tuesday, September 23, 2008

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The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at 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 on Tuesday, September 23, 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 6:30 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 6:40 PM  
Pat Turner, Member, arrived at 8:45 PM during Closed Session but did not stay.

Members Absent Pat Turner, Member

Others Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Official

Call to Order Monica Cantrell, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. Cantrell 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 HEARING

FIRST State Financial  
Accountability Rating  
2006-2007

Overview and  
Presentation

Ms. Conway presented the district's FIRST State Financial Accountability Rating for 2006-2007, stating that the district received a Superior Rating for the 5<sup>th</sup> straight year. Ms. Conway also reviewed problem areas with the Board.

Public Comments

No comments.

## REGULAR MEETING

### Public Participation

None

### Closed Session

Monica Cantrell, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 6:44 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code:

- a. 551.071 Consultation with the District's Attorney Stephen Dubner of the Law Office of Stephen Dubner to discuss land purchase and Level III Grievance of Barbara George.
- b. 551.072 Discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- c. 551.074 and 551.082 Employee Complaint: Level III Grievance of Barbara George
- d. 551.074 Personnel:
  - a. Employment of new professional(s) for the 2008-2009 school year
  - b. Discuss change of assignment(s) and revised contract(s) for professional(s)
  - c. Discuss other personnel matters

### Reconvene from Closed Session

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:00 PM to take action from Closed Session, if any.

Motion 1 A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to offer the position of Librarian to Katherine Monford for the 2008-2009 school year as presented and discussed in executive session.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion 2 A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to appoint Christopher Armacost to the position of Director of Computer Technology and to offer him a two-year Non-Chapter 21 Professional Contract for 2008-2010, as presented and discussed in executive session.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion 3 A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to employ Sandra Walters, Special Education Inclusion

teacher, under a One-Year Probationary Contract for the 2008-2009 school year, as presented and discussed in executive session.

Members in favor: Monica Cantrell, Tom Ivey, Ted Robinson, Shirley Price

Members opposed: Estelle Holmes, Dianne James

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

Motion 4 With respect to the Level III Grievance—Barbara George, presented and discussed in executive session, a motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson for the administration to consider Ms. George's multiple certifications for positions she is qualified for when availability exists.

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-128  
Consent Agenda

A motion was made to remove item B from the Consent Agenda and to approve the remaining items, as presented and as recommended by the administration.

- Minutes:
  - Special Called meeting of August 12, 2008
  - Special Called meeting of August 16, 2008
  - Board Walk-Through of District Facility of August 18, 2008
  - Regular meeting of August 18, 2008
  - Special Called meeting of August 27, 2008
  - Public Hearing to Discuss the Budget and Proposed Tax Rate and Special Called meeting of August 30, 2008
- Monthly Tax Collection Report for month ending August 31, 2008
- Monthly Kids First Head Start Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending August 31, 2008
- Monthly Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative/SHARS Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending August 31, 2008
- Renewal of membership in Independent Retainer Program: Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Schulze, & Aldridge, P.C.

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-128  
Monthly Financial and  
Investment Report for  
Month Ending August 31, 2008

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Dianne James to approve the Monthly Financial and Investment Report (item B from Consent Agenda) for Month Ending August 31, 2008.

Ms. James asked for clarification on several items.

Dr. Bergman requested that all questions on the financial report be directed to Ms. Conway in advance of the meeting. All questions and their respective answers will be presented to the Board.

Motion carried with all in favor.

#### Reports/Information from the Superintendent

##### School Resource Officer Report

The police protocol to follow when a police officer is asked to help or get involved with a situation was presented to the Board for the review and information.

##### Summer TAKS Results

The summer 2008 TAKS results were presented to the Board for their review and information. [See attached]

##### ADA Report

The ADA Report for week ending September 5, 2008, was presented to the Board for their review and information.

##### Maintenance Report

The monthly Maintenance Report was presented to the Board for their review and information.

#### Action

##### 008-129

##### Appointment of Board Members to the Audit/Finance Committee for 2008-2009

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to appoint Ted Robinson, Tom Ivey, and Dianne James to the Audit/Finance Committee for 2008-2009.

Motion carried with all in favor.

##### 008-130

##### Appointment of Community Members to the Audit/Finance Committee for 2008-2009

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Dianne James to appoint community members: Harry Robinson, Barbara Cheatham, and Stephen Smith to the Audit/Finance Committee for 2008-2009.

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-131  
Fall Class Size Waiver and  
Compliance Plan

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to approve the Fall Class Size Waiver and Compliance Plan in Kindergarten for Stewart Elementary School, as presented and as recommended by the administration. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-132  
Delegate to the  
H-GAC 2009  
General Assembly

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to designate Shirley Price as Delegate and Estelle Holmes as Alternate to the H-GAC 2009 General Assembly.

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-133  
Section 504 Operating  
Guidelines

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Dianne James to approve the Section 504 Operating Guidelines, as presented and as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion/ Possible Action

008-134  
Set date for Board Workshops

October 2, 2008, 6:30 PM - Workshop

- Student Dress Code
- "Bring Kids Back to Hitchcock ISD"
- Graduation credit requirements

October 21, 2008, 7:00 PM – Regular meeting

- Board Self-Evaluation

Discussion

Head Start Continuation  
Grant

The Head Start Continuation Grant was distributed to the Board on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, to review.

Announcements

Teachers will report on Thursday, September 24.  
Students will report on Monday, September 29.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ted Robinson and seconded by Tom Ivey to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor  
Recording Secretary

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Monica Cantrell, President

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Estelle Holmes, Secretary