

Hitchcock Independent School District

Special Called/ Budget and Board Workshop
Monday, July 21, 2008

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Regular called meeting on Monday, July 21, 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 6:07 PM.

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

Absent Tom Ivey, Vice President; Estelle Holmes, Secretary

Late Arrival Pat Turner, Member, arrived at 7:25 PM

Others Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Official; Susan Thompson, Curriculum Director; Carl Joiner and Scott Brady, Joiner Partnership, Inc.; John Carson and Brian Jenkins, Brookstone

Call to Order Monica Cantrell, President, called the meeting to order at 6:07 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.

Action

008-097
Phase One Construction
Bids and Guaranteed Maximum Price
for construction of new elementary
school

A motion was made by Ted Robinson and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the Phase One Construction Bids and Guaranteed Maximum Price for construction of the new elementary school for \$2,053,041. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-098
District Handbooks

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Shirley Price to remove the Employee Handbook and to place after item

008-100 and to approve the following 2008-2009 District Handbooks:

Student Handbook
Emergency Checklist
School Bus Riders' Safety Handbook
Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in the School Setting
Bloodborne Pathogen Plan
Substitute Handbook

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-099
Revised 2008-2009
School Calendar

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve the changes to the 2008-2009 school calendar, as presented and as recommended by the administration. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-100
DEC (LOCAL) Compensation &
Benefits: Leaves and Absences

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Shirley Price to make the following change to DEC (LOCAL): Local leave shall be accumulated as earned and not be capped effective 2008-2009. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-098
Employee Handbook

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the 2008-2009 Employee Handbook with the change in DEC (LOCAL) previously approved. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-101
Resolution Expressing Intent
to Finance Expenditures to be
Incurred

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve the Resolution Expressing Intent to Finance

Expenditure to be Incurred in the amount of \$3,500,000. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion/ Budget Workshop

2008-2009 Preliminary Budget

Ms. Conway presented the following for the Board's information on the preliminary budget:

1. Summary of Finance, 2007-2008
2. Summary of Finance, 2008-2009
3. Preliminary estimate on taxes from the Central Appraisal District
4. Preliminary Assessment Roll—Central Appraisal District
5. Budget Salary Increases
6. Preliminary Revenue Projections based on the Central Appraisal District
7. Public Notice: Public Meeting to discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2008, 6:30 PM.

The district is looking at an approximate budget deficit of \$750,000.

Action

008-102

Date of the Public Meeting on Budget and Proposed Tax Rate and to vote on the proposed tax rate to be published in the Notice of Public Meeting

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Shirley Price to approve Tuesday, August 26, 6:30 PM as the date of the Public Meeting to adopt the 2008-2009 budget and to adopt the 2008 tax rate and that the proposed tax rate that will be published in the notice of the Public Meeting shall not exceed the following rates: Maintenance and Operations Rate (M & O) \$1.04005 and Interest and Sinking Rate (I & S) \$0.475000 for a total of \$1.51505.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion/ Board Workshop

Goal Setting

The Board set the following goals for 2008-2009:

1. HISD attendance rate will be at least 96% or higher.
2. HISD will obtain Recognized status on the 2009 accountability system.
3. HISD will increase community/parental involvement by 50% through communication.
4. HISD will increase the Career and Technology program in proportion to student enrollment.

Closed Session

Monica Cantrell, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 9:21 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code:

551.074 Personnel:

Discuss the employment of new professional(s) for the 2008-2009 school year
Discuss personnel matters
Board Self-Evaluation

Pat Turner left the meeting at 10:20 PM during Closed Session.

Reconvene from Closed Session

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 10:40 PM to take action from Closed Session, if any.

No action.

Future Agenda Items

Graduation credit—change policy to 24 credits to graduate
Move Board's Self-Evaluation to the August meeting

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Ted Robinson 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