

Hitchcock Independent School District

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 10, 2008

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 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 7:02 PM.

Present Monica Cantrell, President; Tom Ivey, Vice President; Estelle Holmes, Secretary; Pat Turner, Member; Ted Robinson, Member; Dianne James, Member

Late Arrival Shirley Price, Member, arrived at 7:09 PM.

Others Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Official; Angela Hawkins, Kids First Head Start (KFHS) Director; Susan Thompson, Curriculum Director; Gerald Hughes, Technology Director; Randy Dowdy, Director of Student Support Services; Robert Henderson, Financial Advisor; Larry Allen, Hitchcock High School Principal; Stephen Dubner, District Attorney, Barbara Trahan, Stewart Elementary School Principal

Call to Order Monica Cantrell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Member of the Board of Trustees led patrons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and Texas flag.

Public Participation Barbara Payton, KFHS employee, spoke to the Board and asked the Board to give appropriate consideration and to rule favorably to new renew the contract of the Head Start Director. She also read several letters of support of the Head Start Director.

Nyasha Williams, KFHS Policy Council, asked the Board to support their decision not renew the non-chapter 21 contract of the Head Start Director.

Cherelyn Nelson, former KFHS employee, stated that the decision to renew or non-renew the contract for the Head Start Director at

the end of the school term does not provide families a true stake in the decision or give them a chance to respond.

Discussion w/ Possible Action

008-070

Process to issue bonds and consider action on naming underwriters for the sale of the bonds

Robert Henderson, Financial Advisor, presented information to the Board to consider on the sale of the bonds. He recommended that the Board adopt the negotiate method of sale and to name three underwriters and balance percent.

A motion was made Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to adopt the negotiate method of sale and to name the following three firms as underwriters and balance percent:

Merrill Lynch	40%
Southwest Securities	30%
First Southwest Company	30%

Motion carried with all in favor.

Level III

Grievance of Angela Hawkins

The Level III Grievance of Angela Hawkins was heard in Open Session with the following board members present: Monica Cantrell, Tom Ivey, Estelle Holmes, Pat Turner, Ted Robinson, Jr., Shirley Price, and Dianne James. Also present were Angela Hawkins, Mike Bergman, and Stephen Dubner.

The Level III Grievance was held under the authority of Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, at 8:09 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 Government Code 551.071 Consultation with

Act, Texas
Attorney.

Reconvene from

Closed Session

The members of the Board of Trustees reconvened from closed session at 9:05 PM and continued deliberations in Open Session.

Action

Level III Grievance—Angela Hawkins

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to deny the Level III grievance and to deny the requested remedies requested by Ms. Hawkins.

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

Members against: Ted Robinson

Members abstained: Dianne James

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

At 9:07 PM, the Board took a 5-minute break.
Ms. Turner left the meeting.

The Board reconvened from break at 9:17 PM.

008-065

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the minutes of the below listed board meetings:

1. Special Called meeting of May 1, 2008
2. Town Hall meeting of May 1, 2008
3. Regular meeting of May 20, 2008, with the following correction:
add the name of the sixth person to receive \$100 from Mr. Collins for the Black History Essay Contest.
4. Special Called / Board Workshop of May 27, 2008

Motion carried with all in favor.

Action

008-066

2008-2009 PDAS
Calendar

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the 2008-2009 Teacher Appraisal Calendar (PDAS) as presented, and that the following administrators be

approved as official appraisers for the 2008-09 school year, as recommended by the administration:

Larry Allen, Marshall Caplan, Sandra Belcher, Patricia Fox, Blanca Ochoa, Barbara Trahan, Chris Cox, Randy Dowdy, Susan Thompson, Mike Bergman

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-067
Student Code of Conduct
2008-09

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to adopt the Hitchcock ISD Student Code of Conduct for 2008-2009, as presented and as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-068
Janitorial Services Contract
2008-09

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to approve a one-year extension to the contract with Professional Janitorial Services for janitorial services for the school year 2008-2009 at the monthly fee of \$31,074.89, and to authorize the Superintendent to execute said contract, as recommended by the administration.

During discussion the board requested the following:

1. Do a mid-year evaluation—walkthrough and to put it on the board's calendar.
2. Do a walkthrough before start of school and then mid-year.
3. Do climate control during summer months to help prevent sweating floors and moldy books.

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-069
NCLB Title Funding

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Dianne James to apply for 2008-09 NCLB Title Funding, as listed, and as recommended by the administration.

Title 1 A – Fund 211	\$354,399
Title II A – Fund 255	\$84,263

Title II D – Fund 262	\$3,652
Title III A – Fund 263	\$7,914
Title IV A – Fund 204	\$4,722

Total Tentative Entitlement to be applied for - \$454,950

Motion carried with all in favor.

Report/ Information

Condition of current buses and
bus purchasing schedule

[See attached report]

ESL Annual Evaluation Report

The ESL Annual Evaluation Report was presented to the board for their review and information. [See attached.]

Pre-K Expansion Grant Report

Hitchcock ISD is the recipient of the Cycle 13 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Grant Program for the 2007-08 school year. The purpose of the grant is to enable school districts to offer full-day programs for qualifying four-year old children. The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten staff is to be commended for their outstanding work with the four-year old children. [See attached.]

ADA Report

The ADA Report for September 2007 – May 2007 and the comparison report for period September 2006 – May 2007 were presented to the Board for their review and information.

Grade Distribution Report

The Grade Distribution Report for the 6th – six weeks is included for the Board's review and information.

TAKS—2008 Preliminary
Results

Ms. Thompson, Curriculum Director, presented the TAKS 2008 Preliminary Results to the Board for their review and information. [See attached.]

Mr. Robinson requested that when the final results come in that a comparison report with last year be presented to the Board.

Discussion/ Possible Action

008-072
Student Dress Code

After discussion of the Student Dress Code for 2008-2009 no action was taken. The Board requested that the dress code be placed on the Board calendar in September to start work on revisions.

008-071
Set dates for Board Team of Eight
Training and Goal Setting

After discussion, June 26, 2008, was set for the Board's Team of Eight Training at 6:30 PM.

008-073
Legislative Summit—October 16

Dr. Bergman presented information on the Legislative Summit to be held on October 16, at the Campbell Center in Aldine. He requested that if any board member wanted to attend to please advise either him or Ms. Taylor so that he could submit their names.

008-074
TASB resolution for
Advocacy

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the resolution concerning DAEP.

Ms. Holmes stated that the Legislative Council has already submitted a resolution to TASB on the DAEP program and that TASB has already approved the resolution.

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

Members opposed: Dianne James

Members abstained: Tom Ivey, Ted Robinson

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

008-075
Adoption of new at-will
pay scales

After discussion, no action was taken.

Estelle Holmes and Shirley Price left the meeting at 11:40 PM

Personnel

Motion 1 A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Ted Robinson to employ Stephen Steinbauer, Paula Madewell, and Michael Vosseler under a Probationary One-Year Contract—Teacher for the 2008-2009 school year, as presented.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion 2 A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Tom Ivey to employ Melynda Moulden under a Probationary One-Year Contract—Teacher with Certification Addendum for the 2008-2009 school year, as presented.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Future Agenda Items

1. Specifics on construction
 - a. Geo-thermal air/heat
 - b. Set meeting with the Bond Committee
2. All bond update reports be placed on future agendas
3. Building project costs

Adjournment

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 12 midnight.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor
Recording Secretary

Monica Cantrell, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary