

Hitchcock Independent School District

Regular Meeting
of
Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Regular meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at the Boardroom/ Conference Facility located at 8004 North Railroad, Hitchcock, Texas. President Monica Cantrell called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Present Monica Cantrell, President; Tom Ivey, Vice President; Ted Robinson, Jr., Member; Pat Turner, Member

Late Arrival Estelle Holmes, Secretary, arrived at 7:12 PM

Absent Mark Morgan, Member; Shirley Price, Member

Others Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Official; Gerald Hughes, Technology Director; Pat Fox, Principal, Crosby Middle School; Jane Ankney, Director of Student Support Services; Stephen Dubner, Attorney

Call to Order Monica Cantrell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 The Board of Trustees led patrons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and Texas flag.

Recognitions Catherine Polk presented the winners of the American History Essay Contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution to the Board:

- 1st place—6th grade—Venessa Gonzales
- 2nd place—6th grade—Cierra Franklin
- 2nd place—8th grade—Stephen Denison

Public Participation None

Action

008-034

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Tom Ivey and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and as recommended by the administration:

1. Minutes
 - a. Special called meeting of March 3, 2008
 - b. Regular meeting of March 11, 2008
2. Monthly Financial and Investment Report for month ending February 29, 2008, and March 31, 2008

3. Monthly Tax Collection Report for month ending February 29, 2008, and March 31, 2008
4. Kids First Head Start Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending February 29, 2008 and March 31, 2008, and Monthly Report for month ending March 31, 2008
5. Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative/SHARS Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending February 29, 2008 and March 31, 2008

Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports/Information from the Superintendent

Grant Report 2007-2008

Jane Ankney, Director of Student Support Services, presented a list of discretionary grants and non-discretionary grants for the Board's review and information.

Estelle Holmes arrived during the Grant Report.

ADA Report

The ADA Report for September 2007 to March 31, 2008, and the Comparison Report for September 2006 to March 30, 2007, was presented to the Board for their review and information.

1. Still not meeting goals. Everyone is addressing problems.
2. All classrooms should have enrichment assignments to challenge students.
3. Use outside resources.

Estelle Holmes' Trip to Washington, D.C.

Ms. Holmes reported on her trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the National Leadership Conference and Federal Relations Conference, January 30 – February 5, 2008. She read to the Board a Resolution that she submitted as the Legislative Advisory Representative and as Board Secretary, in the Board's name, to the U.S. Congressional delegation, including the Governor, the Texas delegation, local public governing officials and the Texas Chief Education Officer and she read a letter that was submitted to U. S. Representative Nick Lampson in support of the NCLB Reauthorization.

Action

008-035 Textbook Adoption

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to approve the below listed textbook for adoption for the 2008-2009 school year:

Texas HSP Math, grades K-5, Harcourt School Publishers

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-036
Advance Pay for Architect
Expense on Construction

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to table action on the authorization of preliminary expenses for soil testing and survey in an amount of \$25,000 - \$30,000.

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-037
Food Service Contract for
2008-2009

A motion was made by Ted Robinson and seconded by Estelle Holmes to approve the extension of the Food Service Management Agreement with Chartwells for the 2008-2009 school year, which is the fifth (5th) year under a five-year contract, as presented and as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-038
RFP: Mooney Gym Front
Door Replacement

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Pat Turner to award the bid to replace the doors at Mooney Gym to Binswanger Glass in the amount of \$29,484, as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-039
ESL Summer School
Schedule

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve the ESL Summer School Schedule, as presented and as recommended by the administration:

June 2—June 6	8:00 AM – 3:30 PM	35 hours
June 9—June 12	8:00 AM – 3:30 PM	28 hours
June 16—June 19	8:00 AM – 3:30 PM	28 hours
June 23—June 26	8:00 AM – 3:30 PM	28 hours
June 30	8:00 AM – 12:30 PM	<u>4 hours</u>
Total hours		123 Hours

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-040
Proclamation—Teacher
Appreciation Week—May 4-10

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve the Proclamation expressing appreciation to the Hitchcock ISD teachers for their dedicated service, as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-041
Resolution—Paraprofessional
Day, May 7

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to approve the Resolution recognizing the Hitchcock ISD Educational Paraprofessionals and Auxiliary Support Personnel for their dedicated service, as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor,

Discussion with Possible Action

008-042
Substitute Salary Comparison

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to table action and to obtain the substitute salary schedule for La Marque ISD and to do an average between Santa Fe ISD, La Marque ISD, and Hitchcock ISD to be presented at the May meeting.

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-043
Additional Pre-K Program
at Stewart Elementary School

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve additional Pre-K classes for students (over-income) who are not eligible for Head Start or the regular Pre-K at Stewart Elementary School and to add a portable building and a teacher and aide unit to accommodate the additional students.

Motion carried with all in favor.

The Board will address at a future meeting the following:

1. Tuition?
2. Whole day or half-day program?

008-044
Purchase and Operation
of High School DAEP Building

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to invest \$30,000 to purchase a portable building to house the high school DAEP students with the intent to decrease the drop-out rate and to incorporate other options, as recommended by the administration.

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-045
New Maintenance Equipment
and additional personnel

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to approve the purchase of equipment requested by the Maintenance with the exception of the Reel Mower and to hire one personnel unit as presented and as recommended by the administration as follows:

1. 6' Bush Hog Mower--\$2571.00

2. Van for Shipping & Receiving--\$10,000
3. Pick-up truck for Maintenance--\$10,000
4. Forklift--\$5,000
5. RotoRooter Machine (Water Pressure)--\$3,000
6. 16' trailer--\$2,364.00
7. Tommy Lift for one pick-up truck--\$4,000
8. Steam Cleaner--\$3,000
9. Hire one personnel unit—Painter

Motion carried with all in favor.

008-046

Set date for External Audit
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 22, 2008, 6:00 PM was set as the date and time for the External Audit Committee Meeting.

Closed Session

Monica Cantrell, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 8:25 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code

551.082 Student Discipline: Level Three Appeal to the Board—Student Expulsion

551.074 Personnel:

- Discuss the employment of new professional employee(s) for the 2008-2009 school year
- Discuss the renewal/non-renewal of professional employee(s) for the 2008-2009 school year

551.071 Consultation with District's Attorney Stephen Dubner of the Law Office of Stephen E. Dubner regarding the purchase of property from HHL Land Acquisitions of Texas

551.071 Discuss purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property

Reconvene from
Closed Session

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 10:52 PM to take action from Closed Session, if any:

Motion 1

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Pat Turner to grant the expulsion appeal and to return the student to DAEP and to make provisions for counseling.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion 2

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to employ Steve Adamson, Carmen Hidalgo-White, and Jennifer Tauch under a Probationary One-Year Contract—Teacher for the 2008-2009 school year, as presented and as discussed in executive session.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion 3 A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Tom Ivey to employ Kristle Bryan under a Probationary One-Year Contract—Teacher with Certification Addendum for the 2008-2009 school year, as presented and as discussed in executive session.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion 4 A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to table action on the renewal/non-renewal/termination of Angela Hawkins, KFHS Director, as discussed in executive session.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion 5 A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to authorize the Superintendent to enter into negotiations for the property located on FM 519 as the site for the proposed new elementary school.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Future Agenda Items

1. Black History Essay Recognitions
2. Give information at the next Board meeting on obtaining bids to sell the bonds
3. Special Called meeting on May 1, 2008 at 6:30 PM
4. Town Hall meeting on May 1, 2008, 7:00 PM
5. Add renewal/non-renewal/termination of professional Non-Chapter 21 employee(s), as a closed session item, to the agenda for the May 1, 2008, Special Call meeting
6. Custodial services
7. Review bus purchasing schedule
8. Give update on peeling paint at the high school—have someone do an inspection
9. Plan for a Board Retreat at a Galveston location

Adjournment

A motion was made by Pat Turner and seconded by Tom Ivey to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor
Recording Secretary

Monica Cantrell, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary