

Hitchcock Independent School District

Board Workshop Monday, October 29, 2007

The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Board Workshop on Monday, October 29, 2007, at the Boardroom/ Conference Facility located at 8004 North Railroad, Hitchcock, Texas. Vice President Tom Ivey called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Present Monica Cantrell, President; Tom Ivey, Vice President; Mark Morgan, Member; Ted Robinson, Jr., Member

Late Arrival Estelle Holmes, Secretary arrived at 7:10 PM

Absent Pat Turner, Member; Shirley Price, Member

Others Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Official; Bob Henderson, Financial Advisor; Carl Joiner, Architect; Randy Dowdy, Hitchcock High School Principal; Pat Fox, Crosby Middle School Principal; Members of the Bond Committee

Call to Order Monica Cantrell, President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 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.

Discussion

Bond Issue

1. Fact gathering meeting for Town Hall Meeting on November 19, 2007, 6:30 PM, Galilee Missionary Baptist Church
2. Carl Joiner, Architect, discussed the demographic study of HISD district and development. Distributed *Capacity Comparison High Growth and Slow Growth Chart* comparing growth 2008-2021, but focusing on 2008-2015, which would be the next Bond Issue. Discussed and presented the projections for 2008-2015, of high and slow growth comparisons. What campuses are needed to rebuild, first impressions of the district, and how to justify expenses. Goals to have fine facilities and making choices using the Magellan demographic study of development, background studies, and growth around the community.
3. Per Ms. Cantrell, the Northside campus, which houses the Kids First Head Start (KFHS), has renewed the lease for 10 years by Federal Funds. Is it possible to contact Federal offices in Dallas to present proper questions and get answers on the lease of the building? Should the campus be rebuilt or removed? Agreement that the campus is the first impression to the district and there should be

changes made there, if possible. Agreement that the KFHS is a great program. There is a question of if the number of children at this facility is counted in district numbers.

4. Discussion on temporary (portable buildings). Agreement that the buildings have life expectancy of five (5) years, cannot be insured, and should be bulldozed.
5. Discuss of new campuses:
 - a. Moving middle school to high school campus
 - b. Convert current middle school to administrative offices and centralizing administrators closer to the community
 - c. Build a new high school next to the current high school
 - d. Per Dr. Bergman—Build a new elementary school for Pre-K – 3rd grade, Stewart—grades 4 and 5 and possibly 6. Crosby building to centralize administration including buses, converting current high school to middle school grades 7 and 8. Building a new high school grades 9-12, next to the current high school to share athletic facilities such as track and football stadium.

No decisions made.

6. Discussion of tax rates and financial factors involved. No decisions made.
7. Discussion of gym facilities and buses. No decisions made.
8. Discussion and agreement of bringing more curriculum, extra-curricular activities, and athletics to the district. Agreement to bring district children that are currently going out of district for extra-curricular activities and that with new schools and these extra-curricular activities will help rise test scores and bring these children back.
9. Discussion on Rich/Poor District and Guidelines ADA tax rates.

District needs and decide on what the district wants and implement a budget.

10. Bob Henderson, Financial Planner, discussed bond costs and growth within the district. A 25 million bond at \$0.15 to \$0.20 in taxes. Beyond 25 million, add a extra cent in I & S tax rate per year.
11. Per Ms. Cantrell, request on getting a survey out to the Bond Committee members and members of the community to use as feedback on what the community wants. Also to be passed out at future meetings.
12. Discussion on possible properties. No decisions made.

Closed Session President Monica Cantrell called the members of the Board of Trustees into closed session at 8:35 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Sections:

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

Reconvene from
Closed Session

The members of the Board of Trustees reconvened from Closed Session at 9:30 PM. No action.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lily Norris on behalf of
Brenda J. Taylor

Monica Cantrell, President

Estelle Holmes, Secretary