

Hitchcock Independent School District

Public Hearing to Discuss the District's  
2007-2008 Annual Performance Report (AEIS)  
and  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, January 20, 2009

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The Hitchcock Independent School District Board of Trustees met at a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 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, Jr., Member; Shirley Price, Member; Dianne James, Member

Late Arrival Estelle Holmes, Secretary, arrived at 6:55 PM

Absent Pat Turner, Member

Others Mike Bergman, Superintendent; Nina Conway, Business Official; Susan Thompson, Curriculum Director; Susan Bowles, Special Education Director; Randy Dowdy, Director of Student Support Services; Doreatha Walker, Director of Kids First Head Start; Barbara Trahan, Principal, Stewart Elementary School; Pat Fox, Principal, Crosby Middle School; Blanca Ochoa, Assistant Principal, Crosby Middle School; Sandy Belcher, Assistant Principal, Hitchcock High School; Stephen Dubner, District's Attorney

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 Mr. Ivey led the members of the Board and patrons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. flag and the Texas flag.

Public Hearing to Discuss the  
District's 2007-2008 Annual AEIS  
Report

Susan Thompson presented the AEIS Report to the Board and to patrons outlining areas of concerns.

Audience with Patrons  
Pertaining to the District's  
2007-2008 AEIS Report

No questions from the audience.

Adjourn Public Hearing  
to Discuss the District's  
2007-2008 AEIS Report

The Public Hearing to discuss the District's 2007-2008 AEIS Report was adjourned.

Recognitions

Crosby Middle School  
DAR Essay Winners

The DAR Essay winners were introduced to the Board by Ms. Fox and Catherine Polk, DAR Representative. The essay topic this year was "Ideals of the Gettysburg Address". The Board presented Certificates of Recognition to:

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| 5 <sup>th</sup> grade | 1 <sup>st</sup> place – Jerry Davis<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Emily Desormeaux            |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> grade | 1 <sup>st</sup> place – Christopher Hernandez<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Tajinderpal Walia |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> grade | 1 <sup>st</sup> place – Erin Marie Leavins<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Amber Williams       |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> grade | 1 <sup>st</sup> place – Bruce Eversole<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Jonathan Mauldin         |

Greater Gulf Coast  
Cooperative Art Contest  
Winners

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative Art Contest winners were introduced to the Board by Ms. Bowles. The Board presented Certificates of Recognition:

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| Johnathon Silva<br>EE-K | Stewart Elementary School<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> place |
| Jamarcus Davis<br>Pre-K | Kids First Head Start<br>Honorable Mention         |

School Board Recognition  
January 2009

- Proclamation: Dr. Bergman read the Proclamation declaring January 2009 as School Board Appreciation Month at Hitchcock ISD and presented each board member a plaque thanking them for their dedicated leadership in public education and continuing service to the children of Hitchcock ISD. [See attached]

KFHS Ms. Walker and faculty members presented the Board with a poster made by the KFHS students recognizing their service to KFHS.

Stewart Elementary

Ms. Trahan, faculty members, and members of the Student Council program this year was "Best School Board in Texas".

1. Sang the following songs, *Texas Our Texas* and *Deep in the Heart of Texas*.
2. Hula Hoop performance to *Yellow Rose of Texas*
3. Pictures of students' happy faces
4. Special Texas gifts for the "Best School Board in Texas"

Crosby Middle School

Ms. Fox and students presented a poster made by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and presented the Board with a wood plaque made by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade woodshop class.

Hitchcock High School

Ms. Belcher and Charlotte Greineisen presented a wooden plaque made by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade woodshop class with the high school teachers and students names engraved and some special high school gifts.

Athletic Booster Club

Shawn Woodard of the High School Athletic Booster Club presented gifts to the Board thanking them for their service.

Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative

Ms. Bowles, Jolie Suire, and Brenda Kemmerling thanked the Board for their support and presented tins of home baked cookies.

Public Participation

None

009-003

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to pull item F: Class Size Waiver, Spring 2008 and item H: Set date for Administrators and Teachers Contract Review from the Consent Agenda and to approve the following items as presented and as recommended by the administration.

1. Minutes
  - a. Regular meeting of December 16, 2008
  - b. Special Called meeting of December 19, 2008
2. Monthly Financial and Investment Report for month ending December 31, 2008
3. Monthly Tax Collection Report for month ending December 31, 2008

4. Monthly Kids First Head Start Financial Report, Check Register, and Monthly KFHS Report for month ending December 31, 2008
5. Monthly Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative/SHARS Financial Report and Monthly Check Register for month ending December 31, 2008
6. Affirmed that the last day of instruction is June 5, 2009 and approved Tuesday, April 21, 2009, as the deadline for giving notice of proposed non-renewal of a teacher's contract.
7. Approved for the superintendent to communicate with the Texas Education Agency to express the opinion that the proposed new campus and expanded geographic boundaries by the Responsive Education Solutions Charter School poses a potential for financial difficulty because of loss of enrollment. [See attached]
8. Approved for the superintendent to communicate with the Texas Education Agency to express the opinion that the proposed new campus by the YES Prep Public School poses a potential for financial difficulty because of loss of enrollment. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

#### Class Size Waiver, Spring 2009

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Shirley Price to approve the Spring 2009 Class Size Waiver and Compliance Plan as presented and as recommended by the administration. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

#### Set date for Administrators and Teachers Contract Review

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Shirley Price to approve March 10, 2009, for review and approval of Administrators, Directors, Teachers, and Others contracts.

Motion carried with all in favor.

#### Action

#### 009-004 Annual Financial Audit for Period Ending August 31, 2008

Alan Sanderson of Sanderson Knox & Company presented the Annual Financial Audit for period ending August 31, 2008 to the Board stating there were no significant comments to be made.

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve the Annual Financial Audit for period ending August 31, 2008, as presented and as recommended by the administration. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

## Reports/Information

Dr. Bergman presented the following reports to the Board for their review and information:

1. ADA Report
2. Grade Distribution Report
3. Federal Program Monthly Report
4. PLATO Report
5. Maintenance Report
6. Budget Calendar 2009-2010
7. Benchmark Test Results: Ms. Belcher, Hitchcock High School; Ms. Fox and Ms. Ochoa, Crosby Middle School; and Ms. Trahan, Stewart Elementary School presented Benchmark test results to the Board. Each emphasized that the teachers are working hard to help bring up the scores and what each campus is doing to improve the scores.
8. KFHS Board Liaison Report: Ms. James gave a brief summary of the KFHS Policy Council meeting held on January 6, 2009.

## Action

009-005  
2009-2010  
School Calendar

A motion was made by Tom Ivey and seconded by Ted Robinson to approve the 2009-2010 school calendar as presented and as recommended by the administration. [See attached]

Motion carried with all in favor.

009-006  
Re-appointment of  
Hitchcock ISD Board Liaison  
to the Kids First Head Start  
Policy Council

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Estelle Holmes to appoint Pat Turner as the HISD Board Liaison to the KFHS Policy Council.

After discussion, Ms. James withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by Estelle Holmes and seconded by Shirley Price to appoint Dianne James as the HISD Board Liaison to the KFHS Policy Council.

Motion carried with all in favor.

#### Discussion/ Possible Action

009-007  
Mid-Year Review of  
Board Goals

Dr. Bergman presented the mid-year review of Board goals.

No action taken.

#### Closed Session

Monica Cantrell, President, called the members of the Board of Trustees into Closed Session at 9:07 PM for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code:

551.071 Consultation with the District's Attorney Stephen Dubner of the Law Office of Stephen Dubner to discuss the following:

- Employee pay scales
- Potential reduction in force for professional employees

551.074 Personnel

- Discuss personnel matters
- Discuss potential reduction-in-force for professional employees
- Discuss Superintendent's Summative Evaluation and Contract Review

#### Reconvene from Closed Session

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 11:55 PM, for action, if any, from Closed Session.

#### Motion

A motion was made by Dianne James and seconded by Shirley Price to postpone the Superintendent's Summative Evaluation and Contract Review to the February meeting.

Motion carried with all in favor.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 PM by general consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Taylor  
Recording Secretary

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Monica Cantrell, President

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Estelle Holmes, Secretary