

Pearland Independent School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
November 9, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Pearland Independent School District met in regular session on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at 1928 North Main Street, Pearland, Texas in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code.

The meeting was also livestreamed on the district YouTube channel.

Opening **1.0** After noting that a quorum was present, President Murphy opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Establishment of a Quorum **2.0**
Trustee Sean Murphy, President
Trustee Jeff Barry, Vice-President
Trustee Rebecca Decker, Secretary
Trustee Crystal Carbone
Trustee Toni Carter

Members Absent Trustee Lance Botkin
Trustee Kris Schoeffler

Executive Council Present Superintendent Dr. John Kelly
Deputy Superintendent David Moody
Chief Financial Officer Jorgannie Carter
Chief Academic Officer Dr. Nyla Watson
Senior Assistant Superintendent Dr. Brenda Waters
Assistant Superintendent Larry Berger
Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lisa Nixon
Executive Director for Human Resource Services Dr. Sundie Dahlkamp
Executive Director of Intermediate Schools Dr. La-Kesha Henson – Vaughn
Executive Director of Communications Kim Hocott
Executive Director of High Schools Kelly Holt
Chief Technology Officer Jon- Paul Estes

Recording Secretary Gina Guzzetta

Introductory Remarks **7.0** Secretary Decker addressed the audience and in recognition of Veteran’s Day this month, she expressed appreciation for those who served in the Armed Services. She also expressed her thankfulness for the VATRE which recently passed

Board Recognition **3.0** The following students and staff, were recognized for their outstanding contributions to Pearland ISD:

Numerous students were recognized for achieving AP Scholar status, AP Scholar with Distinction, and commended for The National Merit Scholarship Program.

Christmas Card Artist: Karlie Ganuchau – Alexander Middle School

Texas Association Bilingual Education Secondary Teacher of the Year: Christina Varughese – Berry Miller Junior High

Closed Session

4.0 President Murphy convened the Board into Closed Session at 5:18 p.m. in accordance with Section 551.001.

- A. Section 551.071 - Private Consultation with the Board's Attorney Regarding any Item Listed on the Agenda
- B. Section 551.072 – Discussing purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property
- C. Section 551.074 - Personnel Discussion
 - 1. Employment of Professional and Instructional Personnel
 - 2. Review Resignations
 - 3. Consider Teacher Abandonment of Contract – Bowles, Joi
- D. Section 551.076 - Considering the Deployment, Specific Occasions for, or Implementation of, Security Personnel or Devices
- E. 551.082 – Consider Discipline of a Public School Child, or Complaint or Charge Against Personnel

Executive Director for Human Resource Services Dr. Sundie Dahlkamp participated in closed session with the Board regarding all matters.

Superintendent John Kelly participated in closed session with the Board regarding all items.

Reconvene in

Open Session

5.0 The Board reconvened in open session at 6:44 p.m.

Consider Action

6.0

- A motion was made by Trustee Carbone and seconded by Secretary Decker to accept and approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for employment of personnel as presented.

Motion carried 5-0 with Trustee Lance Botkin and Trustee Kris Schoeffler absent

- A motion was made by Trustee Carbone and seconded by Secretary Decker that the Board issue a finding in accordance with TEC Section 21.210(c)(2) and 19 TAC 249.14(g), that good cause did not exist for Joi Bowles, a one-year term contract teacher, to abandon her employment contract, abandon her position, and attempt to resign from Pearland ISD.

Motion carried 5-0 with Trustee Lance Botkin and Trustee Kris Schoeffler absent

- A motion was made by Trustee Carbone and seconded by Secretary Decker that the Board authorize the Board President to send a letter to the Texas Education Agency - Educator Certification Division seeking sanction of a one-year term contract teacher, Joi Bowles, for abandonment of her employment contract.

Motion carried 5-0 with Trustee Lance Botkin and Trustee Kris Schoeffler absent

Public Comment 9.0 A link to a public comment form was made available prior to the board meeting at: <https://www.pearlandisd.org/publiccomment>. The deadline to submit the completed form was prior to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 2021 for anyone who wished to address the Board of Trustees on an agenda or non-agenda item.

The following patrons addressed the Board:

Allison Anderson: Rezoning Concerns

Helen Shih: Covid 19 commendations and suggestions

Board Member Committee Update 8.0 There were no committee updates

President Murphy opened the meeting as a Public Hearing at 6:54 pm

Public Hearing 10.0 Notice of Intent to Apply for the Second Allocation through an Amendment to the 2020-2023 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Grant

CFO Jorgannie Carter gave a brief overview of ESSER Requirements.

President Murphy closed the Public Hearing at 6:56 pm.

There were no patrons present to speak on the topic.

New Business

Consent Agenda President Murphy asked if members of the Board would like to remove an item from the consent agenda.

Crystal Carbone requested to remove agenda item 11.A.4.

The following were then voted on:

Approval of Minutes 11.A.1 That the Minutes of the October 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be approved as submitted.

Procured Purchases 11.A.2 Approve Procured Budgeted Purchases that Aggregate \$75,000 or More

- Approve shared services arrangement with Clear Creek ISD for the Regional Day School Program through the Galveston Brazoria Cooperative for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (GBCDHH) in the amount of \$269,892 for the 2021-2022 school year (Fund 224).
- Approve of purchasing utilizing the Texas Education Agency (TEA) proprietary contract for PSAT/NMSQT tests for 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grade students in the amount of \$86,972 for the 2021- 2022 school year.
- Approve of purchase utilizing Choice Partners Contract #19/012KC-02 for Graduation Items, Yearbooks and Commemorative Items with Taylor Publishing dba Balfour

Yearbooks for Dawson and Pearland High School 2021 yearbook in the amount of \$99,704.

JJAEP

11.A.3 Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Pearland ISD and Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program for 2021- 2022

Approval of Certified Tax Roll

11.A.5 Consider Approval of Tax Year 2021 Certified Tax Roll

- A motion was made by Secretary Decker and seconded by Trustee Carbone that items 11.A.1,11.A.2, 11.A.3, and 11.A.5 of the consent agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried 5-0 with Trustee Lance Botkin and Trustee Kris Schoeffler absent

Incentive Pay

11.A.4 Approval of Incentive Pay for Advanced Placement and CTE Certifications

A discussion followed with questions answered by Dr. Kelly and staff. The discussion centered on whether a cap ought to be placed on individual payouts in future years. Further program discussions will take place at a budget workshop during Spring 2022.

- A motion was made by Trustee Carbone and seconded by Secretary Decker that the Board approve 2020-2021 Incentive Pay for Advanced Placement and CTE Certifications.

Motion carried 5-0 with Trustee Lance Botkin and Trustee Kris Schoeffler absent

Regular Agenda

Audited Financial Statements

11.B.1 Approve the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements

Wade Withlow with KM&L Auditing Firm and CFO Jorgannie Carter spoke about the audited financial statements. The audit resulted in an unmodified opinion, commendations to the Business Office and no areas of non-compliance found.

- A motion was made by Secretary Decker and seconded by Trustee Barry that the Board approve the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements

Motion carried 5-0 with Trustee Lance Botkin and Trustee Kris Schoeffler absent

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Partial Tax Exemption

11.B.2 Approve Temporary Partial Tax Exemption for Hurricane Nicholas Property Damage.

Governor Abbot has authorized partial tax exemptions for those property owners affected by Hurricane Nicholas if/when taxing districts approve such relief.

A discussion followed with Dr. John Kelly answering questions presented.

- A motion was made by Trustee Carbone and seconded by Trustee Carter that the Board approve temporary partial tax exemption for Hurricane Nicholas property

Motion carried 5-0 with Trustee Lance Botkin and Trustee Kris Schoeffler absent

**Appraisal District
Vote**

11.B.3 Vote on Brazoria County Appraisal District Board Candidates

The Board is allocated 610 votes for electing candidates to the Brazoria County Appraisal District Board.

- A motion was made by Trustee Carbone and seconded by Trustee Barry that the Board cast all 610 votes for George Sandars.

Motion carried 5-0 with Trustee Lance Botkin and Trustee Kris Schoeffler absent

Administrative Reports

Technology

12.A Report on New Technology Plan for Pearland ISD

An extensive presentation on a newly developed district vision for Technology was given by CTO John Paul Estes, Dr. Laura Reeves, Dr. Nyla Watson, Emilio Garcia and Adam O'Banion.

Bond Financial Update

12.B An updated copy of the 2016 Bond Budget and Projections and Technology Bond Projects were also included in the agenda.

**Interim Financial
Statement**

12.C A written report on Interim Financial Statement as of September 30, 2021, was provided to the Board for their use.

**Quarterly Investment
Report**

12.D First quarter Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 was provided to the Board for their use.

Adjournment

13.0 -The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

We affirm that these minutes are official, complete and correct.

Sean Murphy
President

Rebecca Decker
Secretary

Date Minutes Approved _____

Date Signed by Officers _____