

Pearland Independent School District
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
June 23, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Pearland Independent School District met in regular session on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 9:00 a.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 8:59 a.m.

**Establishment
of a Quorum** **2.0**
Trustee Sean Murphy, President
Trustee Crystal Carbone, Vice President
Trustee Kristofer Schoeffler, Secretary
Trustee Amanda Kuhn
Trustee Nanette Weimer
Trustee Robert Richter, Assumed Position after Oath of Office

Trustees Absent Trustee Lance Botkin, Position Eliminated after Oath of New Trustee
Trustee Toni Carter

**Executive Council
Present** Superintendent, Larry Berger
Chief Financial Officer, Jorgannie Carter
Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Lisa Nixon
Executive Director of Elementary Schools, Marlo Keller
Executive Director of High Schools, Kelly Holt
Chief Technology Officer, Jon- Paul Estes
General Counsel, Tanya Dawson

Recording Secretary Gina Guzzetta

Oath of Office **3.0** Gina Guzzetta, Executive Assistant to Board of Trustees will Administer Oath of Office to the Newly Appointed Trustee Position 6, Robert Richter

Closed Session **4.0** President Murphy convened the Board into Closed Session at 9:03 a.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 551.074 - Personnel Discussion
 - 1. Employment of Professional and Instructional Personnel
 - 2. Review Resignations

Mr. Berger, Mrs. McGrew, Director of HRS, and Ms. Tanya Dawson, participated in closed session with the Board regarding matters.

Reconvene **5.0** The Board reconvened in open session at 9:51 a.m.
No action was taken in closed session.

Consider Action

6.0 Action to be taken place on items discussed in closed session.

A motion was made by Trustee Kuhn and seconded by Trustee Carbone that the board accept and approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for the Employment of Personnel, as presented.

Motion carried 6-0, Trustee Carter Absent

Public Comment

7.0 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 Thursday, June 22, 2023, for anyone who wished to address the Board of Trustees

There were no patrons present to speak to the Board.

Public Hearing

President Murphy opened the meeting as a Public Hearing at 9:53 a.m.

8.A. Public Hearing to Discuss Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

This public hearing is conducted to discuss the fiscal year 2023-24 budget and proposed tax rate. In accordance with Texas Education Code § 44.004(f), any taxpayer in the district may be present and participate.

Mrs. Carter spoke on the details of the budget and proposed tax rate.

Mr. Berger spoke on the what the district is executing to be efficient with funds and provide the level of excellence that Builds Pearland Proud.

There were no patrons present to speak on the hearing.

Public Hearing was closed at 10:12 a.m.

Regular Agenda

Budget

9. A.1 Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

Administration presented and discussed the proposed FY 2023-24 budget on April 11, May 16, and June 13. The district published the proposed budget on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, in The Reporter News and the District’s website and conducted a Public Hearing on June 23, 2023, as required by law, giving the opportunity for taxpayer comments.

A motion was made by Trustee Kuhn and seconded by Trustee Schoeffler That the board approves the fiscal year 2023-24 budget for the district’s General Operating Fund, Food Service Fund and Debt Service Fund as presented.

A lengthy discussion and questioning took place of Mrs. Carter and Mr. Berger.

Motion carried 6-0, Trustee Carter Absent

Pay Increase

9. A.2 Discussion and Consideration of Additional Pay Increase

During the June 13, 2023, board meeting, the board adopted a 2% general pay increase for all employees and equity adjustments for auxiliary pay grades 301, 302, 401, and 402. The district will be able to fund this increase by using its fund balance reserves.

This agenda item is to entertain an additional general pay increase, pay adjustments, and/or an increase in benefits contributions contingent upon the outcome of legislative action and/or a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) in November.

A discussion took place with the board asking questions of Mrs. Carter, Mr. Berger and Ms. Dawson.

A motion was made by Trustee Schoeffler and seconded by Trustee Carbone that the board approve a contingency compensation budget of 1% administration GPI plus equity, 2% teacher GPI, and 2% GPI plus equity for all other employees. All GPI increases will be off midpoint first reflected in the December paycheck, which catches up for the payments already distributed for the 2023-24 school year, contingent upon the outcome of an approved Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) or a combination of an approved VATRE and legislative action that possibly impacts the General Fund budget. The board of trustees reserves the right to amend the 2023-24 compensation and benefits plan after the start of the fiscal year as required by law or in the best interest of the business.

Motion carried 6-0, Trustee Carter Absent

Policy

9. A.3 Consider Approval of Add, Revise, or Delete Board Policies included in TASB’s Localized Policy Manual Update 121.

A motion was made by Trustee Carbone and seconded by Trustee Kuhn that the Board add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 121 as presented.

Motion carried 6-0, Trustee Carter Absent

Adjournment

10.0 The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

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

President, Sean Murphy

Secretary, Kristofer Schoeffler

Date Minutes Approved _____

Date Signed by Officers _____