

Pearland Independent School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
October 10, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Pearland Independent School District met in regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 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 Crystal Carbone, Vice President
Trustee Nanette Weimer
Trustee Robert Richter

Trustees Absent Trustee Kristofer Schoeffler, Secretary
Trustee Toni Carter
Trustee Amanda Kuhn

**Executive Council
Present** Superintendent, Larry Berger
Deputy Superintendent, Kelly Holt
Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Lisa Nixon
Chief Financial Officer, Jorgannie Carter
Chief Technology Officer, Jon- Paul Estes
Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Charles Allen
Executive Director of Intermediate Schools, Dr. La’Keshia Henson – Vaughn
Executive Director of Elementary Schools, Marlo Keller
General Counsel, Tanya Dawson

Recording Secretary Gina Guzzetta

Introductory Remarks **3.0** Trustee Richter thanked his fellow board members and Mr. Berger for their guidance and knowledge. He mentioned, the State of Texas Legislature is back in session and his hope is that they will do what is correct and properly fund education which will allow this district to reward employees. Also, during the November election the VATRE is on the ballot. In addition, the state of Texas did approve a raise for retired employees, first since 2004, but voters must approve. He thanked everyone in attendance.

Board Recognition: **4.0** Students recognized:

- Several Students from Dawson High School, Pearland High School and Turner High School were recognized for AP Scholar with Distinction
- Several Students from Dawson High School, Pearland High School and Turner High School were recognized for AP Scholar with Honor
- Several Students from Dawson High School, Pearland High School and Turner High School were recognized for National Merit Commended Student
- Benjamin Walsworth – Purkiss, from Dawson High School was recognized for a Perfect SAT Score

Public Hearing

President Murphy opened the meeting as a Public Hearing at 5:14 p.m.

9. A. Report on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) for the 2022-2023 Rating Year Based on School year 2021-2022 Data

Ms. Brittany Kaighen, Director of Finance reported on the FIRST Rating.

Pearland ISD received the rating of “A” for Superior Achievement under Schools FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas) for the 2022-2023 rating year based on school year 2021-2022 data. “A” for Superior Achievement is the state’s highest rating under the financial rating system.

There were no patrons present to speak on the hearing.

Public Hearing was closed at 5:16 p.m.

New Business

Consent Agenda

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

No items were removed.

The following items were then voted on:

Approval of Minutes

10. A.1 Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on September 19, 2023

Chiller Replacement

10.A.2 Approval of Purchase utilizing Pearland ISD Contract #19-0509-06 for Maintenance and Custodial Supplies and Services from American Mechanical Services, LLC for Chiller Replacements at Cockrell Elementary, Magnolia Elementary and Alexander Middle Schools

Final Payment

10. A.3 Approval of Final Payment and Deductive Change Order for the Silvercrest Elementary Roof Replacement Project

- A motion was made by Trustee Carbone and seconded by Trustee Weimer, items 10. A.1, 10. A.2, and 10. A.3, of the consent agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried 4-0, Trustees Carter, Kuhn and Schoeffler Absent

Regular Agenda

BCAD Nomination

10. B.1 Consider Nominations for the Brazoria County Appraisal District Board

George Sanders represents the Pearland area – and has indicated his desire to continue service in this capacity. At present, we have received no other nominations from our trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Carbone and seconded by Trustee Weimer that the Board of Trustees In accordance with the resolution in the Board packet, move to nominate George Sanders to the Brazoria County Appraisal District Board.

Motion carried 4-0, Trustees Carter, Kuhn and Schoeffler Absent

Fund Balance

10. B.2 Approval of Committed Fund Balance Resolution

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has issued Statement No. 54 ("GASB 54") that requires the Board of Trustees to approve all commitments of fund balance prior to the fiscal year-end. The Board approved the establishment of fund balance policies that further details the district's resolve to comply with GASB 54 on August 2011. The Board of Trustees has retained the authority to commit the fund balance and has authorized the Superintendent or Chief Financial Officer to assign the fund balance.

Ms. Carter answered questions from the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Carbone and seconded by Trustee Richter that the Board approve the Resolution Amending Fund Balance Policies as Required by GASB 54 as presented.

Motion carried 4-0, Trustees Carter, Kuhn and Schoeffler Absent

District DOI Plan

10. B.3 Consider Approval to Add amendment to our DOI plan relating to Chapter 37 – Discipline, Law and Order

Pearland ISD would use progressive behavior management techniques to address e-cigarettes that are not over-punitive for student offenses of possessing, selling, or using nicotine products within 300 feet of a school campus.

Pearland ISD DEIC approved the amendment at the 9/18/23 meeting.

A brief discussion about the current measures took place from the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Carbone and seconded by Trustee Richter that the Board approve the amendment to the DOI plan to allow progressive discipline measures to be used regarding e-cigarettes.

Motion carried 4-0, Trustees Carter, Kuhn and Schoeffler Absent

Additional Personnel

10. B.4 Approval of Additional Personnel

The PEARS program at Shadycrest Elementary is currently staffed with one teacher and one paraprofessional to seven students. While we understand the current ratio is much lower than the district guidelines, the addition of another paraprofessional will help address the behaviors and needs of our students who at times require one-on-one attention.

A motion was made by Trustee Carbone and seconded by Trustee Weimer that the Board approve the additional personnel at Shadycrest.

Motion carried 4-0, Trustees Carter, Kuhn and Schoeffler Absent

Budget Amendment 10. B.5 Approval of Budget Amendment #2

The purpose of this budget amendment is to adjust revenue and expenditure estimates for the General Fund and Debt Service Fund.

A brief discussion took place regarding the reasoning for the budget amendment.

A motion was made by Trustee Carbone and seconded by Trustee Richter that the Board approve the October budget amendment as presented.

Motion carried 4-0, Trustees Carter, Kuhn and Schoeffler Absent

Public Comment

8.0 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, October 9, 2023, for anyone who wished to address the Board of Trustees

- There were no patrons present to speak to the Board of Trustees

Closed Session

5.0 President Murphy convened the Board into Closed Session at 5:36 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 551.074 - Personnel Discussion
 1. Employment of Professional and Instructional Personnel
 2. Review Resignations
- C. Section 551.076 - Considering the Deployment, Specific Occasions for, or Implementation of, Security Personnel or Devices

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

Reconvene

6.0 The Board reconvened in open session at 6:26 p.m.

No action was taken in closed session.

Consider Action

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

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

Motion carried 4-0, Trustees Carter, Kuhn and Schoeffler Absent

Administrative Report

Interim Financial **11.A** Interim Financial Statement Report as of August 31, 2023

Purchases over 50K **11.B** Purchases over \$50,000 as of August 2023

Adjournment **12.0** The meeting adjourned at 6:27 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 _____