

Pearland Independent School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
March 19, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Pearland Independent School District met in regular session on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 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 4:58 p.m.

**Establishment
of a Quorum** **2.0**
Trustee Sean Murphy, President
Trustee Crystal Carbone, Vice President
Trustee Kristofer Schoeffler, Secretary
Trustee Toni Carter
Trustee Amanda Kuhn
Trustee Robert Richter
Trustee Nanette Weimer

**Executive Council
Present** Superintendent, Larry Berger
Deputy Superintendent, Kelly Holt
Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Lisa Nixon
Chief Technology Officer, Jon- Paul Estes
Executive Director of Business Services, Thu Pham
Executive Director for Human Resource Services and Communications, Dr. Sundie Dahlkamp
Executive Director of Intermediate Schools, Dr. La’Keshia Henson – Vaughn
Executive Director of Elementary Schools, Marlo Keller

Recording Secretary Gina Guzzetta

Introductory Remarks **3.0** Trustee Carbone offered a prayer for wisdom and discernment, thankful for first responders, military, and safety of our school district for the remainder of the year. Thankful for parents present, offered appreciation to teachers and staff for the strong school year. Thankful for the communication in Pearland ISD including videos, podcasts, and publications. Carbone also noted to take notice of special events, elections and surveys that are available to community.

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, March 18, 2024, for anyone who wished to address the Board of Trustees

Liz Sitta, Brazoria County Child Welfare Board Chair, Child Abuse Prevention Month

Board Recognition **4.0** The following staff and students were recognized for their achievements at the meeting:
Students from Dawson, Pearland and Turner earning the title of National Merit Finalist
Students from Dawson and Pearland, TMEA All State Band, Choir and Orchestra

Students from Pearland Junior High South, West and Sablatura, 2024 Pearland ISD Online Spelling Bee

Student from Cockrell, HLSR 2024 Coloring Contest Winner

Students from PHS, Austin Rodeo Art Contest winners

Students from PHS earning NATA Safe Sports School Award

Staff earning their achievements as 2024 Aspiring Administrators

Public Hearing

9.0 2022-2023 District Annual Report (Including the TAPR)

Public Hearing opened at 5:29 pm and closed at 5:32 pm, brief period due to technical difficulty.

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 pulled from the consent agenda.

The following items were then voted on:

Approval of Minutes

10.A.1 Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on February 13, 2024

Budgeted Purchases

10.A.2 Approval of Procured Budgeted Purchase that Aggregate \$100,000 or More

Financial Audit

10.A.3 Approval of Auditors to Perform the Financial Audit for the 2023-2024 School Year

Staff Development Waiver

10.A.4 Approval of the Staff Development/Training Waiver Renewal for 2024-2024

TEA Waiver

10.A.5 Approval of TEA Waiver Renewals for 2024-2026 (Foreign Exchange and Modified Schedule/State Assessment Testing Days)

Investment Broker

10.A.6 Approval of Authorized Investment Brokers/Dealers

A motion was made by Trustee Carbone and seconded by Trustee Schoeffler, items 10.A.1, 10.A.2, 10.A.3, 10.A.4, 10.A.5, and 10.A.6 of the consent agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

Regular Agenda

There were no regular agenda items.

Closed Session

5.0 President Murphy convened the Board into Closed Session at 5:34 p.m. in accordance with Section 551.001

Section 551.071 Attorney/Client Consultation - as permitted by Texas Government Code

Section 551.072 Real Estate - as permitted by Texas Government Code

Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – as permitted by Texas Government Code

1. Consider Teacher Abandonment of Contract: Hinds, Samantha and Garcia, Joaquin

2. Review Resignations

Section 551.076 Considering the Deployment, Specific Occasions for, or Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices

Section 551.082 Consider Discipline of a Public School Child, or Complaint or Change Against Personnel

Mr. Berger and Dr. Dahlkamp participated in closed session with the Board regarding matters.

Reconvene

6.0 The Board reconvened in open session at 5:58 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 Kuhn and seconded by Trustee Carter 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 Samantha Hinds, a probationary contract teacher, to abandon her employment contract and abandon her position with Pearland ISD.

Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Trustee Kuhn and seconded by Trustee Richter that the Board authorize the Board President to send a letter to the Texas Education Agency - Educator Certification Division seeking sanction of a probationary contract teacher, Samantha Hinds, for abandonment of her employment contract.

Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Trustee Kuhn and seconded by Trustee Richter 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 Joaquin Garcia, a dual assignment probationary contract teacher, to abandon his employment contract and abandon her position with Pearland ISD.

Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Trustee Kuhn and seconded by Trustee Richter that the Board authorize the Board President to send a letter to the Texas Education Agency - Educator Certification Division seeking sanction of a dual assignment probationary contract teacher, Joaquin Garcia, for abandonment of his employment contract.

Motion carried 7-0

Public Hearing

9.0 2022-2023 District Annual Report (Including the TAPR)

The Public Hearing opened at 6:02 pm and closed at 6:35 pm

Melissa Ward, Director of Assessment, Accountability and Program Evaluation presented and answered questions from the Board, on the annual performance report.

No Public Comment Regarding the Hearing

Administrative Reports

Interim Financial **11.A** Interim Financial Statement Report as of January 31, 2024

Purchases over 50K **11.B** Purchases over \$50,000 as of January 2024

Adjournment **11.0** The meeting adjourned at 6:36 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 _____