

HUFFMAN ISD BOARD BRIEFS

Date : December 16, 2024



Deputy Superintendent

Balanced Scorecard Update-Priority 4

Draft Reading Language Arts Framework

- The Texas Education Agency's (TEA) Strong Foundations Planning Grant is designed to support districts in creating high-quality, evidence-based programs that strengthen foundational literacy and math instruction. Through this grant, districts engage in a structured planning process that includes comprehensive needs assessments, collaborative framework development, and professional development focused on Research-Based Instructional Strategies (RBIS).

RLA Framework Background Information

- This robust and collaborative process engaged district instructional leaders in crafting a framework rooted in Research-Based Instructional Strategies (RBIS) and supported by comprehensive professional development. The framework reflects our shared vision for high-quality literacy instruction and serves as a foundation for future excellence in teaching and learning.

District of Innovation Update

- As the district navigates the ongoing teacher shortage and prepares for future growth, it is essential to maintain flexibility in staffing by ensuring qualified educators are available to meet student needs. To address these challenges, the district proposes to update its DOI plan to include provisions for "other areas of need" regarding teacher certification requirements.

DEIC Calendar Process

- The Huffman ISD District Education Improvement Committee (DEIC) is actively working on the development of the 2025-2026 academic calendar through a thoughtful and collaborative process.
- Currently, the DEIC has drafted the three potential calendar options included, which will be shared with the community and staff for voting. The selected calendar will then be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval during the January board meeting.

Additional FTE Bilingual Diagnostician

- Our enrollment is steadily increasing, and we are experiencing an increase in our special education bilingual evaluations along with the number of special education students who are transferring into the district.

Operations

Monthly Operations Report

- Met representatives from ConnectEd and TASB. ConnectEd is a company that works with Texas schools through TASB to help enhance cellular coverage in school districts. They build towers and work to bring in cellular carriers. According to cellular heat maps, the Huffman are in general lacks coverage. We feel like, with the growth that is coming to our area, carriers may be very interested in pursuing a partnership with our district.
- Met with the ROTC instructors concerning their obstacle course. We will have to relocate a portion of the course as a result the CTE Center construction.
- Lindsey Electric ran 8 Emergency circuits in HIS for the refrigerator and reach through freezers that are used for the Backpack Buddy program. Plus, meat that was donated for the feeding programs. Also had emergency power run to the MDF in HIS and put a drop in the Transportation area because when power is out, they will be able to work on their laptops and still function with drivers and schools
- Binswanger replaced the 3 large pieces of plate glass in HES crosswalk that were broken out during roof replacement

Bond Report

HES Re-roofing Project

- This project is complete. Argio is in the process of cleaning up the jobsite and making all of their final assessments. We currently have the punch walk scheduled for tomorrow, Dec 17th.

Safety and Security: District Cameras and Door Access Controls

- Accutek started this project and began working at the high school last week (12/9). They will be working over the Christmas Break, and our current timelines have the high school camera and door access controls to be completed mid- January. After HHS is complete, they will then move to the middle school.

HHS: CTE Center and Gym

- PBK is currently working on the construction documents (CDs) for this project.

HMS: Additions and Renovations

- BRW is currently working on the construction documents (CDs) for this project

HES: Miscellaneous MEP

- We are still working on creating a scope for the MEP bond projects based on the information provided by our maintenance team.

Safety and Security: Campus Hardening

- We are currently working with Chief Williams and others to determine the scope of this work. Our current focus is on solutions for HHS and HMS so that the new construction meets the standards and expectations set by the district and state.

Operations Center (FEMA and Bond)

- Our team is near completion of the preliminary design plan review. We plan to submit the designs to FEMA before the month's end. The FEMA approval process for this project could take 9-12 months.

Community Construction Oversight Committee

- At the November committee meeting, the group decided not to meet in person for the December meeting. Instead, I will send out a monthly update concerning all projects.

Child Nutrition Report Concerning CEP

- The **Community Eligibility Program (CEP)** is a federal initiative under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) that allows eligible schools and school districts to provide free meals to all students, regardless of their household income.

Transportation Routing Software

- We need to update our transportation software programs. After meeting with multiple vendors, we feel like moving to a cloud-based program is our best solution. As our community grows, and streets are added, we need software that is capable of keeping our drivers informed and students routed efficiently.

Finance

Tax Office
Monthly General Fund Report

Monthly Food Service Fund Report
Monthly Capital Projects Report

Action Items

Designation of Non-Business Days as per HB 3033

- A school district may designate a day on which the district's administrative offices are closed or operating with minimum staffing as a non-business day. As amended, the HB 3033, the PIA now allows governmental bodies to designate up to 10 non-business days during a calendar year. For a school district, the designation of non-business days must be made by the board of trustees.

Annual Contracts Over \$25,000

- Board Policy states that contracts that exceed \$25,000 during the fiscal year require Board approval. On June 24, 2024, the Board of Trustees approved a contract for Medicaid software and services for \$52,713 with Frontline. Due to poor customer service and reduced funding due to lack of support, the Special Service Director began looking at other options. We would like to enter into an agreement with MSB Consulting to provide Huffman ISD consulting services for the MAC and SHARS program.