

# HUFFMAN ISD BOARD BRIEFS

Date : January 23, 2025



## Superintendent Report

### Technology Update

- Director of Technology Amy Davis presented the state of the district including implementing firewalls, enhanced internet, upgraded routing, modernized servers, replaced network switches, upgraded storage network, improved WiFi, currently increasing cameras by 288%.
- Instructionally we deployed not SMART interactive panels, updated website, implemented Bark for Schools, offered a multitude of trainings for teachers and students.
- Created new policies and procedures.

### First Semester Attendance and Enrollment; and 3rd Cycle Attendance

- 3rd Cycle Attendance was 92.72%
- 1st Semester Attendance was 94.20%

### Huffman ISD Police Department's 2024 Annual T-COLE Report

## Academics

### BSC Presentation- Priority 1: Student Success (BSC can always be found on our website)

### Research Based Instructional Strategies Presentation

- Research-based instructional strategies in reading are proven methods that enhance student learning by integrating findings from educational research into everyday teaching practices. In Huffman ISD, the adoption of these strategies has had a significant impact on reading instruction and achievement.

## Operations

### Monthly Operations Report

- Interviewed transportation director applicants. We had some very qualified applicants and are excited about bringing on our new director.
- Worked with staff on preparations for the freeze and the livestock show.
- Worked with Chief Williams on the upcoming safety audit.
- Met with HMS admin and PD to begin plans for traffic rerouting when construction begins this summer.
- Worked on freeze preparations. Ensured all exposed pipes are insulated, that generators are functioning appropriately, and that our chiller units are prepared to be put into freeze protection mode.
- School Meal Program Update: There has been no update on additional programs for the upcoming school year at this time. Continued collaboration with the Region 4 Specialist to develop strategies for the upcoming transition to a free/reduced-price meal model.
- We continue to be challenged with driver absenteeism and as a result, several of our drivers are having to make multiple route runs.
- Working on quotes for repairs needed on buses and for the purchase of new buses.

### Bond Report

- **HES Re-roofing Project-COMLETE**
- **Safety and Security: District Cameras and Door Access Controls**
  - Accutek currently has around 75% of the new cameras installed at HHS. They have begun running cables at HMS.

- **HHS: CTE Center and Gym**
  - PBK is currently working on the construction documents (CDs) for this project. We completed our 50% review last Wednesday (1/15).
- **HMS: Additions and Renovations**
  - BRW is currently working on the construction documents (CDs) for this project. We completed the 90% review last Thursday (1/16).
- **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**
  - The committee met last Tuesday (1/14). We had great discussion on the projects. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 20th.

## Bus Purchase

- We have decided to begin getting price quotes and delivery timelines for new buses. We plan to gather quotes for a SPED bus, a normal large bus, as well as an "activity" bus. We plan to conduct a needs assessment on our fleet/department in order to decide the type of buses we need.

## Finance

### Tax Office

### Monthly General Fund Report

### Monthly Food Service Fund Report

### Monthly Capital Projects Report

### Hazard Mitigation Plan

- TDEM and FEMA offer grants for disaster impact reduction, requiring a Hazard Mitigation Plan that identifies risks, assesses vulnerabilities, and develops strategies to protect school districts. The Texas GLO's LHMPP grant provides \$20,000 to \$100,000 to help create or update these plans.

### SHARS Cost Report Updates

- School Health and Related Services (SHARS) allow Texas school districts to receive Medicaid reimbursement for health services in students' IEPs, overseen by TEA and HHSC. On December 10, 2024, HHSC announced it would recoup \$16 million from districts filing 2011 cost reports, with Huffman ISD owing \$5,694.44.

### Quarterly Investment Report

### Quarterly Special Revenue Funds & Debt Service Report

### Quarterly Electricity Usage Report

## Action Items

### Adopt Academic Calendar for 2025-2026 School Year

### 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.

### Approval of Additional FTE's

- 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.

### Budget Calendar for the 2025-2026 Budget Process

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### Budget Amendment #4

### Resolution to Pay All Employees During Absences Related to School Closure

- During an emergency closing, most District employees are instructed not to report for work, and other employees may be called upon to provide emergency-related services. In order to address wage payments for those employees the Board needs to pass a resolution specifying how those employees would be paid.

### Appoint School Marshals