

**SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HUGHES SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

February 13, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

**Van Hall, Presiding**

**Members Present**

Phillip Chapman	Van Hall
Billy Willis	Robert Johnson
Scott Nelson	DeAnna Putman
Matthew Golden	

**Members Absent**

None

**School Personnel Present**

**Sarah Dildine, Superintendent**

**Guests**

**(See attached list)**

**1. OPENING ACTIVITIES:**

**1.1 CALL** to Order/Declaration of Quorum by President Van Hall *{Gov't Code 551.001 (6), 311.013 (b)}*

**1.2 INVOCATION** given by Robert Johnson; Pledge of Allegiance lead by Billy Willis

**1.3 PUBLIC COMMENT** *{HSISD Policy BED}*  
There was no public comment.

**2. PRESENTATIONS:**

**2.1 HEARING** *(formerly TAPR report)*

**District Annual Report**

Kristina Gardner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented information to the Board regarding the report. This report is required annually by the Texas Education Code and must include actual financial data, the accreditation status of the district, the objectives of each campus, a report of violent or criminal incidents by campus, the total number of graduates for the year, and the progress that has been made toward meeting the goals set by the district. The report covering the 2021-2022 school year STAAR Test results indicated that the District is doing well. The report is available to the public online at *Texas Education Agency - 2021-22 Texas Academic Performance Reports* and in Ms Gardner's office.

**2.2 HEARING**

**Evaluation of the Effectiveness of State Compensatory Education (SCE)**

Ms Gardner also gave the Board information regarding the effectiveness of State Compensatory Education based on the results of the final evaluation conducted by the District Site-based Decision-making Committee. The report is available in her office.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

*{HSISD Policy BE}*

**3.1** Minutes of meeting on January 9, 2023

**3.2** Budget Amendments (as needed).

The two budget amendments presented were moving funds to add the Supply Chain

Assistance Grant Funds (\$25,069.76) to the Food Service Budget and to also add the Equipment Grant funds (\$33,200) to the Food Service Budget. On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote. Matt Golden abstained from the vote on the January 9, 2023, minutes.

- 4. AGENDA ITEMS:** *{HSISD Policy BE; BEC; BED};*
- 4.1 CONSIDERATION to Approve District and Campus Improvement Plans**  
*{HSISD Policy BAA, Education Code Chapter 39, Subchapters C, D, and J}*  
The District Improvement Plan and the Campus Improvement plans were presented to and approved by the Board. This is done annually and the plans will be available on the District’s webpage. On motion by DeAnna Putman, seconded by Billy Willis, the motion carried with a 7 to 0 vote.
- 4.2 CONSIDERATION to Approve 2023-2024 School Calendar** *{HSISD Policy EB}*  
On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve the calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. A copy of the calendar is a part of these minutes. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
- 4.3 CONSIDERATION to Approve an Order of Election** *{HSISD Policy BBB}*  
On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Matt Golden, it was moved to approve the Order of Election for May 6, 2023. Three terms, currently held by Robert Johnson, Place One, Phillip Chapman, Place Two, and Billy Willis, Place Three, will expire in May. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote. The order is a part of these minutes.
- 4.4 CONSIDERATION to Approve a Joint Election Agreement with City of Hughes Springs**  
*{HSISD Policy BBB}*  
The District is required by law to hold a joint election with either the city or the county. The District and the City enter a joint agreement each year to conduct their election together. The motion carried with a 7 to 0 vote. A copy of the Agreement is a part of these minutes.
- 4.5 CONSIDERATION to Approve Purchase of Classroom A/V Devices and Installation**  
*{HSISD Policy CH Series; Education Code 44.031}*  
The purchase of classroom A/V devices and the cost of installation was approved by the Board. The recommended quote was from Howard Technologies in the amount of \$382,273.96. The cost will be paid for with ESSER III and local funds. A copy of the quote bid sheet is a part of these minutes. Motion was made by Billy Willis and seconded by Robert Johnson. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
- 4.6 CONSIDERATION to Approve Bond Payment to Amegy Bank of Texas**  
*{HSISD Policy CCA; Education Code 45.001(a)}*  
On motion by Phillip Chapman, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve the annual bond payment to Amegy Bank of Texas in the amount of \$189,780.80. The motion carried with a 7 to 0 vote.
- 4.7 CONSIDERATION to Approve Quote for Resurfacing Tennis Courts**  
*{HSISD Policy CH Series; Education Code 44.031}*  
Because the quote came in less than \$30,000, no action was taken. The District and the City will split the approximate cost of \$22,000.

5. **CLOSED SESSION**, as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551.001 through 551.146, shall be declared by the Board of Trustees when necessary, during the course of the meeting at the time, date and place of this notice. The Board may close this meeting to consult with its attorney on any item posted on this agenda in order to receive legal advice or to maintain the attorney-client privilege. The Board may also close the meeting to consult with its attorney on any other matter when the attorney's professional and ethical duty to the Board requires a confidential communication. **The Board entered Closed Session at 6:45 p.m.**

**5.1 PERSONNEL:**

{HSISD Policy DC}

Consider Employment, Resignations, Reassignments, Transfers, Substitute Teacher List, Extended Leaves, Additional Positions, and Other Personnel Matters.

1. CONSIDERATION to Approve Employment of Athletic Director
2. CONSIDERATION to Approve Employment of Junior/Senior High School Special Education Teacher (Lifeskills)

**5.2 CONSULTATION** with Attorney {when necessary}

Gov't Code §551.071

6. **RECONVENE** **The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 7:00 p.m.**

**Opened meeting to vote on matters considered in executive/closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, to take action necessary regarding any items listed above.**

**6.1 PERSONNEL:**

{HSISD Policy DC}

1. Athletic Director

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve the employment of Joshua David Willis as the Athletic Director on a two-year term contract. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

2. Special Education Teacher for Junior/Senior High School Special Education Lifeskills

On motion by Matt Golden, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve the employment of Summer Brown on a probationary term contract for the rest of the 2022-2023 school year as the Lifeskills Teacher for junior and senior high school students. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

**6.2 CONSULTATION** with Attorney *There was no consultation.*

Gov't Code §551.071

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

{HSISD Policy BE and BJA}

**7.1 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Sarah Dildine gave the Board the current enrollment -1148 as of last Friday - as well as information on the \$200,000 School Safety Grant completed and submitted to TEA. The District qualified for it and plans to spend it on window film, exterior rekeying of doors, Knox boxes, a new high school door and the rest toward fencing. The plan is to replace chain link fencing with wrought iron. The grant can partially cover the wrought iron - local funds can cover the rest. In competition, students qualifying for state events include two in VASE Art, two in science and 27 in DECA. Surprise "Intruder Detection Audits"

were conducted at the elementary and junior high school campuses by the Texas School Safety Center and there were no findings at either one. Spring Break is February 20<sup>th</sup> to February 24<sup>th</sup>, Spring Open House and Report Card Pick-up is March 16<sup>th</sup> and Kindergarten and Pre-K Round Up have been scheduled for March.

## 7.2 Business Manager's Report

In the absence of Business Manger Jalyn Setser, the superintendent advised the board of the Financial Report as of January 31, 2023

### 1. Financial Summary –

- a. General Funds
  - i. Revenue - \$6,240,104 (Estimated Revenue - \$13.53 million)
  - ii. Expenditures - \$4,964,364 (Budget - \$13.52 million)
- b. Food Service
  - i. Revenue - \$342,426 (Estimated Revenue - \$532k)
  - ii. Expenditures - \$282,017 (Budget - \$531k)

### 2. Monthly TEA Foundation Payments

- a. Jan 2023 Payment: \$943,511
- b. Feb 2023 Payment: \$470,708

### 3. Tax Collections (2022 Tax Year)

- a. Cass County - \$1,167,763 (2022 Levy - \$2.3 million)
- b. Morris County - \$76,058 (2022 Levy - \$435K)

### 4. Investment Accounts

- a. Certificates of Deposit (THNB) – \$3.771 million
- b. Checking (THNB) - \$0k
- c. Lone Star Investment Pool – \$66k

### 5. Cash Position

- a. Bank Accounts - \$6.893 million
- b. Investments - \$3.838 million
- c. Total - \$10.731 million

### 6. Fund Balance as of August 31, 2022 (AUDITED)

- a. Unassigned - \$4,756,922
- b. Nonspendable for Inventory - \$44,276
- c. Other Restricted - \$0
- d. Committed for Construction - \$2,500,000
- e. Committed for Capital Expenditures for Equipment - \$850,000
- f. Committed for Self Insurance - \$25,171
- g. Other Committed - \$1,167,000
- h. Total - \$9,343,369

**8. CLOSING ACTIVITIES****8.1 Questions asked of and by Board Members***{HSISD Policy BE}*

The Board members were given information regarding the required board training that needed to be completed before the April board meeting and some available training in Cumby on March 9<sup>th</sup>. DeAnna Putman expressed her personal appreciation to the Board members who had served on the committee and to the principals for their commitment and hard work for the District.

**8.2 Adjournment**

On motion by Scott Nelson, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m

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Van Hall, President

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Phillip Chapman, Secretary

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