

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

March 11, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Van Hall, Presiding

Members Present

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

Members Absent

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 Phillip Chapman; Pledge of Allegiance lead by Robert Johnson
- 1.3 **PUBLIC COMMENT** (none) *{HSISD Policy BED}*

2. PRESENTATION:

2.1 HEARING:

TAPR Report, presented by Kristina Gardner, covered student demographics, performance on STARR/EOC, staff demographics, attendance data and financial data. Which was pulled from Texas Education Agency for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- 3.1 **CONSIDERATION to Approve Minutes of Meeting on February 12, 2024**
- 3.2 **CONSIDERATION to Approve Budget Amendments (3 for March)**
 - 1. Moved \$4,000 to cover additional legal fees related to contract being negotiated with the architect and construction manager at risk.
 - 2. Moved \$13,516 to cover hotel, airfare, registration, meals etc. for travel to the International DECA contest in Anaheim, California on April 26-May 1, 2024.
 - 3. Moved \$2,254 to cover the purchase of a new Junior High School run through sign and a new "Casey the colt" mascot uniform.

On motion by Billy Willis and seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve the minutes on February 12, 2024. There were 3 Budget Amendments this month. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4. AGENDA ITEMS:

4.1 CONSIDERATION to Approve DECA students to Travel out of State to Anaheim, California {HSISD Policy FMG}

On motion by DeAnna Putman, seconded by Matt Golden, it was approved that DECA could travel out of state to Anaheim, California. There will be 1 sponsor and 6 students travelling from April 26 – May1, 2024. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.2 CONSIDERATION to Approve Invoice from Cass County Shared Services Arrangement for 2nd Semester {HSISD Policy CH Series; Education Code 44.031}

On motion by DeAnna Putman, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve the invoice from Cass County Shared Services Arrangement for 2nd Semester. The total fee for the Special Education Co-op 2nd half semester was \$100,937. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.3 CONSIDERATION to Approve Deaf Shared Services Arrangement for 2024-2025

{HSISD Policy CH Series; Education Code 44.031}

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve the Deaf Shared Services Arrangement for 2024-2025 to be tabled. Mrs. Dildine requested this until we receive more paperwork that was requested from the CO-OP. It is anticipated we will see this on the April Board Agenda. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.4 CONSIDERATION to Approve Purchase of Teacher Laptop Devices

{HSISD Policy CH Series; Education Code 44.031}

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Matt Golden, it was approved for Purchase of 38 Teacher Laptop Devices from SHI Government Solutions. This is per our replacement schedule the cost will be \$66,531.92 and they are being purchased under the TIPS CO-OP. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.5 CONSIDERATION to Approve SPAT Solution - Centegix

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was approved to purchase SPAT Solution through Centegix. SPAT is Silent Panic Alert Technology that we are required to implement to comply with new school safety regulations. The total cost over the next 5 years will be \$274,500, most of this cost will be paid for with the SAFE Grant. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.6 CONSIDERATION to Approve 2024-2025 School Calendar {HSISD Policy EB}

On motion by DeAnna Putman, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve the calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. A copy of the calendar is a part of these minutes. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.7 CONSIDERATION to Approve Staff Development Waiver for 2024-2025 *{HSISD Policy BF}*

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve the Staff Development Waiver for the 2024-2025 school year. This is a yearly process to ensure there are plenty of minutes scheduled to cover any unexpected, cancelled days of instruction. It gives us up to 2100 extra minutes in our calendar. A copy of the waiver is a part of these minutes. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.8 CONSIDERATION and Possible Action regarding Procurement of Construction Services*{HSISD Policy CVD Legal}*

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Matt Golden, it was moved that the board approve Mrs. Dildine permission to negotiate a contract with the top rank Construction Manager at Risk firm, which was Jackson Construction, for the field house and weight room project. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.9 CONSIDERATION to Approve Quote for the District a new Events Stage

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve the district a new events stage from Biljax in the amount of \$33,294. The stage will be used for outside major events and is handicap accessible with ramps. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.10 CONSIDERATION to Approve the Textbook Committee

On motion by Scott Nelson, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve the Textbook Committee, this must be approved anytime there is an adoption. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.11 CONSIDERATION to Approve Resolution to Nominate Sarah Dildine for TASB Superintendent of the Year

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve a resolution to nominate Sarah Dildine for the TASB Superintendent of the Year Award. A copy of the resolution is a part of these minutes. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

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 7:19 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 Jr. High School Counselor for 2024-2025.

5.2 CONSULTATION with Attorney {when necessary} *No consultation.*

Gov't Code §551.071

6. RECONVENE The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:28 p.m.

Open 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 ACTION PERSONNEL

On motion by Matt Golden, seconded by Scott Nelson it was approved to hire Kera Stewart as Jr. High School Counselor for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

6.2 CONSULTATION with Attorney {when necessary}

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

{HSISD Policy BE and BJA}

7.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Sarah Dildine gave the Board information on the following subjects:

- 7.1.1 Enrollment was 1,097 as of last Friday.
- 7.1.2 Starting the busy time of year for the week there is Colt Relays, Perritte Relays, Tennis, Baseball, & Softball.
- 7.1.3 Report Card pickup is next Monday, March 18, 2024, on all campuses from 5:30-7:00pm
- 7.1.4 Our OAP has Advanced to Bi-District
- 7.1.5 State testing will begin on April 9, 2024
- 7.1.6 We are on the final countdown of the year, the 4th 9 weeks.
- 7.1.7 TELPAS is in process now.
- 7.1.8 Team of 8 Training needs to be scheduled; we are needing it to be in the Summer with our new board member. Everyone has agreed to July 8, 2024.
- 7.1.9 At this time there is a Discipline Data Validation Monitoring with TEA Over 2022-2023 data. There were 33 discretionary placements.
- 7.1.10 Board Trustees will be registered for the April 11, 2024 NTSBA dinner and receive 3 hours of continuing education.

8. BUSINESS Manager's Report as of February 29, 2024

Business Manager Jalyn Setser briefed the board on the current financial report.

1. Financial Summary

- a. General Funds
 - i. Revenue - \$7,929,794 (Estimated Revenue - \$14.45 million)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$6,634,953 (Budget - \$14.49 million)

- b. Food Service
 - i. Revenue - \$355,731 (Estimated Revenue - \$652k)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$321,585 (Budget - \$652k)

- c. Debt Service
 - i. Revenue - \$167,976 (Estimated Revenue - \$205K)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$192,566 (budget - \$205k)

2. Monthly TEA Foundation Payments

- a. Feb 2024 payment - \$539,464
- b. Mar 2024 payment - \$1,080,143

3. Tax Collections (2023 Tax Year)

- a. Cass County - \$1,751,515 (2023 Levy - \$1.93 million)
- b. Morris County - \$263,810 (2023 Levy - \$491k)

4. Investment Accounts

- a. Certificates of Deposit (THNB) - \$4.868 million
- b. Checking (THNB) - \$0k
- c. Lone Star Investment Pool - \$1.069 million

5. Cash Position

- a. Bank Accounts - \$5.026 million
- b. Investments - \$5.937 million
- c. Total - \$10.963 million

6. Fund Balance as of August 31, 2023 (Audited -with new commitments by Board as of 02-12-24)

- a. Unassigned - \$3,511,567
- b. Non-spendable for Inventory - \$36,381
- c. Other Restricted - \$0
- d. Committed for Construction - \$5,000,000
- e. Committed for Capital Expenditures for Equipment - \$0
- f. Committed for Self-Insurance - \$25,675
- g. Other Committed - \$1,035,008
- h. Total - \$9,608,631

9. CLOSING ACTIVITIES

9.1 Questions asked of and by Board Members

{HSISD Policy BE}

9.2 Adjournment

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 7 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Van Hall, President

Phillip Chapman, Secretary

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