

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

April 08, 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 Chapma; Pledge of Allegiance lead by Billy Willis

1.3 PUBLIC COMMENT (none)

{HSISD Policy BED}

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1 Board of Trustees Continuing Education

All trustees met or exceeded the requirements for five to ten continuing education credit hours, except for one Trustee Scott Nelson that will not be returning after the election in May. In addition to the five to ten hours of continuing education, trustees are required to take specialized courses on (1) student achievement, (2) child abuse, (3) cybersecurity, (4) school safety and (5) legislative updates. The report outlining the mandated continuing education board members and whether each has met or exceeded the requirement or is deficit in meeting them is a part of these minutes. A final yearly report will be posted by April 30, 2024, on our school website.

2.2 HSHS Varsity Cheer Constitution

High School Constitution for Cheerleading needed a minor revision done on the amount of money each cheerleader will have to pay. The amount was revised from \$250 to \$350 for the rising cost of uniforms and miscellaneous items that will need to be purchased.

3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

3.1 CONSIDERATION to Approve Minutes of Meeting March 11, 2024 & March 18, 2024

3.2 CONSIDERATION to Approve Budget Amendments (as needed)

We had one amendment of \$8,000 to cover additional student athletic related travel. The funds were moved from the Athletic Special Projects account, which we are now reimbursing that account from a district padding account. On motion by Billy Willis and seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve minutes on March 11, 2024, and March 18, 2024. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4. **AGENDA ITEMS:**

4.1 CONSIDERATION to Approve Date Change for Regular Board Meeting from March 10, 2025 to March 17, 2025.

{HSISD Policy EB}

On motion by DeAnna Putman, seconded by Phillip Chapman it was approved changing of the dates, due to next year's Spring Break for the 2024-2025 school year falling on our normal Board meeting date. Motion carried 7 to 0 vote.

4.2 CONSIDERATION to Approve 1st Grade Field Trip to Gator and Friends, Greenwood, La

On motion by Scott Nelson, seconded by Matt Golden it was approved that 1st Grade students could travel out of state to Greenwood, La on April 26, 2024. There will be 80 students and 6 sponsors attending. Motion carried 7 to 0 vote.

4.3 CONSIDERATION to Approve New Weight Room Equipmnet

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Phillip Chapman it was approved to purchase the equipment from Game One with the total being \$172,283. The equipment is rated to last about 20 years. Motion carried 6 to 1 vote, with DeAnna Putman voting against.

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 6:29 p.m.**

5.1 PERSONNEL: (Action)

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

1. CONSIDERATION to Approve Hiring of an 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher
2. CONSIDERATION to Approve Contracts for Teachers, Coaches, Counselors and Nurse
3. CONSIDERATION to Approve Termination of Probationary Contracts in accordance with DFAB (Legal)
4. CONSIDERATION to Approve Hiring of an Elementary Student Services Coordinator
5. CONSIDERATION to Approve Hiring of an 5th Grade Reading Teacher

5.2 CONSULTATION with Attorney {when necessary} No consultation {Gov't Code 551.071}

6. RECONVENE The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 7:35 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 PERSONNEL: (Action)

1. On motion by Matt Golden, seconded by DeAnna Putman, it was moved to approve the hiring of Rhagen Watkins as the 8th Grade Social Studies teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7 to 0 vote.
2. On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve the renewal of contracts for Teachers, Coaches, Counselors and Nurses as presented for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7 to 0 vote.
3. On motion by Scott Nelson, seconded by Phillip Chapman, the Board of Trustees moved to approve to terminate the employment of Greg Fortner at the end of the contract term. Motion carried 7 to 0 vote.
4. On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve the hiring of Rebecca Lyons as the Elementary Student Services Coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7 to 0 vote.
5. On motion by Phillip Chapman, seconded by DeAnna Putman it was moved to approve the hiring of Madison Cox as the 5th Grade Reading teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7 to 0 vote.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Superintendent's Report

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

7.1.1 Enrollment was 1,087 as of last Friday

7.1.2 Board of Trustees will be attending the Northeast Texas School Board Association Dinner on April 11, 2024. They will receive 3 hours of Continuing Education

7.1.3 There were copies of End of year events handed out

7.1.4 Area OAP will be performing Friday, April 12, 2024 at 2:30 in Longview

7.1.5 Boys Golf, Tanner Westmoreland advanced to Regional's as did our entire Girls Golf; Amber Shaw, Mallory Bidy, Paula Sens, Jaycee Oney, and Savannah Waller.

7.1.6 Morris County Appraisal District sent an updated Policies and Procedures manual.

7.1.7 We will canvass the results of the May 4, 2024 election at the May 13, 2024 Board Meeting

7.1.8 An update was provided on HB 900 (Library Materials) and HB 1609 (Instructional Materials). Information will be forthcoming from TEA and Region 8 with sample policies, etc. developed by the state.

7.1.9 HSHS Art Update – VASE Art Students competed in a Regional VASE event that was held February 24, 2024 at Paris Chisum High School in Paris, Tx. Students presented 19 pieces, all but 1 piece received a superior rating of and received medals. One student Senior Zoe Rhinehardt, qualified for state. She will be attending the April 20, 2024, State Event in San Marcos, Tx. The following student's artwork have been selected for the Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council (TRAHC) Juried Student Art Show; Seniors Josalynn Patterson and Brailei Hill, and Junior Marisol Noriega. Their work was selected from 979 entries. They are eligible for awards that will be presented during the reception on April 21, 2024 until June 1, 2024.

7.1.10 Track students advanced to Area and will compete April 11, 2024: Bella McKinney is District Champ in 800M and 4th in 4X400, Diamonique Bowles got 3rd in Triple Jump and 4th in 4X200, Maggie Pate got 4th in Discus, Alyssa Baxter got 4th in 4X200, Addi Billings got 4th in 4X200, Kayden Fortenberry got 4th in 4X200 and 4th in 4X400, Kylie Moore got 4th in 4X400, Kenzie Alexander got 4th in 4X400, Jett Young got District Champ in 800M, and 2nd in 1600M, Hunter Finney got 2nd in 800M, District Champ in 1600M and District Champ in 3200M, Mason Rorex got 3rd in 1600M and 2nd in 3200M, Garrett Lowey got 3rd in 300 Hurdles and Bryson Morrow got 4th in Long Jump and 3rd in High Jump.

8. BUSINESS Manager's Report as of March 31, 2024

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

1. Financial Summary

- a. General Funds
 - i. Revenue - \$9,331,282 (Estimated Revenue - \$14.45 million)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$7,839,416 (Budget - \$14.49 million)
- b. Food Service
 - i. Revenue - \$409,822 (Estimated Revenue - \$652k)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$370,051 (Budget - \$652k)
- c. Debt Service
 - i. Revenue - \$186,550 (Estimated Revenue - \$205K)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$192,566 (budget - \$205k)

2. Monthly TEA Foundation Payments

- a. Mar 2024 payment - \$1,057,763
- b. Apr 2024 payment - \$0

3. Tax Collections (2023 Tax Year)

- a. Cass County - \$1,821,398 (2023 Levy-\$1.93 million)
- b. Morris County - \$401,691 (2023 Levy- \$491k)

4. Investment Accounts

- a. Certificates of Deposit (THNB)-\$4.879 million
- b. Checking (THNB) - \$0k
- c. Lone Star Investment Pool - \$1.070 million

5. Cash Position

- a. Bank Accounts - \$5.312 million
- b. Investments - \$5.949 million
- c. Total - \$11.261 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 (none)***{HSISD Policy BE}***9.2 Adjournment**

On motion by Scott Nelson, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 7 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Van Hall, President

Phillip Chapman, Secretary

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