

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

October 09, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Van Hall, Presiding

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Scott Nelson

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 DeAnna Putman; Pledge of Allegiance lead by Billy Willis

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

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1 ESL Evaluation/TELPAS

Ms. Gardner our Curriculum Director presented the annual report to the board on the ESL Program along with the TELPAS/STAAR results for English being a second language for students.

3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

3.1 CONSIDERATION to Approve Minutes of Meeting on September 11, 2023

On motion by Billy Willis and seconded by DeAnna Putman, it was moved to approve the minutes on September 11, 2023, approved by a 6 to 0 vote.

4. AGENDA ITEMS:

{HSISD Policy BE; BEC; BED};

4.1 CONSIDERATION to Approve Revision of Policy CRD (Local)

{HSISD Policy CCH}

On motion by Robert Johnson and seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve the Local CRD Policy Revision. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote. The Revision addresses Insurance and Annuities Management. The update to the policy allows the board to review the district contribution to employee health insurance by classification of employee and adjust as needed, at any time, to comply with state and federal law. An updated policy will be posted in the online policy book on our website.

4.2 CONSIDERATION to Approve Increase in Monthly Health Insurance Contribution*{HSISD Policy CH Series, Education Code 44.031}*

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve the change. The contribution to \$330.00 for the staff on Pay Grade 1 on the Auxiliary Pay Scale and Pay Grade 1 & 2 on the Clerical/Paraprofessional Pay Scale, effective September 01, 2023, in order to comply with federal affordability requirements on the Affordable Care Act. Without making this change, the district would not be in compliance with the ACA. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

4.3 CONSIDERATION to Approve Revision of Policy DEC (Local)*{HSISD Policy CCH}*

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by DeAnna Putman, it was moved to approve the Local DEC Policy Revision. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote. The wording was changed regarding leave for police officers who have a line of duty illness or injury to comply with updated legislation. An updated policy will be posted in the online policy book on our website soon.

4.4 CONSIDERATION to Approve Invoice from SUPERNet Consortium*{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 SUPERNet II for the 2023-2024 school year. The amount of \$37,117.16 is the District's share of the service received as part of the consortium. Motion carried 6 to 0 vote.

4.5 CONSIDERATION to Approve Tax Roll and Levy Resolution for Morris County*{HSISD Policy CCG; Property Tax Code Section 26.09(e)}*

On motion by Phillip Chapman, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve the resolution for the Morris County Tax Roll and levy. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote. The resolution is part of the minutes.

4.6 CONSIDERATION to Approve SWEPCO Bill*{HSISD Policy CH Series; Education Code 44.031}*

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Matt Golden, it was moved to approve the bill from Swepeco. The amount of the bill was \$36,216.04. Since that is above \$30,000.00 the board is required to approve the expenditure. Motion carried 6 to 0 vote.

4.7 CONSIDERATION to Approve Budget Amendments/Revisions*{HSISD Policy BE}*

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve the following Budget Amendments/Revisions. We had quite a few due to the year end stuff. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

1. We had received notice that we were granted an additional \$4,755.87 in the Supply Chain Assistance Grant (Food Services) with that being said we had to revise the FS budget to account for the difference.
2. To clean up the year end we moved \$2,000.00 in funds into 6211 (legal Fees) to cover legal costs associated with construction project/architect RFQ.

3. We received a \$1800.00 donation for a sensory room at the Elementary campus, those funds were moved into an account so the campus could use them as needed.
4. We had \$5,623.06 left from the previous year in the Supply Chain Assistance Grant (Food Service), we had to carry over those funds to the 2023- 2024 Fiscal Year.
5. To clean up year end we moved \$3,000.00 in funds to 6144 TRS on Behalf
6. To clean up year end we recorded \$3,500.00 worth of inventory in nursing supplies.

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.

There was no closed session.

5.1 PERSONNEL:

{HSISD Policy DC}

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

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

Gov't Code §551.071

6. **RECONVENE**

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 (No Action taken in Open Meeting)

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:

- Enrollment was 1,127 as of last Friday.
- District XC was today, VG placed 1st, VB placed 2nd, JVG placed 1st, and JVB placed 2nd. Both Varsity teams advanced to Regionals.

- The board was given a copy of the proposal for services from Godwin Design Architects, the proposals has been sent to the attorney so they can draw up the final contract for the district.
- Mr. Hinerman was to find a new field mower for just under \$27,000.00.
- The state completed the 2019 Audit for Total Taxable Values, the audit resulted in HSISD receiving an additional \$16,000.00 from the state
- The state delayed the release of our accountability scores again, due to the lawsuit they are facing by a group of districts, we are now supposed to receive the ratings at the end of October. They will be emailed out as soon as we receive them.
- UIL Realignment is this year. We must submit high school enrollment as of October 27, 2023. New alignments will be released on February 1, 2024.
- The state Baseball/softball signs are falling apart. New metal signs have been ordered and will replace the current signs.

7.2 Business Manager's Report as of September 30, 2023

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

1. Financial Summary

- a. General Funds
 - i. Revenue - \$1,727,481 (Estimated Revenue - \$14.38 million)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$862,538 (Budget - \$13,610,000)
- b. Food Service
 - i. Revenue - \$73,572 (Estimated Revenue - \$641k)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$41,886 (Budget - \$641k)

2. Monthly TEA Foundation Payments

- a. Sep 2023 payment – \$1,571,527
- b. Oct 2023 payment - \$1,050,828

3. Tax Collections (2022 Tax Year)

- a. Cass County - \$2,259,900 (2022 Levy – \$2.3 million)
- b. Morris County - \$509,436 (2022 Levy – \$435k)

4. Investment Accounts

- a. Certificates of Deposit (THNB) – \$3.822 million
- b. Checking (THNB) - \$0k
- c. Lone Star Investment Pool - \$68k

5. Cash Position

- a. Bank Accounts - \$5.565 million
- b. Investments - \$3.890 million
- c. Total - \$9.455 million

6. AUDITED Fund Balance as of August 31, 2023 (UNAUDITED ESTIMATE)

- a. Unassigned - \$4,988,148
- b. Non-spendable for Inventory - \$36,381

- 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 - \$25,675
- g. Other Committed - \$1,167,000
- h. Total - \$9,567,204

7. **CLOSING ACTIVITIES**

7.1 Questions asked of and by Board Members

{HSISD Policy BE}

Board was reminded of scheduled board training at Region VIII in December.

7.2 Adjournment

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Van Hall, President

Phillip Chapman, Secretary

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