

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

March 16, 2020

6:00 P.M.

**Van Hall, Presiding**

**Members Present**

Billy Willis	Rick Nelson
Robyn Shelton	DeAnna Putman
Scott Nelson	Van Hall
Phillip Chapman	

**Members Absent**

None

**School Personnel Present**

**Sarah Dildine, Superintendent**

**Guests**

**(See attached list)**

**1. OPENING ACTIVITIES**

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

**B. INVOCATION** given by Rick Nelson; Pledge of Allegiance lead by Scott Nelson

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**2. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. TAPR**

*{HSISD Policy AIB; Education Code 39.306(c); 19 TAC 61.1022(c)}*

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Theresa Jennings gave the Trustees a summary report of the Texas Academic Performance Report for the 2018-2019 school year.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Certification of Unopposed Candidates for General Election of School Trustees on May 2, 2020**

*{HSISD Policy BBBA,BBBB, Election Code 2.053(a) (e)}*

Rick Nelson certified the candidates for Places 1, 2, and 3 were unopposed and declared elected. Place 1, held by incumbent Mr. Nelson, who chose not to run for the Board again, will be held by the only candidate for that position, Robert Johnson. Phillip Chapman and Billy Willis, incumbents for places 2 and 3 respectively, were unopposed and therefore declared elected.

**B. Certification of Unopposed Candidates for Special Election of a School Trustees on May 2, 2020**

*{HSISD Policy BBBA,BBBB, Election Code 2.053(a) (e)}*

DeAnna Putman was also unopposed for Place 4. She was appointed by the Board in August 2019 to fill the unexpired term of Bill Lindsey, who had resigned. The term for Place 4 will expire in May 2021 and will be filled by the General Election to be held then.

**C. Soccer Sports Program Presentation**

Superintendent Sarah Dildine conducted a survey asking for input and participation regarding adding a soccer program to the sports program of the District. She gave the board an analysis of two options with guidelines for each and the projected expenses. One program would be an outlaw program that would not be sanctioned by UIL and the other would be. Before the

Board will be asked to make a decision about adding soccer, Mrs. Dildine plans to conduct another survey

4. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

{HSISD Policy BED}

**Consent Agenda** Items considered were:

{HSISD Policy BE}

- A. Minutes of the February 10, 2020, and February 20, 2020 board meetings** {HSISD Policy BE}  
*There was a typographical error in the minutes regarding the date of the meeting and the presiding officer was Van Hall, not Billy Willis. After corrections were made, the minutes were approved for both meetings in February.*
- B. Budget Amendments** {HSISD Policy CE}  
*There were no budget amendments*
- C. Out-of-State Trip for Third Grade in May 2020** {HSISD Policy FMG}  
*The trip was approved if travel is possible on May 14, 2020. The students will be visiting the aquarium in Shreveport.*
- D. Out-of-State Trip for DECA students in April-May 2020.** {HSISD Policy FMG}  
*The DECA organization has cancelled the event because of the current pandemic.*

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve all consent agenda items. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote. Rick Nelson, Scott Nelson and DeAnna Putman abstained from the February 20, 2020, minutes.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS**

{HSISD Policy BE}

- A. CONSIDERATION to Approve Cancellation of General Election on May 2, 2020**  
 {HSISD Policy BBBA,BBBB, Election Code 2.053(a) (e)}  
 On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to cancel the general election scheduled for May 2, 2020, because candidates were certified unopposed and declared elected. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
- B. CONSIDERATION to Approve Cancellation of Special Election on May 2, 2020**  
 {HSISD Policy BBBA,BBBB, Election Code 2.053(a) (e)}  
 On motion by Scott Nelson, seconded by Robyn Shelton, it was moved to cancel the special election scheduled for May 2, 2020, because the candidate was certified unopposed and declared elected. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
- C. CONSIDERATION to Approve Proposed 2020-2021 School Calendar** {HSISD Policy EB}  
 On motion by DeAnna Putman seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented. A copy of the calendar is a part of these minutes.
- D. CONSIDERATION to Approve the Board Authorizing TASB Policy Service to Add, Revise, or Delete (LOCAL) Policies According to the Summary Document Resulting from the Policy Review Session Conducted with the District on February 4, 2020.**  
 {HSISD Policy BF, BP; Education Code 11.201 (d)}

On motion by Robyn Shelton seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve authorizing TASB Policy Service to add, revise, or delete LOCAL Policies according to the summary document resulting from the Policy Review Session conducted by Tammy Jordan from TASB with the District on February 4, 2020. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

**E. CONSIDERATION to Approve the Purchase of Elementary School Laptops**

*{HSISD Policy CH Series; Education Code 44.031}*

On motion by Phillip Chapman seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve purchasing laptops for elementary school from Microsoft Store for the amount of \$41,821.50. Motion carried on 7 to 0 vote.

**F. CONSIDERATION to Approve the Purchase of Elementary and Junior High School iPads**

*{HSISD Policy CH Series; Education Code 44.031}*

On motion by Billy Willis seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve purchasing iPads for elementary and junior high schools from Apple, Inc. for the amount of \$31,520.00. Motion carried on 7 to 0 vote.

- 6. 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.*

**A. PERSONNEL: (Action)**

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

1. CONSIDERATION to Approve Contracts for Campus Principals, Assistant Principals, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Athletic Director

**B. CONSULTATION with Attorney *{when necessary}*. There was no consultation. *{Education Code 25.092}***

- 7. 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. *The Board reconvened at 7:25 p.m.***

**A. PERSONNEL:**

1. CONSIDERATION to Approve Contracts for Campus Principals, Assistant Principals, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Athletic Director

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve contract recommendations as presented. Contracts were extended for one year for Theresa Jennings, Brian Nation, John "Rusty" Duke, Chris Edwards, and Ben Scharnberg. No action was taken on contracts for Brenda Fincher and Scott Hanes.

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

{HSISD Policy BE and BJA}

**A. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Dildine reported that Friday's enrollment was 1,195 students. She gave board members information and cost estimations regarding a new field house, information and cost estimates to convert DAEP building and include a Therapeutic Learning Center, that the district has new credit cards, and that meals and instruction packets are being provided for students while the school is closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. Employees and students are tentatively scheduled to return to work and classes in April.

**B. Business Manager's Report**

Business Manager Jalyn Setser summarized the following financial reports with the Board:

**1. *Financial Summary***

- a. General Funds
  - i. Revenue - \$7,958,595 (Estimated Revenue - \$13,350,000)
  - ii. Expenditures - \$6,288,630 (Budget - \$13,196,000)
- b. Food Service
  - i. Revenue - \$203,937 (Estimated Revenue - \$442,000)
  - ii. Expenditures - \$255,391 (Budget - \$485,000)

**2. *Monthly TEA Foundation Payments***

- a. February 2020 payment - \$476,085
- b. Next payment March 2020 payment - \$953,242

**3. *Tax Collections***

- a. Cass County - \$1,752,484 (Levy - \$1,970,000)
- b. Morris County - \$632,944 (Levy - \$921,000)

**4. *Investment Accounts***

- a. Certificates of Deposit (FNB) - \$3,258,000
- b. Lone Star Investment Pool - \$492,000

**5. *Cash Position***

- a. Bank Accounts - \$5,541,000
- b. Investments - \$3,750,000
- c. Total - \$9,291,000

**9. CLOSING ACTIVITIES**

**A. Questions asked of and by Board Members**

{HSISD Policy BE}

President Hall read thank you notes from employees Sherry Brabham, James Reagan and Kathie Blackburn for donations to the Superintendent's Scholarship Fund in memory of family members who passed away.

**B. Adjournment**

On motion by Phillip Chapman, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 7 to 0.

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Van Hall, President

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Rick Nelson, Secretary

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