

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

August 10, 2020
6:00 P.M.

Van Hall, Presiding

Members Present

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

Members Absent

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 Phillip Chapman; Pledge of Allegiance lead by Van Hall

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

{HSISD Policy BE}

2. PRESENTATION(S):

{HSISD Policy BE}

A. Continuing Education for Board of Trustees

Nita Clark, secretary to Superintendent, read the continuing education credit hours for each board member. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the deadline for the annual report was moved from April 2020 to August 2020. Some members, who were deficit in the mandated requirements, will have until the end of August to complete them. A copy of the report is a part of these minutes.

B. Employee Handbook 2020-2021

Superintendent Sarah Dildine explained the few updates or additions to the Employee Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year. Most changes involved recent legislative changes to Title IX and Section 504/ADA Acts.

3. BUDGET PREVIEW/WORKSHOP

Supt. Dildine and Business Manager Jalyn Setser went over the proposed budget, a work-in-progress, with the members of the board. Various portions of the budget were discussed in preparation for the budget hearing scheduled for August 24, 2020.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

{HSISD Policy BE}

Consent Agenda Items Considered:

A. Minutes of Meetings on July 13th and July 20th, 2020

{HSISD Policy BE}

B. Budget Amendments (as needed)

{HSISD Policy CE}

Revisions-to-date were in the board packets

C. Semi-annual Review of the Vendor List

{HSISD Policy CHE}

The vendor list is available for viewing at the administration building.

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve the consent agenda items. Robyn Shelton abstained from the minutes for July 20, 2020.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. **CONSIDERATION** to Approve Quote on Property/Casualty Insurance

{HSISD Policy CH Series, Education Code 44.031}

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve the quote from Texas Political Subdivision Joint Self-insurance Fund in the amount of \$101,116 for the property and casualty insurance for the District.. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

B. **CONSIDERATION** to Approve TASB Policy Update 115

{HSISD Policy BF, BP; Education Code 11.201 (d)}

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve TASB Policy Update 115. Most of the policies involved changes brought about following the 86th Legislative Session. Local policies included:

1. BF (LOCAL): Board Policies
2. DED (LOCAL): Compensation and Benefits: Vacations and Holidays
3. DIA (LOCAL): Employee Welfare: Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation
4. DMD (LOCAL): Professional Development: Required Staff Development
5. EI (LOCAL): Academic Achievement
6. FB (LOCAL): Equal Education Opportunity
7. FD (LOCAL): Admissions
8. FEB (LOCAL): Attendance: Attendance Accounting
9. FFG (LOCAL): Student Welfare: Child Abuse and Neglect
10. FFH (LOCAL): Student Welfare: Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation
11. FMF (LOCAL): Student Activities: Contests and Competition
12. FNG (LOCAL) Student Right and Responsibilities: Student and Parent Complaint or Grievances
13. GF (LOCAL): Public Complaints

Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote. These policies are available for viewing online at:

<https://pol.tasb.org/Home/Index/270>.

C. **CONSIDERATION** to Approve Quote on Edgenuity

{HSISD Policy CH Series, Education Code 44.031}

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve the quote from Edgenuity for software for the students who have opted to do the virtual learning. This software chosen by the District will best meet the needs of the students, provides several features, such as tutoring, and is aligned with TEKS. The cost for the site-licenses required is \$49,000. Two teachers will be overseeing the virtual home-schooling – Jennifer Pearson for grades three through five and Jennifer Jedlick for grades six through eight. The current number of students that have signed up for virtual schooling is about 40 district-wide. Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

D. CONSIDERATION to Approve Payment to First National Bank to Pay-off Loan for Lighting
{HSISD Policy CE, Education Code 45.105, 45.0021}

On motion by Scott Nelson, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve a payment in the amount of \$227,091.51 plus a daily interest accrual in the amount of \$76.46. Motion carried on a 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.

There was no closed session.

A. PERSONNEL (Action)

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

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.

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

{HSISD Policy BE and BJA}

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dildine explained to the trustees that, although they had approved the SDTC (School District Teacher Certificate) for Katlyn French as an agriculture science teacher, TEA has requested more information regarding advanced animal science which she provided. The junior high school Colt drive-through "meet the teacher" will take place tonight (Monday) and elementary will be Tuesday. Prekindergarten and kindergarten will have staggered schedules for the first two days and virtual students will begin the following Monday.

B. Business Manager's Report

Business Manager Jalyn Setser's financial reports to the Board:

1. Financial Summary

- a. General Funds
 - i. Revenue -\$12,452,384 (Estimated Revenue - \$13,350,000)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$11,180,017 (Budget - \$13,196,000)
- b. Food Service
 - i. Revenue - \$377,386 (Estimated Revenue - \$442,000)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$425,087 (Budget - \$485,000)

- 2. **Monthly TEA Foundation Payments**
 - a. July 2020 payment - \$868,901
 - b. No more foundation payments for this fiscal year

- 3. **Tax Collections**
 - a. Cass County - \$1,939,429 (Levy – \$1,980,000)
 - b. Morris County - \$921,970 (Levy – \$921,000)

- 4. **Investment Accounts**
 - a. Certificates of Deposit (FNB) - \$3,289,000
 - b. Lone Star Investment Pool - \$493,000

- 5. **Cash Position**
 - a. Bank Accounts - \$5,061,000
 - b. Investments - \$3,782,000
 - c. Total - \$8,843,000

9. **CLOSING ACTIVITIES**

A. Questions asked of and by Board Members

{HSISD Policy BE}

Discussions included the remodeling of the old building across town for DAEP/BTL has been finished. There will not be any virtual transfer students; only transfers students in the classroom will be accepted. President Van Hall read a thank you note from Katrina Sutton for the salary increase the board approved for this school year for district employees.

B. Adjournment

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

Van J. Hall, President

Robyn Shelton, Secretary

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