

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

November 9, 2020
6:00 P.M.

Van Hall, Presiding

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Billy Willis

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 Robert Johnson; Pledge of Allegiance lead by Scott Nelson

1.3 PUBLIC COMMENT *{HSISD Policy BED}*

There was no public comment.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS *{HSISD Policy BE}*

Consent Agenda Items Considered:

2.1 CONSIDERATION to Approve Minutes of Meeting on October 12, 2020 *{HSISD Policy BE}*

2.2 CONSIDERATION to Approve Budget Amendments (as needed) *{HSISD Policy CE, Education Code 44.006}*

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

3. AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 CONSIDERATION to Approve Invoice from Region VIII for Annual Services *{HSISD Policy CH}*

On motion by Phillip Chapman, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve the invoice from Region VIII Education Service Center in the amount of \$86,139.06. Some of the services received from Region VIII include, but are not limited to, Administrative/School Board Services, Early Childhood Contract, Gifted and Talented Contract, Leadership Development Contract, Library Co-op, Bilingual/ESL Co-op Contract and State and Federal Funding Co-op. A copy of the invoice is a part of these minutes. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

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

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve the resolution regarding the acceptance of the Cass County Tax Roll and Tax Levy. A copy of the resolution is a part of these minutes. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

4. **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 6:04 p.m.*

4.1 PERSONNEL (Action)

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

1. Consideration to Employ 7th Grade Science Teacher

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

5. **RECONVENE** – *The Board reconvened at 6:17 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.

5.1 PERSONNEL (Action)

1. On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by DeAnna Putman, it was moved to employ Camryn Byrd as a 7th Grade Science Teacher to begin December 7, 2020. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

{HSISD Policy BE and BJA}

6.1-6.7 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Sarah Dildine reported to the Board an enrollment of 1,125 students; 20 of the total are virtual students. TEA has determined that local school districts can end virtual schooling for students that are not passing or who are not attending the virtual instruction. If a student's grade is less than 70 or the student has been absent three or more times, the parent will receive a letter advising them that the student must attend classes in person. There are TEA approved reasons for remaining in virtual learning. Hughes Springs ISD does have lab-confirmed cases of students and staff that have Covid, but the numbers are much less than other districts in the area. Mrs. Dildine also briefed the board members on what the results of the College, Career, and Military Readiness Report would have been for this past school year.

6.8-6.14 Business Manager's Report

Business Manager Jalyn Setser informed the Board that this and future reports will include information regarding the fund balance.

1. Financial Summary

- a. General Funds
 - i. Revenue - \$1,855,644 (Estimated Revenue - \$13,150,000)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$1,593,441 (Budget - \$13,150,000)
- b. Food Service
 - i. Revenue - \$82,995 (Estimated Revenue - \$442,000)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$71,384 (Budget - \$517,000)

2. Monthly TEA Foundation Payments

- a. Oct 2020 payment - \$889,673
- b. Nov 2020 – \$884,440

3. Tax Collections

- a. Cass County - \$48,133 (Levy – \$2,130,000)
- b. Morris County - \$1,267,000 (Levy – \$669,000)

4. Investment Accounts

- a. Certificates of Deposit (FNB) - \$3,297,000
- b. Lone Star Investment Pool - \$493,000

5. Cash Position

- a. Bank Accounts - \$4,090,000
- b. Investments - \$3,790,000
- c. Total - \$7,880,000

6. Fund Balance as of August 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

- a. Unassigned - \$3,297,585
- b. Nonspendable for Inventory - \$82,890
- c. Committed for Construction - \$2,500,000
- d. Committed for Capital Expenditures for Equipment - \$850,000
- e. Committed for Self Insurance - \$15,706
- f. Other Committed - \$1,167,000
- g. Total - \$7,913,181

Ms Setser included information regarding sample property values and information from the tax attorney that met with area superintendents and business managers at a joint meeting on October 22, 2020. She shared questions recommended by the tax attorney that the district should be asking the Appraisal District.

7. CLOSING ACTIVITIES**7.1 Questions asked of and by Board Members***{HSISD Policy BE}*

President Van Hall read thank you notes from the families of Weldon Newsom and Tommy Allen for donations to the Superintendent's Scholarship Fund in memory of loved ones.

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7.2. Adjournment

On motion by Scott Nelson, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Van J. Hall, President

Robyn Shelton, Secretary

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