

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

January 13, 2020  
6:00 P.M.

Van Hall, Presiding

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Phillip Chapman

**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 Van Hall

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT** *{HSISD Policy BED}*

There was no public comment.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Board Appreciation**

Interim elementary principal Brenda Fincher expressed gratitude from HSISD to the trustees for the support and time they each give to the school district. The Board Members were given gifts of appreciation from each campus and from the elementary PTO. Three of G/T co-ordinator Kristina Gardner's elementary students offered special thank-you comments from the Gifted and Talented children.

**B. Junior High School UIL Students**

Junior High School Principal John "Rusty" Duke recognized students who participated and placed in the UIL Academic competitions.

**C. Bond Refunding Presentation**

Lucas Janda with Lone Oak Public Finance presented information to the Board and answered questions regarding refunding and the process involved.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

*{HSISD Policy BED}*

**Consent Agenda** Items considered were:

*{HSISD Policy BE}*

**A. Minutes of the December 9 and December 17, 2019, board meetings**

*{HSISD Policy BE}*

**B. Budget Amendments**

*{HSISD Policy CE}*

The two budget amendments moved money from Function 11 to 12 for the purchase of new computers for the librarians, moving money to Function 51 to pay for elementary flooring and dirt for the baseball and softball fields.

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On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve all consent agenda items. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote. Robyn Shelton abstained from the December 9<sup>th</sup> minutes and Van Hall and Scott Nelson abstained from the December 17<sup>th</sup> minutes.

**4. AGENDA ITEMS**

*{HSISD Policy BE}*

**A. CONSIDERATION and ACTION** to Approve an Engagement Agreement for Financial Advisory Services with Live Oak Public Finance, LLC; and Other Matters in Connection Therewith.

*{HSISD Policy CDBA; Gov't Code Chapter 1207, Education Code 45.085(h)}*

On motion by Scott Nelson, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve the agreement for financial services with Lone Oak Public Finance to lower the interest rate and save district money. Ten years are currently left on the bond that paid for the new high school gymnasium, the new administration building and the elementary science building. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

**B. CONSIDERATION** to Approve Adoption of an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding 2020 Bonds, Establishing the Parameters for the Refunding Program, and Delegating Authority to the Administration.

*{HSISD Policy CDBA; Gov't Code Chapter 1207, Education Code 45.085(h)}*

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Robyn Shelton, it was moved to approve the adoption of an order authorizing refunding of the bonds. The order allows Superintendent Dildine and Business Manager Jalyn Setser to follow through on the issue. Requirements of at least 3% total savings must be reached to continue with the process. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

**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 6:17 p.m.*

**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}*

**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.**

*The Board reconvened at 6:58 p.m.*

*{HSISD Policy DC}*

**A. PERSONNEL: (Action)**

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S Evaluation, Contract and Compensation

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Billy Willis, is moved to extend Sarah Dildine's contact one year through the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

{HSISD Policy BE and BJA}

**A. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Dildine reported that Friday's enrollment was 1,195 students, student Jace Ratley is being recognized in Mt. Pleasant as the HSHS Good Citizen by the DAR, Clay Holliday is giving a speech at the FFA area meeting as a candidate for area FFA officer, TASB will be in Hughes Springs on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> for a policy review and a review in April regarding the change in HSISD pay system. Board members were given information on the TEA School Report Cards and a schedule of the spring sporting events. The cafeteria will be audited by the Texas Department of Agriculture on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**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 - \$4,659,005 (Estimated Revenue - \$13,350,000)
  - ii. Expenditures - \$3,760,340 (Budget - \$13,196,000)
- b. Food Service
  - i. Revenue - \$153,610 (Estimated Revenue - \$442,000)
  - ii. Expenditures - \$166,315 (Budget - \$485,000)

**2. Monthly TEA Foundation Payments**

- a. December 2019 payment - \$954,461.
- b. Next payment January 2020 payment – \$954,287

**3. Tax Collections**

- a. Cass County - \$610,811 (Levy – \$1,970,000)
- b. Morris County - \$61,839 (Levy – \$921,000)

**4. Investment Accounts**

- a. Certificates of Deposit (FNB) - \$3,258,000
- b. Lone Star Investment Pool - \$490,000

**5. Cash Position**

- a. Bank Accounts - \$4,671,000
- b. Investments - \$3,748,000
- c. Total - \$8,419,000

8. **CLOSING ACTIVITIES**

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

*{HSISD Policy BE}*

President Hall read a thank you note from Robyn Shelton for the donation to the Superintendent's Scholarship Fund in memory of her father, Mayo Kasling. Hall also read a thank you note from the Linden-Kildare School District for support given from HSISD when two LK students, sisters, were killed in an auto accident.

B. **Adjournment**

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

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Van Hall, President

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Rick Nelson, Secretary

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