

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

April 12, 2021
6:00 P.M.

Van Hall, Presiding

Members Present

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

Members Absent

None

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 Phillip Chapman; Pledge of Allegiance lead by Robert Johnson
DeAnna Putman arrived at the meeting between the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 PUBLIC COMMENT *{HSISD Policy BED}*

Lytha Thomas signed to address the Board. Her subject regarded mask-wearing due to Covid-19. She expressed her opinion that parents should make the decision whether students wear masks at school. President Van Hall thanked her for her comments.

The Board moved to AGENDA ITEM 4.1:

4.1 CONSIDERATION to Discuss and Approve Any Action Regarding Face Masks
{HSISD Polices DI, FFA, and FFAD}

At the request of the Board, Superintendent Dildine had surveyed other schools in the area regarding their actions following Gov. Greg Abbott's declaration removing the mandate on wearing masks during the continuing pandemic of Coronavirus Covid-19. She presented the information and status of effects of the pandemic on HSISD and vaccination statistics of employees to the Board. Mrs. Dildine explained to the Board and those present that all other CDC, State Health Department and TEA mandates would remain in place regardless of the decision about wearing masks, because the District has no control over those. Board members discussed the effects and concerns of quarantine for students and staff considered in close contact of persons diagnosed with Covid-19. Robyn Shelton made a motion to let masks be optional at school. Phillip Chapman stated that he thought a future date to begin the change would allow those who were getting vaccinated more time to complete the process. Mrs. Shelton agreed and reworded her motion to begin the option to wear masks on April 26, 2021. Robert Johnson seconded. The motion carried on a 6 to 1 vote, with Scott Nelson casting a no vote.

The Board returned to AGENDA ITEM 2. PRESENTATIONS:

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Continuing Education Report for Members of the Board

{Education Code 11.159; 19 TAC 61.1(b),..1(i); HSISD Policy BBD; SB 1566}

For the President of the Board, Nita Clark read the annual report of continuing education acquired by trustees for the school year 2020-2021. The report indicates training for each trustee is as follows:

COMPLETED: Robyn Shelton and DeAnna Putman

DEFICIENT: Robert Johnson, Scott Nelson, and Billy Willis

NOT SCHEDULED FOR TRAINING TO COMPLETE BEFORE END OF APRIL:

Robert Johnson, Scott Nelson, and Billy Willis

EXCEEDED REQUIREMENTS: Phillip Chapman and Van Hall

2.2 Acceptable Use Policies for HSISD Staff and for HSISD Students

{HSISD Policy CQ}

The Acceptable Use Policies for staff and students are reviewed annually by the Board but do not require board approval. The policies are available for viewing at the administration building.

3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

{HSISD Policy BE}

Consent Agenda Items Considered:

On motion by Phillip Chapman, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to remove Consent Agenda Item 3.2 from the Consent Agenda to be considered at the end of the agenda items. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

3.1 CONSIDERATION to Approve Minutes of Meeting on March 8, 2021

{HSISD Policy BE}

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021, regular board meeting. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.2 CONSIDERATION to Approve 2021-2022 School Calendar

{HSISD Policy EB}

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar. The calendar was selected from a choice of three calendars by the teachers, then presented to and approved by the District Site-based Committee at a meeting on March 31, 2021. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.3 CONSIDERATION to Approve a Date Change for the Regular Board Meeting from March 14, 2022, to March 7, 2022.

{HSISD Policy EB}

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve the change in the date of the March 14, 2022, regular board meeting to March 7, 2022, to avoid a conflict with Spring Break. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.4 CONSIDERATION to Approve Quote for Student Laptops*{Education Code 44.031; HSISD Policy CH Series}*

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Robyn Shelton, it was moved to approve a quote from Insight for 188 student laptops in the amount of \$118,795.32. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.5 CONSIDERATION to Approve a Quote from CDW-G for Server Cluster*{Education Code 44.031; HSISD Policy CH Series}*

On motion by DeAnna Putman, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve the quote from CDW-G through the TIPS program for the server cluster in the amount of \$31,963.62. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.6 CONSIDERATION to Approve Cass County Appraisal District Operating Budget and Resolution for 2021 Budget Amendments*{HSISD Policy CCH}*

On motion by Phillip Chapman, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve Cass County Appraisal District Operating Budget and a Resolution for a 2021 Budget Amendment. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.7 CONSIDERATION to Approve a Letter of Engagement with CPA Firm Wilf Henderson*{HSISD Policy EEL}*

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve the Letter of Engagement with Wilf Henderson, CPA firm in Texarkana for the annual audit of the school district. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4.8 CONSIDERATION to Approve Textbook Material Allotment and TEKS Certification*{HSISD Policy EFAA, Education Code 31.0211, Education Code 39.0241, Education Code 39.023 (a)(c)}*

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve the 2021-2022 Allotment and TEKS Certification as presented by Curriculum Director Theresa Jennings. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote. A copy of the Form is a part of these minutes.

*From CONSENT AGENDA 3.2***4.9 CONSIDERATION** to Approve Budget Amendments (as needed)*{HSISD Policy BE}*

On motion by Phillip Chapman, seconded by DeAnna Putman, it was moved to approve the Budget Amendment to reclass and move money for the new server cluster. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote. A copy of the budget amendment is a part of these minutes.

- 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 6:35 p.m. and reconvened at 7:33 p.m.*

5.1 PERSONNEL (Action)

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

1. RECOMMENDATIONS to Approve Contract Renewals for 2021-2022 School Year for Teachers, Nurses, Counselors and G/T Coordinator.
2. RECOMMENDATIONS to Approve New Contracts for 2021-2022 School Year for Kindergarten, Fourth Grade Social Studies, Fourth Grade Reading, Seventh Grade ELA, High School Math Teacher and Curriculum Director.

5.2 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.

6.1 PERSONNEL (Action)

1. CONSIDERATION to Approve Contract Renewals for 2021-2022 School Year for Teachers, Nurses, Counselors and G/T Coordinator.

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve contract renewals and non-renewals for 2021-2022 School Year for Teachers, Nurses, Counselors and G/T Coordinator. Recommendations are a part of these minutes. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote. Scott Nelson was not in the room at the time of voting.

2. CONSIDERATION to Approve New Contracts for 2021-2022 School Year for Kindergarten, Fourth Grade Social Studies, Fourth Grade Reading, Seventh Grade ELA, High School Math Teacher and Curriculum Director.

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve new contracts as recommended for the 2021-2022 School Year as follows:

Kindergarten	Ryan Lindsey
Fourth Grade Social Studies	Becky Craig
Fourth Grade Reading	Kristen Velazquez
Seventh Grade ELA	Marsha Garner
High School Math	Richard Staton
Curriculum Director	Kristina Gardner

Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

{HSISD Policy BE and BJA}

7.1-7.7 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Sarah Dildine advised the Board the enrollment on Friday was 1156, and there are currently 7 students enrolled in virtual classes, six of them in the elementary and one in high school. On April 1, 2021, the District submitted an application for the Community Eligibility Provision Program to TDA. If the program is approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, all students at the

Elementary School will have free breakfasts and free lunches for the next four years. On approval, communication will be sent to all parents and guardians. Currently, only the elementary campus meets the qualifications for this program. One Act Play students compete at Regionals on Thursday in Winona. Some of the UIL track athletes will be competing in area contests. Adriana K is the district champ in girls triple jump and Victor W is the district champ in boys 1600M and 3200M. Mrs. Dildine advised the Board that the budget was on track for the year, so plans are being made to proceed with the painting of the elementary campus, and for new air conditioners in the gym and auditorium. Quotes will be available for approval at the May board meeting. Mrs. Dildine is preparing a list of the end of year events and will post it when it's complete. She is also working on raise options and cost for the next year to include on June's agenda. Vacancy notices will be posted for an elementary lifeskills teacher, two elementary interventionists and a gifted and talented coordinator/teacher.

8.8-8.14 Business Manager's Report

Business Manager Jalyn Setser gave the Board the following information as of March 31, 2021.

1. Financial Summary

- a. General Funds
 - i. Revenue - \$9,118,805 (Estimated Revenue - \$13,150,000)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$6,780,067 (Budget - \$13,150,000)
- b. Food Service
 - i. Revenue - \$259,613 (Estimated Revenue - \$442,000)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$266,211 (Budget - \$517,000)

2. Monthly TEA Foundation Payments

- a. Mar 2021 payment - \$925,384
- b. Apr 2021 – No payment due

3. Tax Collections

- a. Cass County - \$1,992,211 (Levy – \$2,130,000)
- b. Morris County - \$688,798 (Levy – \$669,000)

4. Investment Accounts

- a. Certificates of Deposit (FNB) - \$3,302,000
- b. Lone Star Investment Pool - \$493,000

5. Cash Position

- a. Bank Accounts - \$6,566,000
- b. Investments - \$3,795,000
- c. Total - \$10,361,000

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

- a. Unassigned - \$3,305,887
- b. Non-spendable for Inventory - \$82,890
- c. Committed for Construction - \$2,500,000
- d. Committed for Capital Expenditures for Equipment - \$850,000

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- e. Committed for Self Insurance - \$15,706
- f. Other Committed - \$1,167,000
- g. Total - \$7,921,483

Mrs. Setser advised the Board there would not be a payment from TEA in April and the depository contract will be on the agenda next month.

9. **CLOSING ACTIVITIES**

9.1 **Questions asked of and by Board Members**

{HSISD Policy BE}

There were none.

9.2. **Adjournment**

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

Van J. Hall, President

Robyn Shelton, Secretary