

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

May 10, 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 Billy Willis

1.3 PUBLIC COMMENT *{HSISD Policy BED}*

There was no public comment

2. NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES:

{HSISD Policy BBB; Tx. Const. Art. XVI; Tx Elec Code 67.004-67.006, 67.016, 67.017}

2.1 Statement of Officer, Oath of Office, Certificate of Election for Trustees

Notary Public Nita Clark addressed Scott Nelson and DeAnna Putman, administering to them the Statement of Elected Officer and the Oath of Office and presenting the Certificate of Election. Both incumbent board members were unopposed for the election to be held on May 1, 2021, and were declared elected at the March 8, 2021, regular board meeting following the approved Cancellation of Election. By law, they could not be sworn in until after the date of the election.

3. ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFFICERS FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR: *{HSISD Policy BED}*

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to retain the same officers for the coming year. Van Hall will continue as President of the School Board, Billy Willis as the Vice-president and Robyn Shelton as Secretary. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

4.1 Depository Contract Request for Proposals *{HSISD Policy BDAE}*

Superintendent Sarah Dildine and Business Manager Jalyn Setser presented the responses

received from Texas Heritage Bank (Daingerfield) and First National Bank (Hughes Springs) to the Request for Proposals for the Depository Contract with HSISD. They also explained the items in the rubric for scoring the proposals and answered questions from the board members. The score for each bank was tied.

There was discussion about using Texas Heritage for Certificates of Deposit and First National Bank for every other service. Also mentioned was the ability, as provided by law in making depository agreement decisions, to renegotiate the interest rates.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

{HSISD Policy BE}

Consent Agenda Items Considered:

- Minutes of the April 12, 2021, and April 29, 2021, board meetings
- Budget amendments as presented

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve the consent agenda items. The budget amendments were to move funds to cover the cost of summer projects. Robert Johnson and Scott Nelson abstained from the minutes of the special board meeting held on April 29th. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

6. **AGENDA ITEMS**

6.1 **CONSIDERATION** to Approve the Depository Contract

{HSISD Policy EB}

On motion by DeAnna Putman, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to table any decision on the depository contract and contact the First National Bank to renegotiate the interest rates on the various accounts the District has. Motion carried on a 5 to 0 vote. Trustees Shelton and Johnson abstained due to conflicts of interest.

6.2 **CONSIDERATION** to Approve Policy DEA (Local)

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

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by DeAnna Putman, it was moved to approve the amendment to HSISD Policy DEA (Local) as presented. The change rewords the policy so that in the event of any emergency, any overtime pay to school employees would be eligible for FEMA reimbursement. HSISD policies are available for viewing on the District's webpage at www.hsisd.net. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

6.3 **CONSIDERATION** to Approve Resolution Designating Superintendent as Authorized Representative to Sign the Evergreen Amendment to the District's Flexible Benefits Plan.

On motion by Phillip Chapman, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to give Superintendent Sarah Dildine the authority as representative for the Board to sign the amendment to the District's Evergreen Flexible Benefits Plan . Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

7. **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 not a closed session.*

7.1 PERSONNEL (Action)

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

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

8. 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.

9.1 PERSONNEL (Action)

None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

{HSISD Policy BE and BJA}

9.1-9.7 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Sarah Dildine advised the Board the enrollment on Friday was 1157, and there are currently 7 students enrolled in virtual classes, six of them in the elementary and one in high school. There will be no virtual classes during the 2021-2022 school year. Information was given to the trustees regarding suggested pay increases for employees. The issue will be on the June agenda for board action because some employees annual pay rate will begin for the new year in July. The business office is considering a change in the payroll date and procedure. Mrs. Dildine shared information regarding the ESSER III Grant and possible ways to spend any funds available from it, the softball playoff game, a list of events scheduled for the end of the school year and student Skylar Strickland placed 4th in the State Theatrical Design competition.

9.8-9.14 Business Manager's Report

Business Manager Jalyn Setser gave the Board the following information as of April 30, 2021:

1. *Financial Summary*

- a. General Funds
 - i. Revenue - \$9,212,506 (Estimated Revenue - \$13,150,000)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$7,738,524 (Budget - \$13,150,000)
- b. Food Service
 - i. Revenue - \$310,349 (Estimated Revenue - \$442,000)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$308,810 (Budget - \$517,000)

2. *Monthly TEA Foundation Payments*

- a. Apr 2021 payment - \$0
- b. May payment - \$924,459

3. Tax Collections

- a. Cass County - \$2,047,370 (Levy – \$2,130,000)
- b. Morris County - \$690,635 (Levy – \$669,000)

4. Investment Accounts

- a. Certificates of Deposit (FNB) - \$3,303,000
- b. Lone Star Investment Pool - \$493,000

5. Cash Position

- a. Bank Accounts - \$5,718,000
- b. Investments - \$3,796,000
- c. Total - \$9,514,000

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

10. CLOSING ACTIVITIES

10.1 Questions asked of and by Board Members

{HSISD Policy BE}

There were none.

10.2 Cybersecurity Training for School Board

{Gov'n Code Section 2054.5191}

Cybersecurity training is required of every employee in the school district and members of the Board of Trustees. Board members received their training information.

10.3. Adjournment

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

Van J. Hall, President

Robyn Shelton, Secretary