

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

August 9, 2021
6:00 P.M.

Billy Willis, Presiding

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Van Hall

School Personnel Present

Sarah Dildine, Superintendent

Guests

(See attached list)

1. OPENING ACTIVITIES:

1.1 CALL to Order/Declaration of Quorum by Vice-president Billy Willis *{Gov't Code 551.001 (6), 311.013 (b)}*

1.2 INVOCATION given by Phillip Chapman; Pledge of Allegiance lead by Scott Nelson

1.3 PUBLIC COMMENT

{HSISD Policy BED}

There was no public comment

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2.1 Evaluation of State/Federal Programs for 2020-2021 Hearing

Curriculum Director Kristina Gardner briefed the Board on the results of the State and Federal Programs for the 2020-2021 school year. She advised them of the use of the funds for these programs, the results from the STAAR and EOC testing, district weaknesses and strengths, plus the impact and recommendations determined by the District Site-based Committee. Overall, the results indicated the District's strengths significantly out way it's weakness and the students' scores are more at-or-above the State level then slightly below. The DSB recommends that the allocation of funding for instructional personnel and services currently in place should continue.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

3.1 Proposed Budget Preview for 2021-2022

{HSISD Policy BDAA}

Business Manager Jalyn Setser presented the proposed budget for 2021-2022 to the Board. She advised them that the taxable property values for Morris County were down due to the shutdown of US Steel Company. TEA has a formula that the district must follow in setting the tax rate for the year. The ESSER III grant has been approved and the ESSER II grant should be approved soon. The proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year is \$13,508,313.

- 4. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** *{HSISD Policy BE}*

 - 4.1 Minutes of Meeting July 12, 2021 *{HSISD Policy BE}*
 - 4.2 Budget Amendments (as needed) *There were none.* *{HSISD Policy BE}*
 - 4.3 Appraisal Calendar and Appraisers for 2021-2022 *{HSISD Policy DN}*
 - 4.4 Vendor List *{HSISD Policy CHE}*

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.

- 5. **AGENDA ITEMS:** *{HSISD Policy BE; BEC; BED}*

- 5.1 **CONSIDERATION to Approve Student Code of Conduct** *{HSISD Policy FO}*

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve the Student Code of Conduct as presented. This document is available on the District’s website. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

- 5.2 **CONSIDERATION to Approve Employee Stipends for 2021-2022**
HSISD Policy DEAA; The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), ESSER, Sec. 18005

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve the Employee Stipends as presented. Copies of the ESSER III Grant Retention Stipend Options and the customary stipend list for 2021-2022 (with the deletion of the Trap Team Sponsor) are a part of these minutes Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

- 5.3 **CONSIDERATION to Approve Proposed Update to HSISD Policy DEC (Local)**
{HSISD Policy BF, BP; Education Code 11.201 (d)}

On motion by Phillip Chapman, seconded by DeAnna Putman, it was moved to approve the update to HSISD Policy DEC (Local). The change is due to a new law passed in this year’s legislative session that grants paid leave to any peace officer employed by the district in the event of a traumatic experience while on duty or while having to quarantine due to exposure or having Covid-19. HSISD Policies, including DEC (Local), are available on the District’s web page. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

- 5.4 **CONSIDERATION to Approve Quote on Property/Casualty Insurance**
{HSISD Policy CH, Education Code 44.031}

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Scott Nelson, the Board approved the quote from Texas Political Subdivision Joint Self-insurance Fund in the amount of \$117,056 for the property/casualty insurance for the next year. Motion carried on a 6 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.*

6.1 PERSONNEL (Action)

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

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.

7.1 PERSONNEL (Action)

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

{HSISD Policy BE and BJA}

8.1-8.7 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Sarah Dildine discussed with the Board implementing a COVID leave policy for employees. Details will be given following action on the issue at the next board meeting. The board has chosen to not open UIL events to homeschooled students. She also advised the Board that Byron Terry has notified the District that once his term on the Cass County Appraisal District Board expires at the end of the year, he will not continue his position for another term. The superintendent also recognized and thanked Theresa Jennings for her time and dedication to the Hughes Springs ISD as she retires at the end of the month.

8.8-8.14 Business Manager's Report

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

1. *Financial Summary*

- a. General Funds
 - i. Revenue - \$12,381,433 (Estimated Revenue - \$13,150,000)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$11,048,182 (Budget - \$13,150,000)
- b. Food Service
 - i. Revenue - \$394,105 (Estimated Revenue - \$442,000)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$424,758 (Budget - \$517,000)

2. *Monthly TEA Foundation Payments*

- a. July 2021 payment - \$842,936
- b. Aug 2021 payment - \$0

3. *Tax Collections*

- a. Cass County - \$2,111,451 (Levy - \$2,130,000)
- b. Morris County - \$695,474 (Levy - \$669,000)

4. Investment Accounts

- a. Certificates of Deposit (FNB) - \$3,305,000
- b. Lone Star Investment Pool - \$493,000

5. Cash Position

- a. Bank Accounts - \$5,611,000
- b. Investments - \$3,798,000
- c. Total - \$9,409,000

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

9. CLOSING ACTIVITIES

9.1 Questions asked of and by Board Members

{HSISD Policy BE}

Vice-president Billy Willis read a thank-you note from Christina Kelley, director of the CCSSA in Atlanta, for a donation in memory of her mother to the Superintendent's Scholarship Fund.

9.2 Adjournment

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

Billy Willis, Vice-president

Robyn Shelton, Secretary