

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

August 23, 2021
6:00 P.M.

Van Hall, Presiding

Members Present

Van Hall
Phillip Chapman
Robyn Shelton
DeAnna Putman

Members Absent

Billy Willis
Scott Nelson
Robert Johnson

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 Van Hall

1.3 PUBLIC COMMENT *{HSISD Policy BED}*

There was no public comment

2. PUBLIC COMMENT/HEARING Regarding 2021-2022 Budget for HSISD

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/HEARING Regarding 2021 Tax Rate for HSISD

There were no comments made by the public on the Budget for 2021-2022 nor for the Tax Rate for 2021. Business Manager Jalyn Setser presented the proposed budget for 2021-2022 to the Board in the amount of \$13,671,255 to the Board.

4. AGENDA ITEMS:

{HSISD Policy BE}

4.1 CONSIDERATION to Approve HSISD Budget for 2021-2022

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve the budget as presented in the amount of \$13,671,255. Motion carried on a 4 to 0 vote.

4.2 CONSIDERATION to Approve HSISD Food Budget for 2021-2022

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve the food budget as presented in the amount of \$512,115. Motion carried on a 4 to 0 vote.

4.3 CONSIDERATION to Approve HSISD Debt Service Budget for 2021-2022

On motion by Phillip Chapman, seconded by Robyn Shelton, it was moved to approve the debt service budget as presented in the amount of \$204,725. Motion carried on a 4 to 0 vote.

4.4 CONSIDERATION to Approve HSISD Tax Rate for 2021.

On motion by Phillip Chapman, seconded by DeAnna Putman, it was moved to approve the HSISD Tax Rate set at 1.0187 for 2021. A copy of the resolution is a part of these minutes. Motion carried on a 4 to 0 vote.

4.5 CONSIDERATION to Approve Resolution for Additional Paid Leave for Employees Related to Covid-19

On motion by DeAnna Putman, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve the resolution to allow additional paid leave for employees with a confirmed positive Covid-19 diagnosis. A copy of the resolution outlining the required conditions for receiving this additional leave is a part of these minutes. Motion carried on a 4 to 0 vote.

4.6. CONSIDERATION to Approve a Resolution Regarding Cass County Appraisal District Approved Budget for 2022

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve the CCAD budget for 2022 in the amount of \$868,858.00. Motion carried on a 4 to 0 vote.

4.7 CONSIDERATION to Approve a Resolution and an Agreement with Morris County Extension Office for Adjunct Faculty

On motion by DeAnna Putman, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve the Morris County Extension Office personnel as adjunct faculty when students were absent from school on extracurricular activities related to 4H or other similar activities. Copies of the resolution and the agreement are a part of these minutes. Motion carried on a 4 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.

There was no closed session.

5.1 PERSONNEL (Action)

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

CONSIDERATION – School District Teaching Permit and Employment Agreement for Vincent Aurentz

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 taken in Open Meeting)

On motion by DeAnna Putman, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to employ Vincent Aurentz as a welding teacher with a School District Teaching Permit. His Employment Agreement is for 226 days for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried on a 4 to 0 vote.

7. PRESENTATION**7.1 Employee Handbook**

The Employee Handbook 2021-2022 does not need Board approval. It is presented for the trustees to review. Guidelines in the handbook are subject to administrative changes, additions or deletions as regulations require.

8. CLOSING ACTIVITIES**8.1 Questions asked of and by Board Members***{HSISD Policy BE}*

The members of the Board and Mrs. Dildine discussed the current status of the Covid-19 Pandemic that has caused the District to close effective today, August 23, 2021, for the next four days. Students and employees can receive testing each day this week by scheduling an appointment with the school nurses. Though the students will not be present, employees will be, with recommendations to continue as much social distancing as possible and to voluntarily wear masks. The board discussed possible actions to take to prevent as many positive cases as possible and any more school closings.

8.2 Adjournment

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Van Hall, President

Robyn Shelton, Secretary

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