

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

November 14, 2022  
6:00 P.M.

**Van Hall, Presiding**

**Members Present**

Phillip Chapman	Van Hall
Scott Nelson	Robert Johnson
Matthew Golden	DeAnna Putman
Billy Willis	

**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

**1.3 PUBLIC COMMENT** *{HSISD Policy BED}*  
There was no public comment.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

*{HSISD Policy BE}*

**2.1** Minutes of meeting on October 10, 2022

**2.2** Budget Amendments (as needed).

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Phillip Chapman, the minutes of the meeting on October 10, 2022, and the budget amendment to reclassify funds for Compensatory Education were approved by a 7 to 0 vote with an abstention from Billy Willis on the minutes.

**3. AGENDA ITEMS:**

*{HSISD Policy BE; BEC; BED};*

**3.1 CONSIDERATION to Approve CCSSA First Semester Payment**

*{HSISD Policy EHBA, Education Code 29.007}*

The cost of participating in the Cass County Shared Services Arrangement through Atlanta ISD for the 2022-2023 school year is \$202,448.30. On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve the first semester payment of \$101,224.15. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote. The invoice is a part of these minutes.

**3.2 CONSIDERATION to Approve Resolution Regarding Region VIII ESC Interlocal Agreement Changes to TIPS Employee Benefits Cooperative**

*{HSISD Policy DEA}*

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve the resolution changing from TIPS medical and supplemental benefit service cooperative to participate with the region center as Region 8 ESC Benefit Plan Cooperative providing the

exact same services. It is believed it will be highly beneficial to taxpayers through anticipated savings, but with no changes in benefits to employees. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote. The resolution is a part of these minutes.

**3.3 CONSIDERATION to Approve Invoice from Region VIII ESC for Services** *{HSISD Policy CH}*

On motion by DeAnna Putman, seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve the payment of \$78,900.17 to the Region 8 ESC for services, cooperatives and workshops for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote. The invoice is part of these minutes.

**3.4 CONSIDERATION to Approve HSISD Policy COB (Local) School Nutrition Regarding Free and Reduced Meals** *{HSISD Policy COB}*

On motion by Scott Nelson, seconded by Matt Golden, it was moved to approve updating HSISD Policy COB (Local) to reflect that the District is participating in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) that allows providing free meals to students. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

**3.5 CONSIDERATION to Approve Resolution for Cass County Appraisal District 2022 Tax Roll and Levy** *{HSISD Policy CCG; Property Tax Code Section 26.09(e)}*

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve the resolution for the Cass County Tax Roll and Levy for 2022. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote. The resolution and the tax roll and levy are a part of these minutes.

**3.6 CONSIDERATION to Approve Application for Modified Schedule State Assessment Testing Days Waiver** *{HSISD Policy BF}*

On motion by Phillip Chapman, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve the application to TEA for a modified schedule for high school students not participating in the state testing on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> of 2023. Motion carried on a 7 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 6:10 p.m.**

**5.1 PERSONNEL:** *{HSISD Policy DC}*  
Consider Employment, Resignations, Reassignments, Transfers, Substitute Teacher List, Extended Leaves, Additional Positions, and Other Personnel Matters.

**5.2 CONSULTATION with Attorney {when necessary}** *Gov’t Code §551.071*

**6. RECONVENE The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 6:48 p.m.**

**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. No action was taken when the Board reconvened.**

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS***{HSISD Policy BE and BJA}***7.1 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Sarah Dildine gave the Board the current enrollment - 1158 as of last Friday, as well as information for the holiday events that have already been planned. She advised the Board that the auditors were here in late October and they will return for the January board meeting to present the 2021-2022 fiscal audit. Mrs. Dildine told the Board that TEA has released a School Safety Grant and that HSISD qualifies for the \$200,000. The District will apply for it and will be sharing information regarding how it will be spent, including covering the cost of projects done during the past summer. The Emergency Operations Plan for HSISD passed review by the State.

**7.2 Business Manager's Report**

Business Manger Jalyn Setser advised the board that the District now has a total of twelve Certificates of Deposit at the Texas Heritage National Bank in Daingerfield, Texas. The last three CD's purchased have been issued at 2.4%.

**1. Financial Summary****a. General Funds**

- i. Revenue - \$1,908,474 (Estimated Revenue - \$13,530,000)
- ii. Expenditures - \$1,765,454 (Budget - \$13,520,000)

**b. Food Service**

- iii. Revenue - \$141,991 (Estimated Revenue - \$532,000)
- iv. Expenditures - \$106,863 (Budget - \$531,000)

**2. Monthly TEA Foundation Payments**

- a. Oct 2022 Payment: \$960,413
- b. Nov 2022 Payment: \$937,514

**3. Tax Collections (2022 Tax Year)**

- a. Cass County - \$136,184 (2022 Levy - \$2,300,000)
- b. Morris County - \$0 (2022 Levy - \$435,000)

**4. Investment Accounts**

- a. Certificates of Deposit (THNB) – \$3,435,000
- b. Checking (THNB) - \$325,000
- c. Lone Star Investment Pool – \$66,000

**5. Cash Position**

- a. Bank Accounts - \$5,687,000
- b. Investments - \$3,826,000
- c. Total - \$9,513,000

**6. Fund Balance as of August 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)**

- a. Unassigned - \$4,756,922
- b. Non-spendable for Inventory - \$44,276
- c. Other Restricted - \$0
- d. Committed for Construction - \$2,500,000

- e. Committed for Capital Expenditures for Equipment - \$850,000
- f. Committed for Self Insurance - \$25,171
- g. Other Committed - \$1,167,000
- h. Total - \$9,343,369

**8. CLOSING ACTIVITIES**

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

*{HSISD Policy BE}*

President Van Hall read a thank you note from the family of Mike Jenkins for a donation to the Superintendent Scholarship Fund in his memory.

**8.2 Adjournment**

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 7 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Van Hall, President

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Phillip Chapman, Secretary