

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

May 11, 2020
6:00 P.M.

Van Hall, Presiding

Members Present

Billy Willis	Rick Nelson
Robyn Shelton	Van Hall
Scott Nelson	
Phillip Chapman	

Members Absent

DeAnna Putman

School Personnel Present

Sarah Dildine, Superintendent

Guests

(See attached list)

1. OPENING ACTIVITIES

A. CALL to Order/Declaration of Quorum by President Van Hall *{Gov't Code 551.001 (6), 311.013 (b)}*

B. INVOCATION given by Phillip Chapman; Pledge of Allegiance lead by Robert Johnson

C. PUBLIC COMMENT *{HSISD Policy BED}*

There was no public comment.

2. PRESENTATION(S)

A. 2020-2021 Elementary Grading Guidelines *{HSISD Policy EIA}*

Superintendent Sarah Dildine discussed the guidelines for the next school year when the district begins nine-week grading periods.

B. 2020-2021 Secondary Grading Guidelines *{HSISD Policy EIA}*

Superintendent Sarah Dildine discussed the guidelines for the next school year when the district begins nine-week grading periods.

3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

{HSISD Policy BE}

Consent Agenda Items Considered:

A. CONSIDERATION to Approve Minutes of Meeting on April 20, 2020

B. CONSIDERATION to Approve Budget Amendments (as needed) *{HSISD Policy EIA}*

The Budget Amendment is available for viewing at the business office.

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

{HSISD Policy BE}

A. CONSIDERATION and ACTION on a Resolution Approving an Engagement Agreement for Bond Counsel Legal Services with Locke Lord, LLP, and Other Matters in Connection Therewith

{HSISD Policy BAA; Education Code 11.151(b),(d)}

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve switching legal firms to the Bond Counsel Legal Services with Locke Lord, LLP. The attorney originally counseling the District has moved from one firm to another and the District chooses to retain the persons commissioned by the District when starting this process. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

- B. CONSIDERATION** to Approve Resolution Regarding Resumption of On-Site Employment Following the Covid-19 Emergency *{HSISD Policy BAA; Education Code 11.151(b),(d)}*

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to resume the normal schedule for all employees who work more than 187 days a year. Teachers and aides are not included in this group of employees. The District is also beginning the usual summer schedule of four ten-hour days for employees who are usually on that schedule. Premium pay for employees working during the Covid -19 crisis ended on May 11, 2020. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

- C. CONSIDERATION** to Approve CPR Waiver *{HSISD Policy BF}*

On motion by Scott Nelson, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve requesting a waiver to allow three students who, due to the Covid-19 crisis, missed the CPR training required to graduate. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

- D. CONSIDERATION** to Approve Student Insurance Proposal from Health Special Risk, Inc. *{HSISD Policy FFD}*

On motion by Phillip Chapman, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve the proposal for student insurance in the amount of \$18,099. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

- E. CONSIDERATION** to Approve Nominating Local Trustee for TASB Board *{HSISD Policy BBE}*

This issue was tabled for lack of interest.

- F. CONSIDERATION** to Approve Quote from Microsoft for Laptops and Accessories for District Staff *{HSISD Policy CH Series; Education Code 44.031}*

On motion by Robyn Shelton, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve the quote from the Microsoft Store for laptops and accessories for district staff in the amount of \$34,477.69. Motion carried on a 6 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 6:20 p.m.***

- A. PERSONNEL (Action)**

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

1. Consideration to Approve New Hire Contracts for 2020-2021

- B. 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. *The Board reconvened at 6:28 p.m.*

A. PERSONNEL

1. **CONSIDERATION** to Approve Employment of Alec Bryant as a teacher/coach

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was moved to approve the employment of Alec Bryant as a teacher/coach. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

{HSISD Policy BE and BJA}

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dildine discussed the status of the refinancing/refunding bond at a lower rate, TEA's suggestion to change school calendar (more details on this after Wednesday) preregistration for kindergarten is 67 students, plans for graduation include persons who attend must have ticket and a verbal health screening to be allowed in the stadium for the ceremony on June 5, 2020, at 8:00 p.m., and the completed pay study needs to be adopted in June.

B. Business Manager's Report

Supt. Dildine covered Business Manager Jalyn Setser's financial reports to the Board:

1. Financial Summary

- a. General Funds
 - i. Revenue - \$9,411,654 (Estimated Revenue - \$13,350,000)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$8,170,993 (Budget - \$13,196,000)
- b. Food Service
 - i. Revenue - \$303,717 (Estimated Revenue - \$442,000)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$333,636 (Budget - \$485,000)

2. Monthly TEA Foundation Payments

- a. No payment in April - \$0
- b. Next payment May 2020 payment – \$897,732

3. Tax Collections

- a. Cass County - \$1,858,866 (Levy – \$1,980,000)
- b. Morris County - \$909,085 (Levy – \$921,000)

4. Investment Accounts

- a. Certificates of Deposit (FNB) - \$3,279,000
- b. Lone Star Investment Pool - \$492,000

5. Cash Position

- a. Bank Accounts - \$4,937,000
- b. Investments - \$3,771,000
- c. Total - \$8,708,000

A. Questions asked of and by Board Members

{HSISD Policy BE}

Supt. Dildine discussed the training regarding cybersecurity that all employees and board members must have by June 14, 2020. The material is included in their board packet and they will be tested in order to certify that all have completed the requirement.

President Hall read a thank you note from the Willis family for a memorial donation to the Superintendent's Scholarship Fund in memory of Delwyn Clark, father-in-law of Billy Willis and nephew of Nita Clark.

B. Adjournment

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

Van J. Hall, President

Rick Nelson, Secretary