

**SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HUGHES SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**
January 9, 2017
6:00 P.M.

Bill Lindsey, Presiding

Members Present

Van Hall	Robyn Shelton
Bill Lindsey	Clint Morgan
Billy Willis	Brandon Golden

Members Absent

Rick Nelson

School Personnel Present

Sarah Dildine, Superintendent

Guests

(See attached list)

1. OPENING ACTIVITIES

- A. CALL to Order/Declaration of Quorum by President Bill Lindsey
- B. INVOCATION given by Clint Morgan; Pledge of Allegiance lead by Billy Willis
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Board Appreciation

January is traditionally a TASB recommended Board Appreciation Month to thank trustees for their service to the District. Administrators gifted the board members with Mustang school and team sportswear and handmade thank you notes from the elementary students.

B. Student Recognition - DAR Good Citizen Award

Brian Nation, high school principal, recognized Celeste O'Dell as a DAR recipient for an essay that she had written for the organization's competition for a scholarship.

C. Student Recognition - Junior High UIL Students

Junior High School UIL coordinator Gloria Nation presented some of the first place student winners to the Board. The school had 97 participants who brought back 51 first place individual medals and 21 first place team medals. Hughes Springs Junior High School was the overall second place winner in the competition.

3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. CONSIDERATION to Approve Minutes of Meeting on December 12, 2016
- B. CONSIDERATION to Approve Disbursements for December 2016
- C. CONSIDERATION to Approve Budget Amendments (as needed)

HSISD Policy BE

HSISD Policy CFA

HSISD Policy CE

Budget Amendments may be viewed at the Business Office.

- D. CONSIDERATION to Approve Resolution to Texas Legislature to Repeal Small District Funding Formula

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

The resolution was a corrected version of the one approved last month to repeal the unfair funding formula that costs the district approximately \$700,000 annually.

- E. CONSIDERATION to Approve Wellness Policy

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

The Wellness Policy is available at the campus offices.

On motion by Clint Morgan, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve all consent agenda items. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. CONSIDERATION to Approve Resolution Concerning the A-F Accountability Rating System for Texas Public Schools.

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

Recent legislation enacted by the Texas Legislature has resulted in a public school rating system that does not accurately portray the effectiveness of student performance nor consider relative domains for evaluation of a district's preparation of students for graduation. Thus, the rating leaves the public with an invalid picture of the school's actual quality. This resolution calls on the Legislature to repeal the rating system utilizing A through F grades and to develop a system that allows school districts to design their own internal systems of assessment and accountability that will meet general state standards, but also the needs and interest of the students in the local community. A copy of the resolution is a part of these minutes. Motion was made by Clint Morgan and seconded by Robyn Shelton to approve the resolution. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

- B. CONSIDERATION to Approve Resolution to Initiate the Process to Become a District of Innovation

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

HB 1842 was passed during the 84th Texas legislative Session in Spring 2015, and provides Texas public school districts the opportunity to be designated as a District of Innovation. Districts of Innovation may be exempted from a number of state statutes and will have:

- Greater local control as the decision makers over the educational and instructional model for students;
- Increased freedom and flexibility, with accountability, relative to state mandates that govern educational programming; and
- Empowerment to innovate and think differently.

Districts are not exempt from statutes including curriculum and graduation requirements and academic and financial accountability.

HSISD Board of Trustees will hold a hearing for the public on January 23, 2017, to begin the process to become a District of Innovation. Motion was made by Van Hall, seconded by Brandon Golden and passed with 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 entered closed session at 6:17 p.m. and reconvened at 6:49 p.m.

A. PERSONNEL: (Action)

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

1. Consultation with Attorney {when necessary}
There was no consultation.
2. Superintendent's Appraisal
3. Superintendent's Contract and Compensation

Gov't Code §551.071

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 to the following:

There was no action taken on closed session items.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Sarah Dildine advised the Board of the current enrollment of 1259. She also advised that the work on the baseball rest rooms, the auditorium/cafe/terya foyer remodel, and the elementary floor that was to be replaced during the Thanksgiving holidays have been completed.

B. Business Manager's Report

Business Manager Derick Sibley told the trustees that the current cash position is over seven million dollars. All other information was included in their board packets.

9. **CLOSING ACTIVITIES**

A. Questions asked of and by Board Members

There were no other questions asked of or by the board.

B. Adjournment

On motion by Clint Morgan seconded by Brandon Golden, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote.

Bill Lindsey, President

Juanita R. Clark, Acting Secretary

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