

Minutes of Special Board Meeting July 31, 2018

The Board of Trustees Texas City Independent School District

Members Present: Hal Biery, President
Bryan Thompson, Vice President
Melba Anderson
Dickey Campbell
Nakisha Paul
Mable Pratt

Absent: Nelson Juarez

Present: Dr. Rodney Cavness, Superintendent
Susan Myers, Deputy Superintendent of Education
Dr. Terri Burchfield, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services
Margaret Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

Zachary Cowey, Financial Service Administrator
Sergeant Derrick Fillmore, Galveston Sherriff's Office
Jack Haralson, Assistant Director of Maintenance & Operations
Major Ron Hill, Galveston County Sherriff's Office
Tony Hopkins, TASB Board of Directors
Adriana Lyle, Executive Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary
Mike Matranga, Executive Director of Security and Sch. Safety
Ricky Nicholson, La Marque High School Principal
Donna Peterson, Director of Special Education
Jerretta Temple, Coordinator of Special Education

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Texas City Independent School District was held Tuesday, July 31, 2018, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Simpson Education Support Center Board Room.

1. Call to Order

2. First Order of Business

- A. Announcement by the President whether a quorum is present, that the meeting has been duly called and notice of the meeting has been posted for the time and manner required by law

Mr. Hal Biery, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Biery announced that a quorum was present, that the meeting had been duly called, and notice of the meeting had been posted in the time and manner required by law.

3. Action

- A. Consider discussion and approval of TASB Endorsements

Mr. Hal Biery, President, reviewed the list of candidates for positions on the TASB Board. These individuals have been nominated by their local boards for TASB Board positions, which are vacant or have expiring terms. Our school board is endorsing candidates from our region.

Mr. Dickey Campbell, Board Member made a motion to endorse Georgan Reitmeier from Klein ISD for Region 4, Position A. Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Dickey Campbell, Board Member made a motion to endorse Tony Hopkins from Friendswood ISD for Region 4, Position C. Ms. Nakisha Paul, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

- B. Consider discussion of Aries Change Order totaling \$113,611.35 to provide 8' fencing around the transition campuses located on Magnolia

Mr. Jack Haralson, Assistant Director of Maintenance & Operations, reviewed the proposal from Aries to increase the height of the fencing that will enclose the Transitional campus. Aries's original scope of work called for 6' high fencing. The proposal is to raise the fence to 8'.

Mr. Bryan Thompson, Vice President, made a motion to approve the request for Aries to raise the height of the fence to 8'. Ms. Nakisha Paul, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

- C. Consider for discussion and approval of Contracted Services for Special Education

Mrs. Donna Peterson, Director of Special Education, reviewed contracts with Soliant Heath for an educational diagnostician and EBS for a Bilingual Speech and Language Pathologist. The district has experienced a lack of applicants and therefore will need to work with contracting companies to fill staffing needs. The needed services will provide FAPE for students and maintain state and federal testing timelines.

Mr. Dickey Campbell, Board Member, made a motion to approve the contracts from Soliant Health and EBS. Mr. Bryan Thompson, Vice President, seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

- D. Consider for discussion and approval contract with Galveston County Sheriff's Office

Mrs. Margaret Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, stated that only one bid was submitted from Galveston County Sheriff's Department. The total contract is for 19 officers (1 Lieutenant, 3 Sargent's and 15 Deputies) at \$1,536,996.60 per year. Dr. Terri Burchfield, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services, explained that the contract would come for review on August 14, 2018. Major Ron Hill, Galveston County Sheriff's Office, stated that the only change to the contract was the phone charges. He explained that phone charges would be taken off the contract, everything else would stay the

same. No action was taken at this time.

- E. Consider discussion and approval of opening an investment account with TexPool Prime and adding TexPool Prime to the District's list of authorized investment providers

Mrs. Margaret Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, explained that TCISD currently has an account with TexPool. TexPool Prime is an investment pool. TexPool Prime has a heavier concentration of investments in commercial paper and purchase agreement, but it is allowable under our investment Police TexPool Prime has been offering a rate of 2.10% compared to TexPool, which has been offering 1.80%. Both pools have the legal requirement to maintain a Net Asset Value of \$1.

Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, made a motion to approve an investment account with TexPool and add TexPool Prime to the list of authorized investment providers. Mrs. Mable Pratt, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

4. Budget Workshop

Mrs. Margaret Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, began the Budget Workshop at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Lee began by explaining the following areas:

General Fund

- *Tax Rate (\$1.5149)*
- *Result of Proposed Budget with Annexation funds(\$96,685,894.00), Total Expenditures (\$89,033,291), and Operating Surplus/Deficit (\$7,652.603.00)*
- *Result of Proposed Budget without Annexation funds (\$78,585,894.00), Total Expenditures (\$82,950,212.00), and Operating Surplus/Deficit (\$4,364,318.00).*
- *Timeline – 3 years to get to a balanced budget without annexation funds.*

Nutrition Services Proposed Budget

- *Nutrition Services Operating Budget – Balanced Budget (\$5,590,649.00)
They are operating under a slight surplus.*

Debt Service Proposed Budget

- *Debt Service Budget is based on I&S tax rate of \$0.3449*
- *Based on certified taxable values and a collection percentage of 100% the District would collect \$1,865,576 that will be taken from the fund balance reserved for maintaining a maximum tax rate of \$0.35459.*

Fund Balance Projection

- *TCISD will have three months of operation expenditures in unassigned funds balance plus a slight increase in the reservation of fund balance for catastrophic events. (\$20,809,217.00),*

The Budget Workshop ended at 7:17 p.m.

5. **Closed Meeting** - Closed meeting will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071 - 551.087 concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including but not limited to the following sections and purposes: Texas Government Code Sections:

Mr. Bryan Thompson, Vice President, made a motion to convene into a closed meeting under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 through 551.087 Ms. Nakisha Paul, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0. The Board of Trustees entered closed session at 7:18 p.m.

- A. **551.071** For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on all subjects or matter authorized by law
1. when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about:
 - a. Pending or contemplated litigation or
 - b. A settlement offer; or
 2. On a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body, under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with this chapter;
 3. Consider legal advice regarding items specifically listed on the Agenda.
- B. **551.072** For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property:
1. Consider Annexation Determination by Texas Education Commissioner regarding La Marque ISD and related actions
 2. Review detachment and annexation of territory
- C. **551.073** For the purpose of discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations
- D. **551.074** For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, resignation, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee
1. Consider hiring of professional personnel;
 2. Consider renewals, non-renewals, and terminations of contracts for professional personnel;
 3. Consider new position for Technical Security Analyst and related actions.
- E. **551.076** For the purpose of considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices
- F. **551.082** For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel
- G. **551.083** For the purpose of considering the students, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representative of employee groups

H. **551.084** Excluding witness for a hearing

I. **551.087** For deliberation regarding economic development negotiations

1. Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations;
2. Deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1)

6. Reconvene from Closed Meeting

The Board of Trustees reconvened into open session at 8:07 p.m.

7. Consider Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session

- A. Consider Board approval of professional personnel recommendations and related actions

No action was taken.

- B. Consider Board approval of renewals, non-renewals, and terminations of contracts for professional personnel and related actions

No action was taken.

- C. Consider Board approval of new position for Technical Security Analyst as discussed in closed session and related actions.

Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, made a motion for the approval of a new position for Technical Security Analyst as discussed in closed session and related actions. Mrs. Mabel Pratt, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

8. Adjournment

Ms. Nakisha Paul, Board Member, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Mr. Brand Thompson, Vice President, seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

Approved:

Hal Biery
TCISD Board of Trustees

Date

Adriana Lyle, Secretary
TCISD Board of Trustees

Date

