

Minutes of Special Board Meeting December 2, 2019

The Board of Trustees Texas City Independent School District

Present: Bryan Thompson, President
Nakisha Paul, Vice President
Melba Anderson
Mable Pratt
Nelson Juarez

Absent: Hal Biery
Dickey Campbell

Present: Dr. Rodney Cavness, Superintendent
Dr. Terri Burchfield, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services
David Hodgins, TCISD Attorney
Adriana Lyle, Executive Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary
Paulette Williams - Community

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Texas City Independent School District was held Monday, December 2, 2019, beginning at 1:30 PM in the Simpson Education Support Center Board Room.

1. 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. Bryan Thompson, President, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Thompson 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.

2. Public Forum

There was not Public Forum at this time.

3. Action Items

A. Consider appeal of student expulsion decision and related actions

Dr. Terri Burchfield, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services, represented TCISD against the order to expel Tyann Gamble from Texas City ISD. Mr. David Hodgins, Attorney, will be facilitating the hearing and serve as legal counsel to the Board of Trustees. Ms. Paulette Williams presented herself in the appeal.

4. 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:

Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, made a motion to convene into a closed meeting under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 through 551.087. Mr. Nelson Juarez, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0. The Board of Trustees entered a closed session at 2:30 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 when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about:
1. Pending or contemplated litigation or
 2. A settlement offer, or
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.
 4. Consider legal advice regarding student expulsion decision and related actions
- B. **551.072** For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property:
1. Consider Proposed Middle School Site and relate actions regarding value of land and potential negotiations with a third party.
 2. Discuss possible valuation of surplus district property and possible purchase of additional properties located in district
 3. 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 approval of Campus Principal for Texas City High School
3. Consider renewals, non-renewals, and terminations of contracts for professional personnel;
4. Consider appeal of student expulsion decision 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
 1. Consider appeal of student expulsion decision and related actions
- G. **551.0821** For the purpose of deliberating on a matter regarding a public school student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation.
 1. Consider appeal of student expulsion decision and related actions
- H. **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
- I. **551.084** Excluding witness for a hearing
- J. **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)

5. Reconvene from Closed Meeting

The Board of Trustees reconvened into open session at 2:48 p.m.

6. Consider Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session

- A. Consider Board approval of professional personnel recommendations

No action was taken at this time.

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

No action was taken at this time.

C. Consider appeal regarding student expulsion decision and related actions

Mrs. Mable Pratt made a motion to deny the complaint of Ms. Williams and uphold the level two decision by Dr. Burchfield. Mr. Nelson Juarez, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried. 5/0.

7. Adjournment

Ms. Nakisha Paul, Vice President, moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Mrs. Mable Pratt, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Approved:

Bryan Thompson
TCISD Board of Trustees

Date

Adriana Lyle, Secretary
TCISD Board of Trustees

Date