

# Minutes of Special Board Meeting November 29, 2018

## The Board of Trustees Texas City Independent School District

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*Members Present:* Hal Biery, President  
Melba Anderson  
Dickey Campbell  
Nakisha Paul  
Mable Pratt

*Absent:*  
Bryan Thompson Vice President  
Nelson Juarez

*Present:* Dr. Rodney Cavness, Superintendent  
Susan Myers, Deputy Superintendent of Education  
Margaret Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations  
Dr. Terri Burchfield, Executive Director of Support Services  
Zach Cowey, Director of Finance  
Susan Wilson, Principal of Calvin Vincent Head Start

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Texas City Independent School District was held Thursday, November 29, 2018, beginning at 2:00 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. Hal Biery, President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 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.*

### 2. Action Items

- A. Consider approval of proposal for playground renovations and upgrades at Calvin Vincent Early Childhood Center (CH(LOCAL))

*Mr. Zach Cowey, Director of Finance, explained that earlier this month, Head Start approved a grant for renovations of the playground at Calvin Vincent. The grant ends November 30, 2018, and fund must be encumbered by that date. The scope of work and quote from the playground, shade and surfacing depot are included for approval. The full cost of the renovations will be covered by the Head Start Grant.*

*Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, made a motion to approve the requested purchases as presented for renovations of the playground at Calvin Vincent. Ms. Nakisha Paul, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.*

3. **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. Nakisha Paul, Board Member, made a motion to convene into a closed meeting under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 through 551.087 Mrs. Mable Pratt, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0. The Board of Trustees entered closed session at 2:03 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. Consider legal advice regarding Annexation Determination by Texas Education Commissioner regarding La Marque ISD, including redistricting of trustee positions and related transition plan
  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 Annexation Determination by Texas Education Commissioner regarding La Marque ISD 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)

4. **Reconvene from Closed Meeting**

*The Board of Trustees reconvened in to open session at 2:08 p.m.*

5. **Consider Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session**

A. Consider Board approval of professional personnel recommendations

*Mr. Marcus Higgs, Executive Director of Human Resources, asked for approval of the hiring of professional personnel as discussed in closed session. Mr. Dickey Campbell, Board Member, moved for approval. Ms. Nakisha Paul, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.*

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

*Mr. Marcus Higgs, Executive Director of Human Resources, stated that there was no recommendation at this time.*

6. **Adjournment**

*Mrs. Mable Pratt, Board Member, moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 p.m. Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.*

Approved:

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Hal Biery  
TCISD Board of Trustees

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Adriana Lyle, Secretary  
TCISD Board of Trustees

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Date