



Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Simpson Education Support Center Board Room

1. Call to Order

Present:

Nakisha Paul, President

Nelson Juarez, Vice President

Melba Anderson

Hal Biery

Dickey Campbell

Mabel Pratt

Bryan Thompson

Also Present:

Dr. Melissa Duarte, Superintendent

Susan Myers, Deputy Superintendent of Education

Dr. Terri Burchfield, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services

Christina Hall, Director of Foundation for The Future

Marcus Higgs, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Margaret Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

James Banks, Executive Director of Technology

Curtis Clay, Director of School Safety Education (Present Virtually)

Shone Evans, Coordinator of Athletics of La Marque High School

David Hodgins, TCSD Attorney

Adriana Lyle, Executive Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary

Bobby Mills, Systems Administrator

Sgt. D. Filmore, Galveston County SLO

Greg Peterson, Weaver

Don Pursley, Director of Facilities

Leland Surovik, Director of Athletics

Melissa Tortorici, Director of Communications

2. First Order of Business

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

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

3. Pledge & Invocation

Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, led the pledges to the flags.

Mr. Nelson Juarez, Board Member, gave the invocation.

4. Public Forum

There was no Public Forum at this time.

- 4.1. Recognition

1. District Christmas Card

Mia Juarez, a Blocker 8th-grade student's art piece, was selected to be this year's Christmas card winner for the TCISD. Her art will be shared throughout the state.

5. Action Items

- 5.1. Consider Approval of the Annual Financial Report After Presentation and Discussion from the District's Auditors Mr. Greg Peterson, Weaver Assurance. Tax. Advisory, reviewed the Annual Financial and Compliance Report for 12 months ending August 31, 2020. The Finance Committee met with the auditors on December 1, 2020 and discussed the audit detail. Weaver provided a hard copy of the report at the meeting.

The recommendation is for Trustees to approve TCISD's Final Financial and Compliance Report for the 12 months ended August 31, 2020

Moved By: Dickey Campbell

Seconded By: Melba Anderson

The motion carried 7/0.

- 5.2. For the 2020-2021 school year, delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, §49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).

Mrs. Margaret Lee, Assistant Superintendent of Finance explained that Trustees previously approved the agreement to purchase Attendance credits with TEA beginning with 2020-2021. The contract is approved electronically by the Superintendent TEA requires that the Board delegate the authority to obligate the school district under chapter 49 of the TEC to the superintendent.

The recommendation is for the 2020-2021 school year. We delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) 11.151(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC 48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapter A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This includes approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance

Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance
Credit (Netting Chapter 49 Funding).

Moved By: Dickey Campbell

Seconded By: Melba Anderson

The motion carried 7/0

- 5.3. Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding Instructional Minutes

Dr. Duarte, Superintendent, explained that the state requires students to attend school a minimum of 75,600 minutes a year. The state does not count virtual learning as part of the instructional minutes. TCISD is looking for some flexibility to provide additional time for staff to support students and allowing the district to use virtual instruction as part of the state's requirement.

Moved By: Nelson Juarez

Seconded By: Bryan Thompson

The motion carried 7/0

- 5.4. Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding State Accountability

Dr. Duarte, Superintendent, stated that we would continue to maintain the implementation of state accountability for the 20-21 school year. The district believes that diagnostic assessments are needed, but districts and campuses do not need to be rated while navigating through the pandemic

Moved By: Bryan Thompson

Seconded By: Melba Anderson

The motion carried 7/0

- 5.5. Consider Approval of Minutes for Board Meetings Held November 2, 2020, and November 10, 2020

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes held on November 2, 2020, and November 10, 2020

Moved By: Dickey Campbell

Seconded By: Bryan Thompson

The motion carried 7/0

- 5.6. Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding Extension of Time to Use Sick Leave in Accordance with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act

Mr. Marcus Higgs, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reviewed the proposed resolution regarding the extension of time that uses sick leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act is set to expire on December 31, 2020. The resolution would extend the time through the end of the 2020-2021 school year for employees to use up to 80 hours of paid sick leave according to the terms of the FFCRA.

Moved By: Nelson Juarez

Seconded By: Mable Pratt

The motion carried 7/0

6. Information Items

- 6.1. Review of Safety and Security Audit Results
Curtis Clay, Director of School Safety Education, presented a virtual presentation regarding Safety and Security Committee and the Safe and Supportive Schools Program. Senate Bill 11 has established parameters to support districts across the state with school safety. The Safety and Security Committee focuses on the multi-hazard emergency operations plan. The SSS team will focus on threat assessment and program implementation to address trauma and social and emotional learning.
- 6.2. Discuss Replacement of the Score Board and Sound System at Stingaree Stadium
Leland Surovik, Director of Athletics, Coordinator of Athletics of La Marque High School, and Christina Hall, Director of Foundation for the Future, discussed the need to replace the core board and sound system at Stingaree

Stadium and went over options and their recommendations.

- 6.3. Discuss District Classroom Technology Standards
James Banks, Director of Technology, explained that in 2016 a major initiative was started to update all of the technology throughout the district. These projects are continuing with current projects to replace the wireless networks across the district. Technology is also continuing to update end-user equipment. Campuses will be updated on a rotating basis. Currently, equipment is updated simultaneously on each campus. This ensures that each user has the same access to materials. Teachers have been issued Hp x 360 laptops. These laptops provided teachers with more powerful systems than their current PS's
- 6.4. Review Facilities / New Construction Report
Don Pursley, Director of Facilities, gave an update on new construction at Guajardo Elementary, Haley Elementary, and Simms Elementary.

7. Consent Agenda

Consent Action

A motion was made to approve items 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7. and 7.8.

Moved By: Melba Anderson

Seconded By: Mable Pratt

The motion carried 7/0

- 7.1. Consider Approval of October Financial Reports
1. Dashboard Report
 2. General Fund Operating Statement
 3. Nutrition Services Operating Statement
 4. Expenditures by Function - All
 5. Expenditures by Function – 1XX
 6. Expenditures by Function – Head Start
 7. Check Register – All

8. Check Register – Head Start
 9. Bond Accounting
 10. Investment Report
 11. Tax Collector Report
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- 7.2. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments Requiring Approval under Board Policy CE (Local)
 1. Budget Transfers
 2. Budget Revisions

 - 7.3. Consider Approval of Solicitations Requiring Approval Under Board Policy CH(Local)
 1. 30-34 Energy Consultant

 - 7.4. Consider Approval of Purchases Requiring Approval Under Board Policy CH(Local)
 1. Scoreboard and Sound System for Stingaree Stadium
 2. Computers and Computer Accessories for Guajardo Elementary, Hayley Elementary, and Simms Elementary

 - 7.5. Consider Approval of Local Policy Revisions to AE (Local) Educational Philosophy - Second Reading

 - 7.6. Consider Approval of the November 2020 Calvin Vincent Head Start Director’s Report

 - 7.7. Consider Approval of Change Order for Material Cost Increase for Electrical Copper Wiring

 - 7.8. Consider Approval of Change Order to Install Low Voltage Raceways.

8. Future Business

Future Agenda Items

Future Meeting Dates

- January 4, 2021 - Board Facilities Committee Meeting
- January 12, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting

9. Closed Meeting

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

A motion was made to convene into a closed meeting under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 through 551.087. The Board of Trustees entered a closed session at 8:16 p.m.

Moved By: Bryan Thompson

Seconded By: Dickey Campbell

The motion carried 7/0

- 9.1. Closed meeting will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071 et seq. concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including but not limited to the following sections and purposes: Texas Government Code Sections:
- 9.2. **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 the purchase and sale agreement for the purchase of land-related action items

4. Consider legal advice regarding personnel issues
 5. Consider legal advice regarding any item listed on the agenda
- 9.3. **551.072** For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property
 - 9.4. **551.073** For the purpose of discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations
 - 9.5. **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 professional and nonprofessional personnel
 2. Consider renewals, non-renewals, and terminations of contracts for professional and nonprofessional personnel
 - 9.6. **551.076** For the purpose of considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices
 - 9.7. **551.076** For the purpose of considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices
 - 9.8. **551.082** For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel
 - 9.9. **551.0821** For the purpose of considering a matter regarding a public-school student where personally, identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation
 - 9.10. **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 a representative of employee groups
 - 9.11. **551.084** Excluding witnesses for a hearing

10. Reconvene from Closed Meeting

Trustees reconvened at 8:56 p.m.

11. Consider Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session

- 11.1. Consider Board Approval of Professional Personnel Recommendations and Related Actions

Mr. Marcus Higgs, Executive Director of Human Resources, asked for approval to hire all professional personnel recommendations as discussed in closed session.

Moved By: Dickey Campbell

Seconded By: Bryan Thompson

The motion carried 7/0

- 11.2. Consider Board Approval of Renewal, Non-Renewals, and Terminations of Contracts for Professional Personnel and Related Actions

There was no action taken at this time.

12. Adjournment

- 12.1. Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Moved By: Melba Anderson

Seconded By: Nelson Juarez

The motion carried 7/0

Adriana Lyle

Secretary

Nakisha Paul

Board President