

Minutes of Special Board Meeting July 20, 2020

The Board of Trustees Texas City Independent School District

Present:

*Nakisha Paul, President
Nelson Juarez, Vice President
Melba Anderson
Hal Biery
Dickey Campbell
Mable Pratt
Bryan Thompson*

Present:

*Dr. Melissa Duarte, Superintendent
Susan Myers, Deputy Superintendent of Education
Dr. Terri Burchfield, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services
Marcus Higgs, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
David Hodgins, TCSD Attorney
Margaret Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

Adriana Lyle, Executive Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary
Bobby Mills, Systems Administrator
Melissa Tortorici, Director of Communications*

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Texas City Independent School District was held Monday, July 20, 2020, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Simpson Education Support Center Board Room.

1. Call to Order

2. First Order of Business

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

Ms. Nakisha Paul, President, called the meeting to order at 5:37 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

The Pledge and Invocation were not taken at this time.

4. Public Forum

Ms. Nakisha Paul, President, read a letter from Mrs. H. regarding staff wearing scrubs.

5. Action Items

6. Information Items

- A. Consideration of District Hybrid Model for Face to Face Instruction Conditional to Any Adjustments Mandated by Future State Guidance

Mrs. Susan Myers, Deputy Superintendent of Education, discusses a proposed Hybrid Instructional Model, which would be contingent on any future state guidelines of regulations. This model reflects a three-week virtual learning with a brick and mortar begin date on September 14 for the students who wish to be there and with a potential change to the school start date

- B. Discuss and Approve Proposed Instructional Calendar Start Date

Mrs. Susan Myers, Deputy Superintendent of Education, reviewed the TCISD Instructional Calendar for the 2020-21 school year. Initially, the School start date for students was set to be August 12. The proposed to start is Monday, August 24, 2020, a difference of 12 days. Changes have been made to reflect a later start date, which would allow for three weeks of al virtual learning for students and a delayed start for the face to face instruction. New Teachers would return for training on August 13 & 14; all other staff would return on August 17 and student on August 24.

- C. Consideration of Extracurricular Participation for Virtual Learners

Mrs. Susan Myers, Deputy Superintendent of Education, reviewed options for extracurricular participation for virtual learners.

Option One is to allow virtual students to participate in all extracurricular UIL events as activities as long as they meet eligibility criteria, provide their own transportation to and from practice, and are in good standing with the program.

Option Two is to allow only students who are in school every day to participate.

Administration is recommending that we allow virtual learners to participate in UIL extracurricular activities with the flexibility to make changes and adjustments.

Mrs. Myers explained that LEAs may develop a local policy that would exclude students who are leaning remotely from all extracurricular activities. The policy can apply to all remote students or solely to non-resident remote students (who transfer in from outside of the LEA's geographic boundaries). If the LEA decides to allow non-resident remote students to participate in extracurricular activities, the

residency requirements for UIL activities still apply. Any exclusion policy must be applied equally to all students and equally to all extracurricular activities.

7. Curriculum & Consent Agenda

Mr. Bryan Thompson, Board Member, moved to approve items A, B, and C. Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

- A. Approval of District Hybrid Model for Face to Face Instruction Conditional to Any Adjustments Mandated by Future State Guidance
- B. Approval of Proposed Instructional Calendar Start Date
- C. Approval of Extracurricular Participation for Virtual Learners

8. Closed Meeting

- A. 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:

There was not a closed meeting taken.

- B. **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 personnel issues
 - 4. Consider legal advice regarding any item listed on the agenda
- C. **551.072** For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property
 - 1. Review purchase and sale agreement for the purchase of land
- D. **551.073** For the purpose of discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations
- E. **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 non-professional personnel

2. Consider renewals, non-renewals, and terminations of contracts for professional and non-professional personnel

F. **551.076** For the purpose of considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices

G. **551.082** For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel

H. **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

I. **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

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

9. Reconvene from Closed Meeting

10. Consider Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session

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

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

11. Adjournment

Mrs. Mabel Pratt, Board Member, moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Mr. Dickey Campbell, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Approved:

Nakisha Paul
TCISD Board of Trustees

Date

Adriana Lyle, Secretary
TCISD Board of Trustees

Date