

Minutes of Special Board Meeting March 20, 2020

The Board of Trustees Texas City Independent School District

Present: *Bryan Thompson, President*
 Nakisha Paul, Vice President
 Melba Anderson
 Hal Biery
 Dickey Campbell
 Nelson Juarez
 Mable Pratt (Participating by videoconferencing)

All so Present: *Susan Myers, Deputy Superintendent of Education*
 Dr. Terri Burchfield, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services
 Marcus Higgs, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
 Margaret Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

James Banks, Executive Director of Technology
 David Hodgins, Attorney (Participating by videoconferencing)
 Adriana Lyle, Executive Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary
 Don Pursley, Director of Facilities
 Melissa Tortorici, Director of Communications
 Charles Quilter, Network Technician
 Bobby Mills, Systems Administrator
 Brantley Williams, HWH Contractor

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Texas City Independent School District was held Friday, March 20, 2020, beginning at 12:00 p.m. 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

2. Public Forum

- A. Public Forum regarding listed Open Session Agenda Items (in lieu of a public appearance at the Board Meeting, members of the public may submit written comments to the Board on any listed agenda item via email prior to the beginning of the meeting addressed to alyle@tcisd.org. In your email, please state your name, address, agenda topic, and comment). You may also listen/participate in the meeting from your computer, smartphone, or tablet at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/297041877>.

There was no Public Forum at this time.

Item 3 G was moved up to be discussed separately under closes session.

3G. Consider selection of Interim Superintendent and related actions

Mr. Nelson Juarez, Board Members, made a motion to convene into a closed meeting under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 through 551.087. Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0. The Board of Trustees entered closed session at 12:03 p.m.

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:
 - 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 Declaration of Emergency and related actions including, but not limited to, school closure(s)
 5. Consider actions in response to emergency needs of the District and/or other measures related to COVID 19 and related actions.
 6. Consider Board resolution regarding payment of staff during school closure(s) related to COVID 19 and related actions
 7. Consider selection of Interim Superintendent 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 renewals, non-renewals, and terminations of contracts for professional personnel;
 3. Consider actions in response to emergency needs of the District and/or other measures related to COVID 19 and related actions.
 4. Consider Board resolution regarding payment of staff during school closure(s) related to COVID 19 and related actions
 5. Consider selection of Interim Superintendent 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.
- 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 1:05 p.m.

(Mr. Nelson Juarez, Board Members, left the closed session meeting at 12:29 p.m.)

(Mrs. Mable Pratt was disconnected from the videoconference after closed session dispersed)

3 Action Items

3G. Consider selection of Interim Superintendent and related actions

Mrs. Melba Anderson, Board Member, made a motion to select Susan Myers as the Texas City ISD Interim Superintendent effective immediately and that Mrs. Myers be compensated for serving in this position as discussed in executive session. Ms. Nakisha Paul, Vice President, seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0

3D. Consider Declaration of Emergency and related actions including, but not limited to, school closure(s)

Ms. Nakisha Paul, Vice President, made a motion to declare an emergency regarding the outbreak and impact of the COVID – 19 Virus and hereby ratify the actions taken regarding school closures and related actions in compliance with the guidance and direction of state and federal officials and school district administration. Mr. Hal Biery, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

6. 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. Ms. Nakisha Paul, Vice President, moved for approval. Ms. Melba Anderson, 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

No action was taken at this time.

(Mrs. Mable Pratt was reconnected from the videoconference)

3A. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE TEXAS CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ITS UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020; LEVYING A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY NECESSARY ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE

DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL ADVISORS, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Mark McLiney, Samco Capital Markets, reviewed outstanding bonds. He explained a savings is callable from the investor on August 15, 2020; it can be taken from the investor within 90 days from the call date. An anticipated savings is estimated for the next ten years. Mr. Mc McLiney would like to move forward if a savings of \$1,500,000. can be saved.

Mr. Hal Biery, Board Member, made a motion to authorize staff and outside consultants to move forward with a bond refunding if a savings of \$1,500,000 can be reached. Mrs. Melba Anderson, Board member, seconded the motion. The motion carried. 6/0

3B. Consideration and approval of Certification of Unopposed Candidate for Districts 3 and 5 Trustee Election

Mrs. Margaret Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, reviewed a Certification of Unopposed Candidate, enabling TCISD to cancel the May 2, 2020 election for both the District 3 and District 5 Trustee Positions.

Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, made a motion to approve the Certification of Unopposed Candidate for both the District 3 and District 5 Trustee position s of TCISD. Ms. Nakisha Paul, Vice President, seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

3C. Consideration and approval of Order of Cancellation for Districts 3 and 5 Trustee Election

Mrs. Margaret Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, explained that Ms. Nakisha Paul is the sole candidate for TCISD District 3 Trustee, and Dickey Campbell is the sole candidate for TCISD District 5 Trustee; therefore, TCISD can forgo the election for these positions. Nakisha Paul will be elected for District 3 Trustee, and Dickey Campbell will be elected District 5 Trustee.

Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, made a motion to approve the order of Cancellation for Texas City Independent School District. Mr. Hal Biery, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

3E. Consider actions in response to emergency needs of the District and/or other measures related to COVID 19 and related actions

Susan Myers, Deputy Superintendent of Education, gave an update regarding the Board Resolution related to COVID 19 Virus Emergency Closure. Mrs. Myers informed the Board that 16,224 meals were served to students in the

District. Mrs. Myers noted that we would continue with a Monday meal distribution with an additional walkup site at College of the Mainland.

Mrs. Myers also reviewed the distribution of lessons and computers to students in the District.

A discussion was held regarding funding, grades, engaging students with curriculum, UIL events, Graduation, and Prom.

Mr. David Hodgins, TICSD Attorney, made a statement for Board consideration regarding the suspension of all regular board meetings until further notice and board meeting would be subject to the call of the Board President and consultation with the Superintendent as needed.

Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, made a motion to suspend all Regular Board Meetings of TCISD indefinitely, and board meetings will be subject to the call of the Board President and consultation with the Superintendent as needed. Ms. Nakisha Paul, Vice President, seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

3F. Consider Board resolution regarding payment of staff during school closure(s) related to COVID 19 and related actions

Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, made a motion regarding the payment of staff during school closure(s) related to COVID 19 and related actions. Ms. Nakisha Paul, Vice President seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

3H. Consider approval of contractors for Bid packages 10A, 10C, 10D, 10E, 10F, 10H, 10K, 10N, 11D (Misc. Specialties) including wall protection toilet partisans and accessories, fire extinguishers, metal lockers, metal storage shelving, and projection screens.

Mr. Don Pursley, Director of Facilities, briefly reviewed the bid packages presented for approval. Mr. Pursley stated that Blaze and Associates changed their name to Texas Ten. Mr. Pursley explained that they were original bidders. By breaking them out and awarding Texas Ten and Built Rite bids, TCISD was able to save \$135,000.

Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, made a motion to accept Bid packages 10A, 10C, 10D, 10E, 10F, 10H, 10K, 10N, 11D (Misc. Specialties) including wall protection toilet partisans and accessories, fire extinguishers, metal lockers, metal storage shelving, and projection screens. Mrs. Mable Pratt, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

3I. Consider approval of change proposal requests

Mr. Don Pursley, Director of Facilities, presented four change proposals, three are to change character education rooms into art rooms at three Elementary schools, the fourth is to changes the Center Point easement at Haley Elementary.

Mrs. Mable Pratt, Board Member, made a motion to accept the change proposal requested. Mr. Dickey Campbell, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

3J. Consider approval of cost increase of materials for the metal decking and light weight concrete

Mr. Don Pursley, Director of Facilities, stated that no action needs to be taken at this time, negotiation is ongoing on with these items.

3K. Consider approval of cost increase of materials for the water proofing, damp proofing, and sealants

Mr. Don Pursley, Director of Facilities, stated that no action needs to be taken at this time, negotiation is ongoing on with these items.

7. Adjournment

Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:58 p.m. Ms. Nakisha Paul, Vice President, seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

Approved:

Bryan Thompson
TCISD Board of Trustees

Date

Adriana Lyle, Secretary
TCISD Board of Trustees

Date