

Minutes of Special Board Meeting September 17, 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*

Absent:

Bryan Thompson

Present:

*Dr. Melissa Duarte, Superintendent
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 Thursday, September 17, 2020, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Simpson Education Support Center Board Room.

1. Call to Order

2. 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

Ms. Nakisha Paul, President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Paul 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.

3. 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).

There was no Public Forum at this time.

4. Public Meeting

A. Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

There was no Public Forum at this time.

5. Action Items

A. Consider Adoption of the Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate

Mrs. Margaret Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, reviewed the 2020-21 Tax Rate and Budget. Mrs. Lee explained that the total tax rate of 1.3607 is made up of two different rates. The first-rate is the debt service rate. It may also be referred to as the difference in sinking tax rate or INS rate. This is the tax levy on the voter-approved debt. The debt service rate that Administration is asking for approval is 0.3449. This tax rate is the same rate assessed for the 2019 tax year rate and the maximum tax rate promoted to tax parameters during the bond campaign. The second tax rate is the Maintenance and Operations tax rate called the MNO tax rate. This tax rate generates the funding needed for the day to day operations of the district. Administration is asking for approval of the MNO tax rate. This is 5.255 cents less than the 2019 adopted rate. After the new procedures in House Bill 3, the 2020 MNO rate will be 1.0158. Every dollar is used to fund the operation of the school district. Mrs., Lee walked us through the budget through the eyes of a typical student.

Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, made a motion to approve the Ordinance to Set the Maintenance and Operation Tax Rates as presented. Mr. Bryan Thompson, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

B. Consider Adoption of the Interest and Sinking Tax Rate

Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, made a motion to approve the Ordinance to Set the Debt Service Tax Rates as presented. Mr. Bryan Thompson, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

6. Business/Legal/Finance Consent Agenda

Mr. Dickey Campbell, Board Member, moved to approve items A(1-4), and Mrs. Mable Pratt, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

A. Consider Approval of District-Initiated Solicitations Required Under Board Policy CH(Local)

1. 30-29 Meals for District Activities and Events
2. 30-30 Motor Vehicle Supplies and Parts

3. 30-31 School Bus Parts and Supplies
4. 30-32 Staff Development Services and Related Products

7. **Team of Eight**

Mr. Bill Rutherford lead the Team of Eight training for the Trustees and Superintendent for the 220-2021 school year.

- A. Governance Team (Board and Superintendent) Team Building and Self-Assessment

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:
 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
- B. **551.071** For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on all subjects or matter authorized by law
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 - 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
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- 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

Mr. Nelson Juarez, Vice President, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 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