



Special Meeting (Closed Session) Minutes

Monday, June 28, 2021, at 8:30 AM

Simpson Education Support Center Board Room

1. Call to Order

Present:

Nakisha Paul, President

Melba Anderson

Hal Biery

Dickey Campbell

Mable Pratt

Bryan Thompson

Absent: Mike Matranga

Also Present:

Dr. Melissa Duarte, Superintendent

Dr. Terri Burchfield, Deputy Superintendent of Support Services

Marcus Higgs, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Adriana Lyle, Secretary

Ricky Nicholson, La Marque High School Principal

Lincoln Hypolite, Texas City High School Principal

James Callaway, Desktop Technician

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

3. Public Forum

There was no Public Forum at this time.

4. Information Item

- 4.1. Discuss Options for 2022 Graduation Ceremony
Dr. Melissa Duarte, Superintendent, reviewed plans for the 2022 Graduation Ceremony. She explained that the Graduation Committee met to debrief on our 2021 Graduation Ceremony and discussed the 2022 Graduation Ceremony. The Committee proposed the following list:

- Indoor graduation set for Saturday, May 28, 2022, at Moody Gardens. The venue is available and will cost \$4000 to rent. This will allow 10 guests for both high school campuses. The times for graduation would be 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- Outdoor graduation set for Friday, May 27, 2022, at TCISD Stadium. The graduation ceremonies would occur at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. This would also allow an unlimited number of guests and have district staff only work one day rather than over a two-day period.
- Outdoor graduation set for Friday, May 27, 2022, and Saturday, May 28, 2022, at TCISD Stadium at 8:00 p.m. This would follow the current format set for graduation.

A recommendation was made for an indoor ceremony to alleviate weather concerns and to be able to provide a venue that will protect the graduates and guests from the elements.

5. Closed Meeting

Closed meeting will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071-551.084 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 551.084. The Board of Trustees entered a closed session at 8:46 a.m.

Moved by: Melba Anderson

Seconded by: Mable Pratt

The motion carried 6/0.

- 5.1. **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
- 5.2. **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
- 5.3. **551.073** For the purpose of discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations

- 5.4. **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
 - 3. Consider Board Approval of Director of CTE
 - 4. Consider Board Approval of Heights Principal
 - 5. Consider Board Approval of Blocker Principal
 - 6. Consider Board Approval of Director of Maintenance and Operations
- 5.5. **551.076** For the purpose of considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices
- 5.6. **551.082** For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel
- 5.7. **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
- 5.8. **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
- 5.9. **551.084** Excluding witness for a hearing

6. Reconvene from Closed Meeting

Trustees reconvened at 9:37 a.m.

7. Consider Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session

- 7.1. Consider Board Approval of Professional Personnel Recommendation and Related Actions
No action was taken at this time.

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

No action was taken at this time.

- 7.3. Consider Board Approval of Director of CTE

Marcus Higgs, Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources asked for approval to hire Alexis Kopp as the Director of CTE, as discussed in closed session.

Moved by: Bryan Thompson

Seconded by: Melba Anderson

The motion carried 6/0

- 7.4. Consider Board Approval of Heights Principal

Marcus Higgs, Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources asked for approval to hire Sarah Furman as the new Heights Principal, as discussed in closed session.

Moved by: Bryan Thompson

Seconded by: Dickey Campbell

The motion carried 6/0.

- 7.5. Consider Board Approval of Blocker Principal

Marcus Higgs, Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources asked for approval to hire Tanji Towels as the new Blocker Principal, as discussed in closed session.

Moved by: Dickey Campbell

Seconded by: Bryan Thompson

The motion carried 6/0.

- 7.6. Consider Board Approval of Director of Maintenance and Operations

No action was taken at this time.

8. Adjournment

Trustees took a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Moved by: Mable Pratt

Seconded by: Dickey Campbell

The motion carried 6/0.

8.1. Adjourn Meeting

Adriana Lyle

Nakisha Paul