



Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Simpson Education Support Center Board Room

1. Call to Order

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. Pledge & Invocation

5. Public Forum (Board will allow 30 minutes for Public Forum)

The following people spoke during Public Forum:

1. Edna Courville - Support of Mask Wearing
2. Lisa Matranga - Naming of La Marque Middle School, Sara Giles Middle School
3. Josie Howell - Support of Mask Mandate
4. Michael Howell - Support of Mask Mandate
5. Alfred Bell - Naming of La Marque Middle School, Bell Middle School
6. Vera Bell Gary - Naming of La Marque Middle School, Bell Middle School
7. Crystal Stinson - Naming of La Marque Middle School, Sara Giles Middle School
8. Rachel Sims - Support of Mask Wearing

4. Recognitions

- 4.1. Board Recognition of THOA Outstanding Teacher Area Winner

Melissa Tortorici recognized Texas City High School Science Teacher Jackie Thompson as the Area 6 recipient of the Outstanding Experienced Health Science Teacher Award through the Texas Health Occupation Association.

[A I Sheet Sept 2021 - THOA.pdf](#) 

- 4.2. Board Recognition of La Marque High School Varsity Soccer
Melissa Tortorici recognized the 2020-2021 recipients of the national annual Ethics & Sportsmanship Award. La Marque High School Cougars Varsity Soccer team was one of three boys' teams to receive the Platinum award. The team completed the entire soccer season without receiving a yellow or red penalty card. They also maintained their grade point average while excelling in soccer. The team's GPA at the end of the season was 3.44.

[A I Sheet Sept 2021 - Soccer Platinum Award.docx](#) 

- 4.3. Board Recognition of Texas City ISD Art Department
Melissa Tortorici explained that due to extenuating circumstances, the Art Department's District of Distinction Award presentation would be postponed until next month.

[A I Sheet Sept 2021 - District of Distinction Art.docx](#) 

6. Public Meeting

- 6.1. Review the 2020-2021 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas Rating Indicators, Overall FIRST Rating and Required Disclosures

[Information - FIRST Rating.pdf](#) 

[FIRST Rating.pdf](#) 

[FIRST Disclosures - FY2020 Revised.pdf](#) 

The Public Meeting began at 7:01 p.m. and ended at 7:28 p.m. Margaret Lee gave an update on the FIRST Rate Tax Adoption. It is a requirement for every Texas School District to prepare

an annual financial management report that includes the following information:

1. The district's financial management performance rating provided by the Texas Education Agency is based on its comparison indicators established by the Commissioner of Education for the state's new Financial Accountability System.
2. The district's financial management performance under each indicator for the current and previous years' financial accountability ratings.
3. Additional disclosures as required by the Commissioner of Education.

Moved by: Bryan Thompson

Seconded by: Mike Matranga

The motion carried 7/0.

7. Action Items

- 7.1. Consider Approval of Ordinance to Adopt the 2021-2022 Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of \$1.0134

[Information - Tax Rate Adoption.pdf](#) 

Margaret Lee explained that the Notice of the Public Meeting was published in the Galveston Daily News on August 6, 2021. The Public Meeting to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate was on August 17, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Simpson Education Support Center. TEA has given the approval to move forward with the tax rate adoption.

The tax rate of \$1.3513 exceeds the calculated no-new-revenue tax rate of \$1.3269 by \$0.0244 or 1.84% and will increase the taxes on a \$100,000 home by \$24.40.

The vote to set a tax rate that exceeds the sum of the no-new-revenue M&O tax rate and the current debt rate must be a record vote with at least 60% of the board members (5 members of a 7-member board) voting in favor of the ordinance.

A motion was made to increase the property tax rate, adopting a tax rate of \$ 1.3513. It is a 1.84% percent increase in the tax rate.

Moved by: Dickey Campbell

Seconded by: Mike Matranga

The motion carried 7/0.

A motion was made that the Board of Trustees of the Texas City Independent School District levy or set the maintenance and operations tax rate of \$100 valuation for the tax year 2021 at a rate of \$1.0134, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector.

Moved by: Melba Anderson

Seconded by: Bryan Thompson

The motion carried 7/0.

- 7.2. Consider Approval of Ordinance to Adopt the 2021-2022 Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of \$0.3379

[Ordinance to set 2021 tax rate.pdf](#) 

[905606-Texas City ISD TAX-0806 \(002\).pdf](#) 

[2020 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet 2021-08-10.pdf](#) 

The Board of Trustees of the Texas City Independent School District motion to levy or set the interest and sinking tax rate of \$100 valuation for the tax year 2021 at a rate of \$0.3379, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector.

Moved by: Hal Biery

Seconded by: Mike Matranga

The motion carried 7/0.

- 7.3. Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes Held on August 10, 2021, August 17, 2021, and August 31, 2021

[2021 Minutes Aug 10.pdf](#) 

[2021 Minutes Aug 17.pdf](#) 

[2021 Minutes Board Workshop Training Aug 31-.pdf](#) 


The Board made a motion of Trustees to accept the minutes for meetings held on August 10, 2021, August 17, 2021, and August 31, 2021.

Moved by: Mike Matranga


Seconded by: Bryan Thompson

The motion carried 7/0.

7.4. Considerations for Renaming La Marque Middle School and Related Actions

[A I Sheet Sept 2021 - Renaming La Marque Middle School \(002\).pdf](#) 

[Bell Family \(002\).pdf](#) 

[Sarah Giles \(002\).pdf](#) 

A motion was made to convene into a closed meeting
A motion was made to go into a closed session under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 through 551.084. The Board of Trustees entered a closed session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss the renaming of La Marque Middle School and related actions.

Moved by: Dickey Campbell

Seconded by: Hal Biery

The motion carried 7/0.

Trustees reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

A motion was made to name La Marque Middle School Sara Giles Middle School.

Moved by: Melba Anderson

Seconded by: Mable Pratt

The motion carried 7/0.

8. Information Items

- 8.1. Review for Approval the MOU Between College of the Mainland School of Nursing and Texas City ISD

Terri Burchfield reviewed the MOU agreement with the College of the Mainland School of Nursing and Texas City ISD. If approved,

nursing students will participate in clinical rotations, which would begin mid-October 15th and conclude at the beginning of December.

[Texas City ISD Affiliation Agreement - College of the Mainland.pdf](#) 

9. Consent Agenda



A motion was made to approve Items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8, 9.9, 9.10, 9.11, 9.12, 9.13, 9.14, 9.15, 9.16, 9.17, 9.18, 9.19, 9.20, 9.21, 9.22, 9.23, 9.24, 9.25, 9.26, and 9.27.

Moved by: Bryan Thompson

Seconded by: Melba Anderson

The motion carried 7/0.

- 9.1. Consider Approval of Monthly Financial Reports
[Information - Financial Reports - September 2021 Meeting.pdf](#)

[Dashboard Reports.pdf](#) 
[Operating Statement - 1XX.pdf](#) 
[Operating Statement - Nutrition Services.pdf](#) 
[Expenditures by Function - 1XX.pdf](#) 
[Expenditures by Function - All Funds.pdf](#) 
[Expenditures by Function - 205.pdf](#) 

[Guajardo as of 08.31.21.pdf](#) 


[Hayley - as of 08.31.21.pdf](#) 

[Simms as of 08.31.21.pdf](#) 

[Check Register Report - All.pdf](#) 

[Check Register Report - Head Start.pdf](#) 

[July 2021 Tax Collections Rpt.pdf](#) 

[Texas City ISD July 2021 Monthly Investment Report signed - short version.pdf](#) 

[TexPool Newsletter.pdf](#) 

- 9.2. Consider Approval of Long Range Facility Steering Committee Members

[Long Range Facility Steering Committee.pdf](#) 

[Facilities Steering Committee Members.pdf](#) 

- 9.3. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments Requiring Approval Under Board Policy CD (Local)

[Information - Budget Amendment.pdf](#) 

[Budget Amendment Reconciliation.pdf](#) 

[Budget Transfers.pdf](#) 

- 9.4. Consider Approval of Purchase Requiring Approval Under Board Policy CH(Local): Unemployment Compensation Insurance Renewal

[AI - TASB Unemployment Comp Renewal FY22.pdf](#) 

- 9.5. Consider Approval of Contract Requiring Approval Under Board Policy CH(Local): Soaring with Eagles (21st Century Contract)

[Information - Soaring With Eagles.pdf](#) 

- 9.6. Consider Approval of Special Education Consultant Contracts Requiring Approval Under Board Policy CH(Local)

[Information - Sped Contractors.pdf](#) 

- 9.7. Consider Approval of Nutrition Services Purchases Requiring Approval Under Board Policy CH(Local)

[A&I Nutrition Services Over 50k - FINAL.pdf](#) 

- 9.8. Consider Approval of Expense Requiring Approval Under Board Policy CH(Local): Aries Invoice for Damages to Portable Buildings

[Information - Aries Invoice.pdf](#) 

[Aries Damage Charge Letter.pdf](#) 

[Aries Inv 1450 6.22.2021.pdf](#) 

- 9.9. Consider Approval of Solicitation Requiring Approval Under Board Policy CH(Local): RFP 31-21 Fire Alarms

[A&I 31-21 Fire Alarms - FINAL.pdf](#) 

- 9.10. Consider Approval of Solicitation Requiring Approval Under Board Policy CH(Local): RFP 31-26 Backflow, Vent Hoods, Fire Extinguishers








[A&I 31-26 Vent Hoods - FINAL.pdf](#) 

- 9.11. Consider Approval of Solicitation Requiring Approval Under Board Policy CH(Local): RFP 31-28 Burglar Alarms

[A&I 31-28 Burglar Alarms - FINAL.pdf](#) 

- 9.12. Consider Approval of Solicitation Requiring Approval Under Board Policy CH(Local): RFP 31-31 Grounds Keeping Equipment and Supplies (Re-Bid)

[A&I 31-31 Grounds Re-Bid - FINAL.pdf](#) 

- 9.13. Consider Approval of Solicitation Requiring Approval Under Board Policy CH(Local): RFP 31-32 Meals
[A&I 31-32 Meals - FINAL.pdf](#) 
- 9.14. Consider Approval of Region 5 Interlocal Agreement for SETX Purchasing Cooperative - Renewal
[A&I Interlocal Renewal for Reg 5 - FINAL.pdf](#) 
- 9.15. Consider Approval of the MOU Between COM, School of Nursing and TCISD
- 9.16. Consider Approval of the MOU between Communities in School and Texas City ISD
[CISGC-TCISD Agreement 2021-22.pdf](#) 
- 9.17. Consider Approval of Rebecca Robins with Heart Leadership Coaching with Assigned Campuses from September 2021 – May 2022
[LEADERSHIP COACHING - Rebecca Robins.pdf](#) 
- 9.18. Consider Approval of Purchases with Cost of \$50,000 or more with Imagine Learning
[IMAGINE LEARNING.pdf](#) 
- 9.19. Consider Approval to Ratify the Kagan Publishing/Professional Development Expenses of \$50,000 or More
[KAGAN RATIFICATION.pdf](#) 
- 9.20. Consider Approval of Learning Rocks Education Group to Work with Hayley, Kohfeldt, and Simms Elementary
[LEARNING ROCKS - Gretchen Childs.pdf](#) 
- 9.21. Consider Approval of Advanced Collaborative Solutions/Steve Ventura to Provide Continued Staff Development with Specific Campuses

[ADVANCED COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS - Steve Ventura.pdf](#)



- 9.22. Consider Approval to Continue Services with Region 4 for Distance Learning Package

[REGION 4 DISTANCE LEARNING.pdf](#) 

- 9.23. Consider Approval of the University of Texas Austin / OnRamps Program for High School Students to Receive Dual Credit

[UT TEXAS - ONRAMPS.pdf](#) 

- 9.24. Consider Approval of Resolution Related to HB 4545 Student-Teacher Ratio Requirements

[RESOLUTION HB 4545 STUDENT TEACHER RATIO.pdf](#) 

- 9.25. Consider Approval of the Contract between Texas City ISD and Proximity Learning

[PROXIMITY LEARNING.pdf](#) 

- 9.26. Consider Approval of the August 2021 Calvin Vincent Head Start Director's Report

[CVHS DIRECTOR'S REPORT - AUG 2021.pdf](#) 

- 9.27. Consider Approval of Donations Requiring Approval Under Board Policy CDC(Local) - Foundation for the Future Designated Donation

[AI - Foundation Donation.pdf](#) 

10. Future Business

Future Agenda Items

Future Meeting Dates

September 23-26 TASA/TASB Conference Austin, TX

September 28 Team of Eight Training, Simpson Boardroom 6:00 p.m.
October 12 Regular Board Meeting, Simpson Boardroom 6:30 p.m.

11. 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 8:10 p.m.



Moved by: Melba Anderson

Seconded by: Bryan Thompson

The motion carried 7/0.

- 11.1. **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
- 11.2. **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

2. Consider Legal Advice Regarding Potential Sale of 7.3934 Acres of Surplus Property Located on Magnolia Drive in La Marque, Galveston County

- a. [Property Appraisal 2401 Magnolia.pdf](#) 
- b. [Word Power Church Response to Magnolia Land Bid.pdf](#) 

- 11.3. **551.073** For the purpose of discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations
- 11.4. **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 non-professional personnel
 - 2. Consider renewals, non-renewals, and terminations of contracts for professional and nonprofessional personnel
- 11.5. **551.076** For the purpose of considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices
- 11.6. **551.082** For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel
- 11.7. **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
- 11.8. **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
- 11.9. **551.084** Excluding witness for a hearing

12. Reconvene from Closed Meeting

Trustees reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

- 12.1. Closed meeting will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071-551.087 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:

13. Consider Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session

- 13.1. Consider Board Approval of Professional Personnel Recommendations and Related Actions
Marcus Higgs, Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources asked for approval of professional personnel recommendations and related actions as discussed in closed session.

Moved by: Bryan Thompson

Seconded by: Melba Anderson

The motion carried 7/0.

- 13.2. Consider Board Approval of Renewal, Non-Renewals, and Terminations of Contracts for Professional Personnel and Related Actions
No action was taken at this time.

- 13.3. Consider Approval of Sale of 7.3934 Acres of Surplus Property Located on Magnolia Drive in La Marque, Texas, Galveston County, Pursuant to Bid No. TCISD-2021-1

A motion was made not to take action presently but to consider this item on a future agenda.

Moved by: Dickey Campbell

Seconded by: Mable Pratt

The motion carried 7/0.

14. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:01. p.m.

Moved by: Bryan Thompson
Seconded by: Mike Matranga

The motion carried 7/0.

14.1. Adjourn Meeting

Adriana Lyle

Nakisha Paul