

Spring Independent School District

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION
6:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019
BOARD ROOM
GORDON M. ANDERSON LEADERSHIP CENTER
16717 ELLA BOULEVARD, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77090**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order (6:03 PM)

President Rhonda Newhouse called the Work Session of the Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:03 PM on September 5, 2019, in the Board Room of the Gordon M. Anderson Leadership Center, 16717 Ella Boulevard, Houston, Texas, in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Members Present:

Rhonda Newhouse, President
Jana Gonzales, Vice President
Donald Davis, Secretary
Winford Adams, Jr., Assistant Secretary
Justine Durant (arrived at 6:13 PM)
Dr. Deborah Jensen
Chris Bell

Others Present:

Rodney Watson, Superintendent of Schools
Julie Hill, Chief of Staff
Lupita Hinojosa, Chief of School Leadership and Student Support Services
Khechara Bradford, Chief of Curriculum and Instruction
Mark Miranda, Chief Operations Officer
Deeone McKeithan, Chief Human Resources Officer
Ann Westbrooks, Chief Financial Officer
Tiffany Dunne-Oldfield, Chief Communications Officer
Jeremy Binkley, General Counsel
Jason Sheffer, Director of Board Services

II. Minutes from Prior Meetings (6:04 PM)

The Board reviewed the minutes from the following meetings:

- A. August 8, 2019 Board Work Session
- B. August 13, 2019 Regular Meeting
- C. August 24, 2019 Special Called Session

III. Opening Remarks (6:09 PM)

A. Superintendent of Schools (6:09 PM)

Superintendent Rodney Watson announced that he was excited for the start of the school year and that he and Trustee Winford Adams, Jr. visited campuses earlier in the

day and he was pleased with the improvements he has seen in terms of instruction and the focus on content. He stated that the District is doing a lot of work in the Spring Way Systems and Routines as well as making sure we are implementing our curriculum.

IV. Public Agenda Participation (6:12 PM)

Members of the public did not register to speak to the Board.

V. Board of Trustees (6:13 PM)

A. 2019-2020 Board Goals and Constraints (6:13 PM)

President Rhonda Newhouse discussed the Board Governance Framework and presented a draft document containing the vision, mission, guiding principles, core values and theory of action. President Newhouse asked that the Board review the document before the next meeting. Superintendent Rodney Watson discussed specific targets based on goals established by the Board of Trustees. Trustee Justine Durant, Board Governance Committee Lead, announced that the Board Governance Committee will now meet twice a month in order to keep moving forward with developing its goals constraints, and framework.

VI. Presentations (6:25 PM)

A. LIFT 6 – Spring Independent School District's Transformation Plan For Middle Schools (6:25 PM)

District personnel presented the Board with information regarding LIFT 6, the Spring Independent School District's transformation plan for its six comprehensive middle schools. The schools that comprise LIFT 6 are Bailey, Bammel, Claughton, Dueitt, Twin Creeks and Wells Middle Schools. The goal is simply to better meet the unique needs of 6th, 7th and 8th graders. LIFT 6 uses strategies and best practices found at successful schools across the country to improve its comprehensive middle schools. The LIFT 6 tenets are:

- A Culture of High Expectations
- Effective Principals and Teachers in Every School
- Maximized Learning Time
- Data-Driven Instruction
- High-Dosage Tutoring
- Safe and Secure Learning Environments

B. 2019-2020 Campus Improvement Plans (7:10 PM)

Chief Lupita Hinojosa presented the Board with information regarding the 2019-2020 Campus Improvement Plans. In accordance with SISD Policy BQB(LOCAL), the Campus Improvement Plan established by the principal with the assistance of the Campus Advisory Committee, shall be submitted in writing by the principal to the Superintendent for approval by the Board.

VII. Chief of School Leadership and Student Support Services (7:23 PM)

A. Revised 2019-2020 Spring ISD Student Code of Conduct (7:23 PM)

Chief Lupita Hinojosa presented the Board with the revised 2019-2020 Spring ISD Student Code of Conduct. The 2019-2020 Student Code of Conduct was revised in accordance with new laws passed during the 2019 Texas Legislative Session.

B. Acceptance of Grant Funds – Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) (7:50 PM)

Chief Lupita Hinojosa presented the Board with information regarding the proposed grant funds of \$1,606,939 to operate the 2019-2020 Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program. On July 19, 2019 the Texas Education Agency awarded Spring ISD the Texas 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Cycle

9, Year 4, Site grant. The 21st Century grant funds will be used to supplement student learning at 10 schools, including a family engagement component and academic enrichment for students who most need assistance. Academic performance, including a strong literacy foundation, attendance and discipline will be priorities for all levels. The program will also focus on college and career readiness through SAT preparation, college visits, and parent sessions for high school students. The schools involved are:

- Bammel, Eickenroht, Hoyland, Major, Ponderosa, and Salyers Elementary Schools
- Bailey, Claughton, and Wells Middle Schools
- Dekaney and Westfield High Schools

C. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Research (7:57 PM)

Chief Lupita Hinojosa presented the Board with information regarding a resolution regarding the extracurricular status of the 4-H organization. The resolution allows 4-H to be considered an extracurricular activity, allowing students that participate in 4-H to have excused absences. The resolution also recognizes the Extension agents as adjunct staff, allowing the District to count students that are participating in 4-H activities for school day attendance when participating in extracurricular activities during the school day.

VIII. Chief of Staff (8:02 PM)

A. First Reading of TASB Proposed Revisions to Board Policy FNF(LOCAL) – STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES – INVESTIGATIONS AND SEARCHES (8:02 PM)

Chief Julie Hill presented the first reading of proposed changes to Board Policy FNF(LOCAL). The Board asked that this item be pulled from the September 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda so that it could be further reviewed by the Board Governance Committee.

B. Second Reading of TASB Local Update 113 – Proposed Revisions Affecting the Following Board Policies (8:04 PM)

Chief Julie Hill will present the second reading of Local Policies revised in TASB Update 113.

1. BBE(LOCAL) – BOARD MEMBERS – AUTHORITY

The Board asked that this item be pulled from the September 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda so that it could be further reviewed by the Board Governance Committee.

2. BDD(LOCAL) – BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION – ATTORNEY

3. CI(LOCAL) – SCHOOL PROPERTIES DISPOSAL

4. CO(LOCAL) – FOOD AND NUTRITION MANAGEMENT

5. COA(LOCAL) – FOOD AND NUTRITION MANAGEMENT – PROCUREMENT

6. COB(LOCAL) – FOOD AND NUTRITION MANAGEMENT – FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

7. CRB(LOCAL) – INSURANCE AND ANNUITIES MANAGEMENT – LIABILITY INSURANCE

8. ED(LOCAL) – ORGANIZATION OF INSTRUCTION

9. EFD(LOCAL) – INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES – FIELD TRIPS

10. EHBAF(LOCAL) – SPECIAL EDUCATION – VIDEO/AUDIO MONITORING

11. FMG(LOCAL) – STUDENT ACTIVITIES – TRAVEL

IX. Chief of Curriculum and Instruction (8:06 PM)

- A. MOU Between Education Service Center Region 4 and Spring Independent School District for Texas Lesson Study Professional Development (8:02 PM)
Chief Khechara Bradford presented the Board with information regarding an MOU between Education Service Center Region 4 and Spring Independent School District. The MOU defines the specific responsibilities of the ESC and the Local Education Agency (LEA) to fulfill the goals and objectives of the Lesson Study Program.

X. Chief Financial Officer (8:10 PM)

- A. Certification of Anticipated Collection Rate for Spring ISD (8:10 PM)
Chief Ann Westbrooks presented the Board with information regarding the Certification of Anticipated Collection Rate for Spring ISD. Section 26.04 of the Property Code requires certification of the anticipated rate to the unit's governing body. The anticipated collection rate will be utilized in the calculation of the debt service portion of the rollback tax for the 2019 taxable year.
- B. Taxpayer Refunds (8:12 PM)
Chief Ann Westbrooks presented the Board with information regarding Taxpayer Refunds. The Board was presented with a report consisting of refunds exceeding \$500.
- C. Report of Cooperative Purchases Exceeding \$50,000 (8:15 PM)
Chief Ann Westbrooks presented the Board with a report consisting of purchases exceeding \$50,000 that were made by the District through one or more authorized purchasing cooperatives.

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
08/01/2019	Ricoh USA Inc.	District-wide workroom copier refresh	\$ 246,383

* Blanket Purchase Order for anticipated annual spend.

**Bond Related Expenditures

XI. Closed Session (8:16 PM)

There was no closed session.

- A. Under Section 551.071 - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized, including any item posted on this agenda
- B. Under Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee
1. The Board will deliberate regarding the Superintendent's evaluation
 2. The Board will deliberate on employees nominated for special recognition
 3. The Board will deliberate on a recommendation for the termination and finding of no good cause for an employee's abandonment of contract
 4. The Board will deliberate on the issuance of school district teaching permits for noncore career and technology courses
 5. The Board will deliberate on employee resignations, recommendations to withdraw prior actions taken, recommendations to void employee contracts, recommendations for the proposed termination of employees on probationary and/or term contracts, and final orders for employees on term and probationary contracts previously proposed for termination and/or nonrenewal


C. Under Section 551.076 - To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices


XII. Action on Closed Session Items (8:15 PM)

The Board held no closed session and took no action.

XIII. Adjournment (8:16 PM)

On a motion by Trustee Jensen, seconded by Trustee Gonales, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.


Rhonda R. Newhouse, President


Donald Davis, Secretary