

Spring Independent School District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL CALLED SESSION 9:00 AM, MARCH 27, 2020 VIDEOCONFERENCE

MINUTES

Special Video Conference and Teleconference Notice

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Spring Independent School District will be held on March 27, 2020, beginning at 9 a.m.

Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, this meeting will be conducted by video conference or telephone call. At least a quorum of the board will be participating by video conference or telephone call in accordance with the provisions of Sections 551.125 or 551.127 of the Texas Government Code that have not been suspended by order of the governor.

Public comments related to this meeting will be handled as follows: members of the public may submit comments related to agenda topics through the District's Elevate platform, located at springisd.org/elevate.

Members of the public may access this meeting as follows:

By Computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/438364648>

Meeting ID: 438 364 648

By Phone:

346-248-7799

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I. Call to Order (9:04 AM)

President Rhonda Newhouse called the videoconference of the Special Called Session of the Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 9:04 AM on March 27, 2020, in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Members Present:

Rhonda Newhouse, President
Dr. Deborah Jensen, Vice President
Donald Davis, Secretary
Winford Adams, Jr., Assistant Secretary
Justine Durant
Jana Gonzales
Kelly P. Hodges

Others Present:

Rodney Watson, Superintendent of Schools
Julie Hill, Chief of Staff
Mark Miranda, Chief Operations Officer
Ann Westbrooks, Chief Financial Officer
Jeremy Binkley, General Counsel
Jason Sheffer, Director of Board Services

II. Chief Financial Officer (9:06 AM)

A. Purchase of Technology and Instructional Resources (9:06 AM)

Chief Mark Miranda and Chief Ann Westbrooks presented the Board with information regarding an emergency purchase of technology and instructional resources to provide ongoing learning. Spring ISD seeks to purchase additional technology and instructional resources to provide ongoing learning opportunities during this extended disruption to normal district operations.

Trustee Adams moved that the Board of Trustees authorize the Superintendent to purchase technology and instructional resources for the purpose of continuing student learning during this extended disruption to district operations, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000. Trustee Gonzales seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Property Insurance Renewal (9:36 AM)

Chief Ann Westbrooks presented the Board with information regarding the Spring ISD property insurance renewal and the impact on the District's budget. Property insurance nationwide is continuing to see significant loss trends from weather related catastrophe events such as flood, tornado, hail and wildfire. As a result, cost projections for 2020 in the property insurance marketplace for Texas Public Entities continue to harden in terms of coverage and pricing.

Trustee Durant moved that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of property insurance, specifically option 1C, as presented by the administration. Trustee Davis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

III. Closed Session (9:42 AM)

There was no closed session.

IV. Action on Closed Session Items (9:42 AM)

The Board took no action.

V. Adjournment (9:44 AM)

On a motion by Trustee Adams, seconded by Trustee Gonzales, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:44 AM.

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