

Spring Independent School District

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION
6:00 PM, MARCH 9, 2017
BOARD ROOM
GORDON M. ANDERSON LEADERSHIP CENTER
16717 ELLA BOULEVARD, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77090**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

President Deborah Jensen called the Work Session of the Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:09 p.m. on March 9, 2017, 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:

Dr. Deborah Jensen, President
Chris Bell, Vice President (arrived at 6:42 p.m.)
Rhonda Newhouse, Secretary
Justine Durant, Assistant Secretary
Donald Davis (arrived at 6:36 p.m.)
Jana Gonzales

Members Absent:

Rhonda Faust

Others Present:

Rodney Watson, Superintendent of Schools
Victor Mitchell, Chief of Police (arrived at 6:37 p.m.)
Julie Hill, Chief of Staff
Lupita Hinojosa, Chief of School Leadership and Student Support Services
Lauren Topek, Chief of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Mark Miranda, Chief Operations Officer
Deeone McKeithan, Chief Human Resources Officer
Ann Westbrooks, Chief Financial Officer
Tiffany Dunne-Oldfield, Chief Communications Officer
Jeremy Binkley, Legal Officer
Jason Sheffer, Director of Board Services

II. Minutes from Prior Meetings

A. The Board reviewed the Minutes from the Following Meetings:

1. February 9, 2017 Board Work Session
2. February 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
3. February 21, 2017 Special Called Session

III. Opening Remarks

A. Superintendent of Schools

An audio recording of the Superintendent's remarks is available in the Office of the Chief of Staff.

IV. Presentations

A. High School Education Planning Guide

Chief Topek presented information regarding the High School Education Planning Guide.

Chief Hinojosa and Denise Zimmerman, Director of Guidance and Counseling, discussed the role of guidance and counseling in the implementation of the High School Education Planning Guide.

B. Safety and Security Update

Chief Miranda presented information regarding the Safety and Security Update.

C. 2017-2018 Budget Discussion

Chief Westbrook presented information regarding the 2017-2018 Budget.

V. Chief of Staff

A. Discussion Regarding Creation of a Board of Trustees Recognition Program

Trustee Durant led the Discussion Regarding Creation of a Board of Trustees Recognition Program.

B. Resolution of Acknowledgment Supporting the One Voice for Texas Public Ed Coalition

Trustee Davis led the discussion regarding Resolution of Acknowledgment Supporting the One Voice for Texas Public Ed Coalition.

C. First Reading of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy FFA(LOCAL)

Chief Hill presented the First Reading of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy FFA(LOCAL).

D. Second Reading of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy FC(LOCAL)

Chief Hill presented the Second Reading of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy FC(LOCAL).

E. Second Reading of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy CDA(LOCAL)

Chief Hill presented the Second Reading of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy CDA(LOCAL).

F. Resolution to Adopt The Investment Policy and Strategies as Stated in Board Policy CDA(LOCAL)

Chief Hill presented a Resolution to Adopt The Investment Policy and Strategies as Stated in Board Policy CDA(LOCAL).

VI. Chief Operations Officer

A. Amendment Number 3 to the Facilities Use Interlocal Agreement between Spring Independent School District and Lone Star College System

Chief Miranda presented information regarding Amendment Number 3 to the Facilities Use Interlocal Agreement between Spring Independent School District and Lone Star College System.

VII. Chief Human Resources Officer

A. Revisions and Additions to the Compensation Manual

Chief McKeithan presented information regarding Revisions and Additions to the Compensation Manual.

VIII. Chief Financial Officer

A. Taxpayer Refunds

Chief Westbrook presented information regarding Taxpayer Refunds.

B. Independent Auditor's Engagement Letter

Chief Westbrook presented information regarding engagement with Whitley Penn for the District's annual audit. Celina Miller and Lupe Garcia, Audit Partners with Whitney Penn discussed details of the engagement.

C. Report of Agreement Renewals Exceeding \$50,000

Chief Westbrook presented information regarding Agreement Renewals Exceeding \$50,000.

D. Report of Purchasing Cooperative Purchases Exceeding \$50,000

Chief Westbrook presented information regarding Purchasing Cooperative Purchases Exceeding \$50,000.

E. Request for Qualifications #17-011 – Investment Advisory Services

Chief Westbrook presented information regarding Request for Qualifications #17-011 – Investment Advisory Services.

IX. Closed Session

President Jensen recessed the open session at 9:13 p.m. for the purpose of entering into closed session pursuant to the following provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act:


Section 551.071 – For the purpose of a private consultation with the board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized; and,


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.

President Jensen reconvened the open session at 10:37 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Durant, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 10:38 p.m.


Deborah L. Jensen, President


Rhonda R. Newhouse, Secretary