



# College Station Independent School District

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## College Station Independent School District Board Workshop Minutes November 17, 2020 5:00 p.m. Board Room

There will be a Workshop of the Board of Trustees of the College Station Independent School District on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at the CSISD Board Room, 1812 Welsh Ave., College Station, Texas.

Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 and in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines, no more than 50 people will be allowed in the boardroom.

Due to the temporary suspension of Open Meetings Laws issued on March 16, 2020, to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings, this meeting will also be available to the public via live stream video. The public may access this meeting via live stream at the following LINK: <https://youtu.be/zkepmcFOxso>

Public comment will be accepted in-person at the meeting. If you wish to provide feedback in a non-public setting, you may email [feedback@csisd.org](mailto:feedback@csisd.org).

The following items are on the agenda:

### A. CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Schaefer called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

### B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

President Schaefer declared a quorum with seven members present. In attendance were President Michael Schaefer, Vice President Geralyn Nolan, Secretary Mike Nugent, Trustee Joshua Benn, Trustee Amanda Green, Trustee Jeff Horak and Trustee Kimberly McAdams. Trustee-Elect Thomas Hall was in the audience.

### C. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Comments related to agenda items for this meeting will be heard during consideration of the item later in the workshop

There were no public comments at this time.

### D. WORKSHOP SESSION

1. Consideration and discussion regarding possible dates for a board workshop to consult with prospective strategic plan facilitators

Superintendent Mike Martindale led the conversation regarding setting a date to hear presentations from two strategic planning facilitators – N2 Learning and The Schlechty Center. Several dates were suggested. The Board agreed on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> as the best date for all. The first workshop will be held at 11:00 am and the second will begin at 1:00 pm.

2. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to 2021-2022 school calendar development process

Penny Tramel, Chief Academic Officer, [reviewed](#) the top two 2020-2021 draft calendars as recommended by DEIC. Each of these calendars exceeds the minimum number of minutes for students, allowing time for make-up days due to bad weather, etc. These two options will be posted online when we return from Thanksgiving break to gather community input.

3. Consideration and discussion of CSISD's current and future debt position

Amy Drozd, Chief Financial Officer, [reviewed](#) the results of the district's debt refunding from September and October. During the process, CSISD was affirmed an Aa1 rating from Moody's rating agency. The refunding resulted in a .403% fixed interest rate for a net present value of \$564,826.00. The final maturity date is August 15, 2024. It has been over five years since our last bond referendum. It is estimated the district's maximum capacity for a bond would be between \$44,535,000 and \$58,935,000 with no change to the existing I&S tax rate of \$0.2630 per \$100 of value. Things such as buses and high-ticket maintenance items such as roofs, chillers, HVAC, etc. that are tracked based on age and condition would be things funded with this bond should it move forward. Discussion occurred. The timeline for a November 2021 bond would need to begin with further discussions this December. The demographer will provide updated information to the Board at the December meeting. The deadline to call for the bond would be in August of 2021 with planning occurring between now and August. We would pull together a committee to gather and review community feedback. There would most likely be no new facilities, but we could look at land acquisition as land becomes more scarce each day. Discussion occurred. The board would like to begin bond discussions in December.

4. Consideration and discussion related to Pre-AP courses for the 2021-22 school year and beyond and associated adjustments to Board policy EIC(LOCAL)

Penny Tramel, CAO, [reviewed](#) the changes to the Pre-AP designation as made by The College Board. It was the committee's recommendation to not pay to participate in The College Board Pre-AP program due to the lack of rigor on their part, as well the charge to participate. Changing our current Pre-AP and Honors courses to Advanced would align the course structure and provide equity with the 5.0 courses. We would keep the AP courses as is. In addition to our discussions over the last several months, the secondary principals will provide this information to parents in their campus newsletters after Thanksgiving break. Discussion occurred. Students and parents need to talk to teachers and

counselors as they work to determine which route is best for their student. There is concern over eliminating the third choice of Honors for those students who may be on the border of On Level and Advanced. These students may be candidates for G/T on level. There will be new expectations that will be addressed to give parents and students a level of comfort with the rigor. This decision needs to be made fairly soon so that we can get the course catalogs ready for next year. However, it would not have to be made by next month. We could adjust accordingly. Changing the GPA is a huge undertaking and a whole other discussion, that would need to begin at 7<sup>th</sup> grade and would have to be phased in over a number of years. We will see what feedback we get from parents and students after the information has been shared by the campuses.

5. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to 2021 CSISD Legislative Priorities

Mike Martindale, Superintendent, [reviewed](#) the draft CSISD Legislative Priorities to be used for discussions with Representative John Raney, Representative Kyle Kacal and Senator Charles Schwertner prior to the upcoming Legislative Session. Superintendent Martindale will add the connectivity piece to this list as requested.

E. ADJOURN

Without objection, President Schaefer adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

MICHAEL SCHAEFER  
BOARD PRESIDENT

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MICHAEL SCHAEFER - PRESIDENT

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MIKE NUGENT - SECRETARY