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College Station Independent School District Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 18, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. Board Room

There will be a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the College Station Independent School District on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the CSISD Board Room, CSISD Central Administration, 1812 Welsh, College Station, Texas.

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The following items are on the agenda:

ITEM NOS.	CONSENT ITEMS	DESCRIPTIONS
A.		CALL TO ORDER /WELCOME President Mike Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
B.		DECLARATION OF QUORUM/WELCOME President Nugent declared a quorum with seven members present. In attendance were President Mike Nugent, Vice President Geralyn Nolan, Secretary Jeff Horak, Trustee Joshua Benn, Trustee Amanda Green, Trustee Thomas Hall and Trustee Kimberly McAdams.
C.		RECOGNITIONS
C-1.		Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag, and a Moment of Silence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Faith Dimas - Oakwood Intermediate School ● Angel Sanchez - Oakwood Intermediate School ● Kaidynn Person - A&M Consolidated Middle School ● Ysmael Tineo - A&M Consolidated Middle School

C-2.		Recognize artwork provided by Forest Ridge Elementary, South Knoll Elementary, Oakwood Intermediate and A&M Consolidated Middle School.
C-3.		<p>Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● College Station High School Meats Judging Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nathan Kerth ○ Kaitlyn Kotrla ○ Hayden Bennett ○ Karli Kaase ○ Coach: Erin Stutts ● State Academic UIL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Freddie Behmen ○ Valeria Macri ○ Andrew Sorescu ○ Lars Deutz ○ Srikar Satish ○ Medha Sarin ○ Coach: Brian Alford ○ Coach: Michael Williams ● BPA National Qualifiers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kathy Ding ○ Emma Finke ○ Demi Hu ○ Areeba Momin ○ Justin Park ○ Boya Shi ○ Surya Sunkari ○ Insha Umatiya ○ Sophia Wu ○ Ruth Yao ○ Madhu Kannan ○ Rachel Kumar ○ Rebecca Kumnar ○ Abby Wilson ○ Advisor: Chenika Brooks ○ Advisor: Terri Casto ○ Advisor: Kathy Fisher ○ Advisor: Dennis Rhodes ○ Advisor: Dianne Rister
D.		<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p>Items listed on the Consent Agenda were as follows: Item G Minutes; Item H-2 Board Policy EI(Local); Item H-3 Region VI MOU</p>

		<p>for K-5 Literacy Academies; Item J-2 RFP 21-006 for library books; Item J-3 RFP 21-007 for general maintenance supplies; Item J-4 Pre-K curriculum resources; Item J-5 Head Start financials; Item J-6 monthly budget amendments; Item J-7 financial reports.</p> <p>MOTION 4921: I motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was made by Secretary Jeff Horak and seconded by Trustee Thomas Hall. The motion carried with seven ayes and zero nos.</p>
E.		BOARD
E-1.		<p>Board Directions and Reports/Announcements/Superintendent Reports and Announcements</p> <p><u>Board</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bond Planning Committee President Nugent - There have been four bond planning meetings to date. There does seem to be a consensus among the group. The last meeting is coming up on Tuesday, so there should be a recommendation coming forward next month. ● CSISD Education Foundation Vice President Nolan – The Education Foundation Scholarship Awards ceremony was last night. Kudos was given to the Education Foundation staff for their fundraising efforts in a crazy year and for making the events so amazing for everyone involved. They have gone above and beyond this year. At the scholarship awards, 103 students were awarded a total of \$130,000, which was a new record. Additionally, the Star Educator program is going on right now, which a great way to recognize and thank teachers. In June, the Education Foundation will also be doing strategic planning, looking at ways to further the organization. One more plug for Citywide PTO, which met today, is that our PTOs are so important. They have done everything they could possibly do this year for our schools. They had to get really creative, so thank you to all of the parents staying involved and being supportive of our school community. ● District Educational Improvement Council Trustee Hall – DEIC is postponed for May due to waiting on the Strategic Design committee to finish its work in order to develop the District Improvement Plan. They will be working through the summer on this plan. ● Audit ● Head Start Policy Council

- Intergovernmental Relations Liaison
Trustee Benn – The group met yesterday to discuss possible impact on transportation with the expansion of Highway 36, the COVID update from the County and an update on various bills currently before the Legislature. The next meeting is September 20th.
- Personnel Advisory Council Liaison
Trustee McAdams – PAC met two weeks ago for the final meeting of the school year. They reviewed similar information to what is being shared here tonight, such as will we provide virtual instruction next year, and how we will continue to use Schoology moving forward.
- School Health Advisory Council
- Strategic Design Team
Trustee McAdams gave a quick update on the work of the SD team. There have been five total meetings, two of these since the last board meeting. There has been lots of meaningful work and lots of meaningful conversations coming from this group, which is comprised of community members, teachers and staff.
- Upcoming Events

Superintendent

- Superintendent [Update](#)
 - Superintendent Mike Martindale gave an update on things around the district. COVID cases have been trending in the single digits the last few weeks.
 - CSISD will host an optional vaccine clinic in partnership with the Brazos County Health District for CSISD students ages 12 and up in this room on May 22nd. These are the Pfizer vaccines and emails will be going out to parents tomorrow. Participation for students ages 12 and up will require the student's parent to be present. This is completely voluntary.
 - As of today, we are sitting at about 88-90% of students back in classrooms, with 10-11% still receiving virtual instruction. At the beginning of this school year, we had right at 68% of students on site and 32% virtual and students steadily progressed to onsite throughout the year. The week of April 26th we sent a second survey out to gauge the interest in virtual instruction for next year. This was sent to all remaining virtual students in grades Pre-K through 11th, approximately 1200 families. We received 669 responses. Of which 190 stated they would participate in virtual instruction if offered. These numbers do not support the resources it would take to offer a virtual component next year.

	<p>Therefore, our plan is so return to onsite learning for next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yesterday we sent out an end of year survey to families, students, and campuses covering a wide range of topics to gather feedback and inform goals development. The survey will close on the May 28th. The survey results will be available in early June and reported back to the Board. ● Upcoming events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategic Design on May 20th; Bond Planning on May 25th, Last day of school May 27th, College View High School graduation on May 27th at 7:00 pm, CSHS graduation on May 28th at 8:00 pm, AMCHS graduation on May 29th at 8:00 pm.
<p>E-2.</p>	<p>Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding changing outdoor mask-wearing from required when unable to maintain social distancing to optional effective Friday, May 28, 2021 and mask-wearing indoors from required to optional effective Monday, June 28.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Martindale Memo <p>Superintendent Martindale stated this agenda was written this past Thursday and posted on Friday. Today, at about 12:45 pm, the Governor released his latest Executive Order prohibiting schools from requiring mask wearing after June 4th. Because of this, Superintendent Martindale altered his recommendation to the CSISD mask wearing policy from required to optional effective Friday, May 28th. There are several reasons, obviously the executive order, this is also the day after school is out, and this date positions us for masking to be optional as we enter into our comprehensive high school graduations that evening. We have 6.5 days of school remaining. We have done well all year and we are right here at the finish line. We had publicly stated back in March that we would continue mask wearing through the end of the school year. We have finals and graduation next week. Continuing with this mitigating tool keeps us from risking close contact or quarantining, as none of those protocols have been altered at this time, and we do not want to compromise our students getting through the final week and in particular our seniors as they try to wrap up final exams and participate in graduation ceremonies. Universities must make masking optional effective immediately, while public schools have the discretion through June 3rd. Additionally, TAMU is not in session with students at this time.</p> <p><u>MOTION 4922:</u> I move to approve as presented. The motion was made by Trustee Thomas Hall and seconded by Trustee Kimberly McAdams. Discussion occurred with Trustee Amanda Green</p>

advocating the immediate discontinuation of masking citing the low number of cases in our schools and community currently. Trustee Joshua Been agreed with Trustee Green, but had concern with how this plays into the close contact rules currently in place. Masks are the mitigating factor in the quarantine determination. Is it worth the risk even with the small percentages for 6.5 days? Would we consider a slight adjustment to the timing to allow for the College View graduates to have optional masking for their ceremony? Superintendent Martindale stated that currently, the Church has masking protocols in place inside their facility, thus the proposed date of the 28th. Trustee Green then clarified that it is time for the choice to be given back to the staff and teachers and our citizens. Trustee Kimberly McAdams said that while she certainly agrees with Trustee Green, she does feel like we should wait the remaining 6.5 days since teachers and students are required to attend school. Families feel safe with the protocols in place and it is not worth the disruption it would cause. Trustee Green asked for clarification on if a student tested positive and was not wearing a mask, then all the students in close contact would have to quarantine. She then added that students are not required to attend in person. Trustee McAdams added that if we change that this evening, we have not truly given them an option to go back to virtual tomorrow. Superintendent Martindale agreed that we have been trying to manage changes to virtual at grading cycles, and while no one is more ready than me to end masking, this is a situation where we have a couple of bad options for decisions to make. As superintendent, if we continue masking for 6.5 more days, we will make it through those days. It would be crushing to have to tell seniors you now have to quarantine after wearing masks for 180 days prior. To me it is not worth it. I completely understand Trustee Green's point because I am all about choice as well, and this is not easy for any of us. We have been very systematic with our decision making and that has gotten us here today, in that we have made it through the year with only a handful of classes being closed. Do not know with certainty that things would be ok. I just want to get our kids, particularly our seniors, to graduation. The finish line is right there. Trustee Thomas Hall asked for clarification on the recommendation by Trustee Green. Trustee Green said she is recommending masking be optional effective immediately and giving the choice to our families. She is not against wearing masks in schools personally. Trustee Hall asked is it fair to expect school administrators, teachers, bus drivers, students, etc. to make these changes effective by 5:00 am tomorrow? Trustee Green said we could discuss dates. Secretary Jeff Horak stated we all have valid points in this. I am done with masks and have been, but in the end, starting school August 18th and ending school on May 27th was my goal as a Board member and if it takes 6.5 days to get there, I have to stick to it. What we have done this whole year has somehow

worked and I hope we are the poster child of Texas to show that we have made it through. I would love to go optional but there are too many variables to go that route right now. There have been a whole lot of “what-ifs” this whole year, but we still did it. If we can stick this out and make it to the end, we can say next August, we start with some sort of normalcy. Why would we change that now? I am not willing to approve taking that chance. Trustee Green clarified that she respects the discussion and is simply offering another perspective from constituents that she has heard. If it is the will of the Board to approve May 28th then so be it. It is important that we do our due diligence and have this discussion of other options. In response to Secretary Horak’s point of what’s the benefit, Trustee Benn added that so many of our parents, staff and students want that choice and it is valid. I would vote to end it now if it wasn’t for the close contact rules. I would like to amend the motion with the understanding that it is subject to the rules of the facility for College View’s graduation, to have the mandatory mask requirement end at noon on the 27th. Therefore, a new motion was made by Trustee Benn, and was seconded by Trustee Hall. Trustee Green then asked if TEA comes out on Thursday and removes the close contact rules, what would be our move at that time? President Mike Nugent stated we would have to call a special meeting to change the policy. Trustee Green asked if we could add an amendment to this motion regarding the lifting of the protocols by TEA to avoid having to call a special meeting? Trustee Benn stated that we would have to vote on the first amended motion before we amend it again. President Nugent stated that he does appreciate the discussion. This is something we have all been living with for 14 months now. I see people everyday that are just now going out in public and if we make this optional now, the vast majority of our community would rejoice, but I fear that there are families that would be scared to send their kids to school. Even if it is only 5%. For 6.5 days, I can continue masking. Mr. Martindale, you and your team have done an amazing job and administrators and educators, what you have had to do this year is unprecedented. The work you had to put in to make sure students were safe and educated has been amazing. When we started at 65% onsite, we thought that was great. The work you put in led others to come back and get us to the 90% mark, that they feel safe. I have spoken to two staff members today that said just let it ride. We have done this for 35 weeks, we can do it for one more. However, I will respect the will of the Board. I am proud to be sitting up here with you. It is good discussion, but it is tough, because we have to consider people who think way different than we do. Chuck Glenewinkel, Director of Communications, clarified a point of order regarding amendments, etc. There is a motion to amend the original motion on the floor with a second. The next thing would be to vote on whether or not to accept that amendment. It requires a majority vote of 4 to 3. If that passes then

the amended motion is now on the floor, and should there be any amendments to that motion, then you would treat it the exact same way. Trustee Benn clarified that he changed the date of the original motion to noon on May 27th. Secretary Horak then stated that some schools do not let out until after noon that day. Superintendent Martindale stated that in order to capture College View graduation, the time of 5:00 pm would suffice. Trustee Benn withdrew his amendment. However, the motion and second on the floor still needs a vote. The motion failed with one aye and six nos. Trustee Benn moved to amend the original motion to 5:00 pm on the 27th. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried with six ayes and one no. Mr. Glenewinkel stated that last vote was to amend the original motion. So, the first vote was to deny the noon on Thursday. Then another motion was made for 5:00 pm on Thursday. That passed. Now we have an original motion that says that 5:00 pm on Thursday is the amended original motion from the 28th to 5:00 pm on Thursday the 27th. That is where we are right now. The original motion that has been amended is now on the table. Now we are voting on the amended motion of 5:00 pm. The motion carried with six ayes and one no. Trustee Green clarified her earlier request for an amendment in the event that TEA removed the close contact quarantine rules, would we make masks optional? The earlier answer was that we would have to call a meeting. The question was could we add that as an amendment to this current motion? Trustee Benn stated that the motion as amended has already passed. If Trustee Green would like to make a new motion, she can do so but it would need to be an entirely new motion.

MOTION 4923: Trustee Amanda Green made a motion that if TEA offers guidance this week, that there is no close contact or quarantine, that we make masks optional for the district. The motion was seconded by Trustee Joshua Benn. Discussion occurred with President Nugent asking when we would make it optional? Trustee Green clarified that it would be in agreement with the guidance offered and effective as of that date. Trustee McAdams said that she still did not think it would be worth having that in place for however few days would still be remaining. There is still a percentage of families who came back to school because we made a commitment to keep their students safe by masking through the end of the school year. With the journey we have been on and to cause a possible disruption to our families and our staff for those few days, I do not think it is worth it. Let's do 5:00 pm on the 27th and be ready to move on. Trustee Benn asked what is the disruption? Trustee McAdams clarified that those families that came back through the remainder of the year, did so because of the protocols in place, including masks, and their families feel safe. I believe there are families that would chose to stay home if we changed now. That would hurt those

students and it hurts the whole district. It is not worth it. Trustee Benn said that at some point, we have to do it. Trustee Green said that we voted as a board to keep masks in place until the 27th due to the close contact protocols. If that is lifted it takes away the inherent disruption or risk of being sent home, not having graduation, etc. Let's have the discussion. I am not saying don't wear masks. I am saying let's give the option. The district has done an incredible job and I am not saying throw that away, but we need to apply common sense. If TEA lifts the mandates and the protocol, then what are we doing? Trustee McAdams feels like we made a commitment. I am so ready too, but it is like tearing the rug out from under folks without any warning and there will be families that won't feel safe. They may have to make other plans for the fall and that is their choice, but it is not fair to make them have other plans for tomorrow or the end of the week. Vice President GERALYN NOLAN asked superintendent Martindale if we are prepared to react the families that decide they are not comfortable coming to school? Are our teachers prepared to give final exams online and allow families that chose to switch to virtual this last week of school to do so? Superintendent Martindale replied that the logistics would be interesting. I don't know that you switch them to virtual as opposed to having them just work from their Schoology folder with six days remaining. And if TEA makes an adjustment to the protocol, what is the effective date of that? This year has proved we can do whatever we have to, but the logistics of pulling that off would be rather challenging. But we will do what is necessary. My suspicion is that if TEA came out with changes it would be linked to the June 4th date from the Governor, but that is purely my speculation. None of the actions have been predictable, but we will make happen what needs to happen. Vice President Nolan has not said much because she stated she is struggling with the Governor's decision made earlier today. Superintendent Martindale asked that outside of the announcement made earlier today, what conversation would we be having otherwise? There is a motion and a second on the table. Maybe we move forward with that to give us parameters to be prepared for the future and if TEA makes some adjustments, we can follow suit. This is obviously a difficult conversation for everyone. We all want to do the best understanding that regardless of what decision we make, it is going to be the wrong one for half the people and the right one for the other half. With 6.5 days, we need to make decisions and move forward to see ourselves through the school year. President Nugent stated we have a motion and a second. We have had discussion. If there is anything else to offer, please speak now. The motion is that if TEA changes their policy for close contact this Thursday, we would follow whatever the recommendations are, whatever date that is. Voting was done by a show of hands. The motion failed with two ayes and five nos.

F.		<p>HEARING OF CITIZENS (Non-Agenda/Agenda Items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments related to agenda items for this meeting will be heard during consideration of the item later in the meeting • All comments not related to an agenda item at this meeting will be heard at this time <p>There were no citizens wishing to address the Board at this time.</p>
G.	√	<p>MINUTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 20, 2021 Board Workshop Minutes • April 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes • April 27, 2021 Emergency Board Meeting Minutes
H.		<p>CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION</p>
H-1.		<p>Receive a report related to instructional technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tramel Memo <p>Stephanie Ryon, Digital Learning Coordinator, gave a presentation on Instructional Technology in CSISD. We currently have 27 staff across the district, supporting digital learning. As a result of COVID, in March 2020, everyone switched to at home (virtual) learning. Digital learning professional development needs for teachers increased as well. Thirty-seven different professional development sessions were provided over Zoom for teachers during the mornings, afternoons and evenings, over the course of the months that we were home. The goal was to move from how to use the resource, to the purposeful integration of the resource. This fall, the district utilized both virtual and in person instruction, with many teachers teaching both. As a result of the pandemic, we have added even more digital resources to support both methods of learning. We adopted Schoology in 2018, and since then active participation has more than doubled. Additionally, the district uses NearPod and Google Suite for Education, along with Schoology, as the main resources. We have developed Digital Citizenship resources for teachers to cover specific topics, with ready made lessons. We will have a Cyber Citizen CTE elective course coming for 7-12th graders. We will continue professional development for teachers throughout the summer. It varies by the needs of each campus, but the campus facilitators spend anywhere from 3 to 10 hours per week in addition to their teaching responsibilities, supporting technology. Coordinator Ryon houses out of the C&I department and works closely with the content coordinators to integrate technology into the curriculum. They work</p>

		with the numbers of devices that the campus has to help develop quality learning no matter the number.
H-2.	√	<p>Consideration, discussion and possible action related to revisions to board policy EI(Local) regarding partial credit earned for courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parkerson Memo • EI(Local)
H-3.	√	<p>Consideration, discussion and possible action related to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Region VI Education Service Center regarding Texas K-5 Literacy Academies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tramel Memo • MOU
I.		PERSONNEL
I-1.		<p>Consider approval of new administrator contracts as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael McEver, Principal of Creek View Elementary • Megan Symank, Assistant Athletic Director • Perry Memo <p>Superintendent Martindale recommended the hire of Mike McEver as the Principal of Creek View Elementary and Megan Symank as the Assistant Athletic Director for CSISD.</p> <p><u>MOTION 4924:</u> So moved. The motion was made by Trustee Joshua Benn and seconded by Trustee Thomas Hall. The motion carried with seven ayes and zero nos.</p>
J.		BUSINESS
J-1.		<p>Consider approval of a contract award with Texas State Billing Services (TSBS) for the Medicaid billing of the SHARS program for one year ending May 31, 2022 with the option to extend for 4 additional one year terms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drozd Memo • Shafer/Fuentes Memo <p>Amy Drozd, Chief Financial Officer, recommended the contract award with Texas State Billing Services (TSBS) for the Medicaid billing of the SHARS program for one year ending May 31, 2022 with the option to extend for 4 additional one year terms. This program allows</p>

		<p>the district to bill for Medicaid services for eligible students. We need assistance in that billing process. Therefore, we must contract it out. When our previous contract ended, we asked for a six-month renewal to allow for better timing for us so that it ends after the school year and not during. It is now time to renew for a longer term. Several CSISD departments met together to review five proposals. The fee we pay is based on the amount of revenue that we receive.</p> <p><u>MOTION 4925:</u> I make a motion to approve as presented. The motion was made by Trustee McAdams and seconded by Vice President Geralyn Nolan. The motion carried with seven ayes and zero nos.</p>
J-2.	√	<p>Consider approval of the award of RFP 21-006 for the purchase of library books to 33 vendors effective August 1, 2021 for a period of 12 months with the option to extend for two additional one year periods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drozd Memo ● Shafer/Hester Memo
J-3.	√	<p>Consider approval of the award of RFP 21-007 for the purchase of general maintenance supplies to 14 vendors effective September 1, 2021 for a period of two years ending August 31, 2023 with the option to extend for two additional one year terms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drozd Memo ● Shafer/Hall Memo
J-4.	√	<p>Consider approval of the purchase of the curricular resource “Three Cheers for Pre-K” from Savvas Learning Company, LLC in the amount of \$177,345 using the Instructional Materials Allotment Fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drozd Memo ● Tramel Memo
J-5.	√	<p>Consider approval of monthly Head Start financial statements and credit card expenditures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drozd Memo ● Financial Statements
J-6.	√	<p>Consider approval of monthly budget amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drozd Memo ● Budget Amendments
J-7.	√	<p>Consider approval of financial reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drozd Memo

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Reports
K.		EXECUTIVE SESSION
L.		OPEN SESSION
M.		ADJOURNMENT Without objection, President Nugent adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

MIKE NUGENT
BOARD PRESIDENT

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