



College Station Independent School District

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College Station Independent School District Board Workshop Minutes October 20, 2020 5:00 p.m. Board Room

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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 five members present. In attendance were President Michael Schaefer, Vice President Geralyn Nolan, Secretary Mike Nugent, Trustee Jeff Horak and Trustee Kimberly McAdams. Trustee Joshua Benn arrived at 5:15 p.m. Trustee Amanda Green was not in attendance.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board at this time.

D. WORKSHOP SESSION

1. Debrief TASA/TASB Convention

This year's TASA/TASB Convention was virtual due to COVID-19.

Trustee Jeff Horak attended three sessions, one dealt with TEA and COVID-19. One of particular interest was the session on cyberbullying. This is the time that we live in. The presenter talked about warning signs, trafficking and being aware. As a board member and father of three daughters, it was very interesting and informative.

Vice President Geralyn Nolan really enjoyed that it was virtual. She was more involved with the networking sessions this time, but did not enjoy the lack of opportunity to debrief with our own board members between sessions. Most of the sessions she attended were very future focused and dealt with Board Governance. The most interesting session was *Turning it Around - Empowering a School Board to be the Best* – presented by Ft. Bend ISD. This was very powerful. One takeaway was that their Board was very involved. They looked for needs and added committees as needed. They met with the community in casual question & answer sessions. They went into schools and read books to students, etc. The session on Board and Superintendent relationships was also very good. For future discussions, are there other things in the community that we need to be doing?

Secretary Mike Nugent was unable to attend the first day, but he did attend the TEA COVID-19 session as well as the session on the mental health of students. What really stood out to him was they spent lots of time on how important it is to build relationships with local professionals and getting them in the door. This is literally by the book, what we have done the last couple of years. So, props to CSISD for already doing this.

Trustee Kimberly McAdams stated she went to two of the Ft. Bend sessions. Their transformation started with being written up poorly by the CRSS (Center for School Reform) organization. They then hired Cathy Mincberg from CRSS (whom also did our Team of 8 training last year) to help get them back on track. Lots of community involvement from various boards, as well as community ownership, were themes of several sessions. Additionally, the Delegate Assembly was attended by Vice President Nolan and Trustee McAdams. Rep. Dan Huberty talked about advocating for Public Education and our own district. The TASB session about student achievement was also very good.

Superintendent Mike Martindale attended the panel discussion made up of superintendents from across the State, many of whom he knows personally. He gets a lot out of hearing their dialogue. It is an affirmation to hear how others handled the same “opportunities” we have encountered. There is no set agenda, just folks sharing their personal experiences. There is a vast amount of knowledge and resources from this group. Also, he attended the Legislative Update session, most of which was about State finances and what that will look like. Obviously, with the impact of COVID, there will be lots of decisions that will have to be made. Several of our board members were also in the Superintendent and Board Relationships session with him as well. TASA/TASB did excellent job of managing the virtual concept this year.

Trustee Joshua Benn sat in on the governance and legal updates session and as a first-year board member, he appreciated the practical applications to all the different issues as well as how entertaining the sessions actually were. The

format was good, and the background information was helpful and appreciated. The HB3 session and the updates on financing were a bit concerning and will be for the next couple of years. It is a concern across the State.

President Schaefer did not attend the conference but listening to the knowledge that each of the members gained, he stated how important it will be moving forward next year. Additionally, this information will help with the opportunities and the financial threats the Board will face in the near future. It will help with the strengths and weakness and self-reflection work the board will do this year as well.

2. Consideration and discussion related to Pre-AP courses for the 2021-22 school year and beyond

Chief Academic Officer, Penny Tramel, [updated](#) the Board on the work done by the committee regarding Pre-AP designation. There is no action required this evening. If action is required later, it could be done at the November meeting. Note: there will be no changes to our current GPA system. The committee of 34 members has met 3 times to discuss the Pre-AP designation by the College Board, which now requires districts to pay a fee and use their curriculum to keep the Pre-AP designation. Three options were developed. Option 1: Change Pre-AP to Advanced; Option 2: Eliminate the 3 tiered courses and label all 5.0 courses as AP or Advanced; and Option 3: Pay the fee, adopt the College Board curriculum and make changes to adhere to the State TEKS. Both the Committee and DEIC recommend Option 2. CAO Tramel reviewed the course titles with the change to a 2-tiered system of On Level and Advanced/AP. The committee will work on a clear definition of Advanced before moving on to transition times, etc. Discussion occurred.

3. Consideration and discussion regarding HB 3 required Board Goals and Plans

Chief Academic Officer Tramel [presented](#) the Board Goals and Plans to the board one more time with the data that we are recommending. It is also on tonight's Regular Board Meeting Agenda for approval. Discussion occurred.

4. Consideration and discussion regarding Targeted Improvement Plans for campuses as required by the Texas Education Agency

Molley Perry, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of the Targeted Improvement Plan process using the Effective Schools Framework. College Hills, Creek View, South Knoll, Southwood Valley and Spring Creek worked to determine their own desired annual outcomes to meet the needs of their students. These plans are annual. All campuses that had a plan in 2019 are required to continue the plan due to no STAAR testing in the spring of 2020 due to COVID.

E. ADJOURN

Without objection, President Schaefer adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

MICHAEL SCHAEFER
BOARD PRESIDENT

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