



# College Station Independent School District

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## College Station Independent School District Board Workshop Minutes September 15, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. Board Room

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.

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The following items are on the agenda:

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Schaefer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. 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 Amanda Green, Trustee Jeff Horak and Trustee Kimberly McAdams. Trustee Joshua Benn arrived at 5:03 p.m.

3. 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.

4. WORKSHOP SESSION

1. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to setting a date for the next management oversight workshop to discuss Transportation

*Due to Trustee Benn not being in attendance at the start of the meeting, we will come back to this item.*

Possible dates for this workshop were included in the Transmittal on Friday. Meeting times have typically been around lunch for a couple of hours. It was determined that the workshop will be held on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

2. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to Texas Association of School Boards Policy Update 115

Molley Perry, Chief Administrative Officer, reminded the board that the entirety of the update was included in the weekly Board Transmittal and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions or comments.

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

*Trustee Joshua Benn arrived at the start of this item.* Penny Tramel, Chief Academic Officer, [reviewed](#) the Pre-AP designation changes made by the College Board in 2018-2019. Districts wishing to use the Pre-AP designation must now pay a fee and follow the College Board curriculum. In 2019-2020 there was an application process to be able to pilot the program. Those courses are grade-level appropriate and not what we would consider honors or advanced classes. Courses would be open to all students with no barriers. The course framework is non-negotiable. The rigor of what we are expecting with the new Pre-AP courses is not in line with the rigor we currently have in place. One option could be to rename the current Pre-AP courses to Advanced and keep the Honors in place. Another option would be to eliminate the three-tiered courses that exist in some content areas. A third option would be pay the Pre-AP fee for each course offered and continue to offer Pre-AP courses and use the College Board curriculum. Submissions for course audits begin in the 2020 school year. Pre-AP is aligned with Common Core, which we are not allowed to teach in Texas, so we would need to make sure it is aligned with the TEKS. We will develop a committee to discuss options, then provide an update to the board, and make a final recommendation for implementation in 2021-22. This will be a district decision with district wide committee input. We need to have a committee in place to review the options, but we are not in favor of doing anything that would impact the grade point averages. This would be a change in name, not weight. The cost is \$3,000 per class per campus, or about \$36,000 per high school campus. The College Board wanted to establish a pathway for all students. This seems to be a disconnect if there are no changes to the AP courses. We will begin work with stakeholders and will keep the board updated with several months of information prior to making a decision.

*President Schaefer moved back to Item 1 to look at dates with everyone in attendance.*

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

CAO Tramel previously [reviewed](#) the Board Goals several months ago, but due to COVID-19, the deadline for approval was moved from September to

January. Therefore, this review is a follow up from last week's Board Training on Evaluating and Improving Student Outcomes and SB1566 provided by Dr. John Conley of Region VI ESC. CAO Tramel reviewed the Closing the Gaps domain, with the [State targets](#) for this year versus CSISD percentages, literacy performance goals and progress monitoring using MAP and math performance goals and progress monitoring using MAP. Clarification was asked for on students being included in multiple classifications. Additionally, College, Career or Military Ready (CCMR) graduate goals, including progress monitoring measures were reviewed. This information will be reported to the Board on a regular basis. It is good that we hold ourselves accountable to more than just test scores, but it is important for us to understand and do well on these metrics also. The first step to improvement is getting the information out there so we work on making progress. It needs to be a priority that we make progress on these numbers. We will look at this again next month at the workshop and then look for approval at the October Board meeting.

## 5. ADJOURN

Without objection, President Schaefer adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

MICHAEL SCHAEFER  
BOARD PRESIDENT

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MICHAEL SCHAEFER – PRESIDENT

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MIKE NUGENT - SECRETARY