



College Station ISD Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, November 14, 2023
7:00 p.m. - CSISD Board Room (1812 Welsh Ave.)

MINUTES

AGENDA

<i>Item</i>	<i>Consent</i>	<i>Description</i>
A.		CALL TO ORDER President Jeff Horak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
B.		DECLARATION OF QUORUM / WELCOME President Horak declared a quorum with seven members present. In attendance were President Jeff Horak, Vice President Joshua Benn, Secretary Geralyn Nolan, Trustee Blaine Decker, Trustee Thomas Hall, Trustee Kimberly McAdams and Trustee Darin Paine.
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">● Fallyn Daily - College Hills Elementary● Liz Morgan - College Hills Elementary● Jemma Sellers - Pebble Creek Elementary● Layne Valenzuela - Pebble Creek Elementary
C-2.		Students <ul style="list-style-type: none">● College Board Recognitions<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jazmyn Barron○ Briceida Bellon○ Andrew Benavides○ Nicolas Castillo○ Joaquin Costa○ Jenifer Cuajicalco○ Mateo Dominguez○ Ava Ellgard○ Prosperity Ezeanuna○ Jacob Felipe○ Leonardo Garcia

- Gavin Gutierrez
- Madeleine Knoop
- Mackenzie Leonard
- Hailey Lewis
- Sofia Mackin-Plankey
- Ashleigh McGuire
- Beckam McGuire
- Lane McGuire
- Alexandra McPherson
- Jaeda Mitchell
- Joseph Perez
- Matthew Rivas
- Margarita Rivera
- Michael Thompson
- Giancarlo Valladares
- Bourne Walichowski
- Domino Williams
- Brandon Yax-Argueta

C-3. Recognize staff from College Hills Elementary School and Pebble Creek Elementary School

- College Hills
 - Kailey Farris - Kindergarten teacher
 - Shavaya Lewis - ELA/SS instructional coach
- Pebble Creek
 - Courtney Payne - 1st grade teacher
 - Jenna Ramos - 3rd grade teacher

C-4. Recognize artwork provided by College Hills Elementary School and Pebble Creek Elementary School

D. BOARD

D-1. Board Directions, Reports and Announcements / Superintendent Reports and Announcements

Board

- CSISD Education Foundation
 - Trustee Dr. Darin Paine - Grant Patrol is on Thursday, November 16th where they will be awarding 73 grants totaling \$325,000. They again hit a milestone, surpassing \$2.5 million in total grants awarded over the past 25 years. The Foundation received its first ever endowment for teacher grants. AMCHS Counselor Jill Faith's parents,

Tom & Laura Hafford, donated \$25,000 to establish that endowment in her honor.

- District Educational Improvement Council
 - Trustees Kimberly McAdams and Blaine Decker met last week for DEIC. On the agenda was the calendar development process, which we covered in the workshop. We hope to have that ready to go in January. We also discussed the recommendations of middle school and high school new courses for next year which we will hear about later in this meeting.
- Audit Committee
- Head Start Policy Council
 - Trustee Thomas Hall stated that there was no November meeting. The council will meet virtually on December 12th.
- Intergovernmental Committee
 - Vice President Joshua Benn attended the IGC meeting yesterday at lunch with Trustee Blaine Decker, Superintendent Tim Harkrider and CTE Director Kevin Ross. On the agenda were ongoing TXDOT projects along with a presentation from Kevin Ross and BISD providing updates on CTE programs in both districts, which received a lot of positive feedback. It was a good meeting.
- Personnel Advisory Council
 - Secretary Geralyn Nolan said that PAC met recently to discuss the sub shortage and recruitment efforts, compensation, retention stipends, paraprofessional pay, teacher pay, leave upon retirement, paraprofessionals providing sub coverage, librarian staffing, academic calendar, technology, and the concern process that PAC goes through. We covered lots of information and it was well received. We will be meeting again in March.
- School Health Advisory Council
- Upcoming Events

Superintendent

- Superintendent Update by Dr. Tim Harkrider
 - Earlier in the workshop we discussed the 2023 bond election.
 - Looking forward to the Grant Patrol on Thursday.
 - This has been the fastest fall ever. It has been a great 4 months.
 - Next week, Monday and Tuesday, are comp days for staff and then the Thanksgiving break on Wednesday through Friday.

- There are lots of great things taking place across the district and we are looking forward to a great 2024.
 - Upcoming Events
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E. HEARING OF CITIZENS

- Public comments regarding agenda items and non-agenda items will be heard at this time
 - [Clayton Rhodes](#) - Requested additional staff for band.
 - [Hayden Riley](#) - Request for additional full time staffing for band.
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F. CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda are as follows: Item G Minutes; Item J-3 BCAD representatives; Item J-4 investment policies and strategies resolution; Item J-5 Head Start financials; Item J-6 monthly budget amendments; Item J-7 financial reports.

MOTION 5108: I move to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was made by Trustee Thomas Hall and seconded by Trustee Darin Paine. The motion carried with seven ayes and zero nos.

G. ✓ MINUTES

- [October 12, 2023 Joint Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [October 17, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes](#)
 - [October 17, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes](#)
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H. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

H-1. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to new middle and high school course approvals for the 2024-25 school year

- [Parkerson Memo](#)
- [Proposed New Middle and High School Courses](#)

Tiffany Parkerson, Executive Director for Secondary Education stated DEIC approved new courses for middle and high schools at the November meeting. These new courses for middle school include Theater III and Web Communications, which would replace Cyber Citizenship to continue receiving funding from the State. We will implement Web Communications this year as a result. For high school we would recommend adding Dance Ensemble, Criminal Investigations, Range Ecology and Management, Agribusiness Management and Marketing, Digital Communications in the 21st Century and Team Sports Officiating. Discussion occurred.

MOTION 5109: I move to approve as presented. The motion was made by Trustee Thomas Hall and seconded by Trustee Blaine Decker. Discussion occurred. The motion carried with seven ayes and zero nos.

I. ADMINISTRATION

I-1. Receive a report on Child Nutrition services in College Station ISD

- [Drozd Memo](#)

Bridget Goodlett, Director of Child Nutrition, gave a [presentation](#) on the Child Nutrition program in CSISD. Discussion occurred.

J. BUSINESS

J - 1. Consideration to delegate contractual authority to obligate College Station ISD under Texas Education Code 11.1511(c)(4) to the Superintendent for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC 48.257 and TEC Chapter 49 Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the Commissioner of Education as authorized under TEC, 49.006 including the purchase of attendance credits for the 2023-2024 school year

- [Drozd Memo](#)
- [TEA approval letter and calculation](#)
- [Agreements](#)

Amy Drozd, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed this item which was previously brought to the Board in August. At that time, specific required language was inadvertently left out, and therefore the Board must reauthorize this item this evening.

MOTION 5110: I move that the Board of Trustees for the 2023-2024 school year delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This includes approval of the *Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits*. The motion was made by Trustee Darin Paine and seconded by Trustee Thomas Hall. The motion carried with seven ayes and zero nos.

J - 2. Consider approval of a resolution authorizing the 2023 tax levy for College Station ISD

- [Drozd Memo](#)
- [Resolution](#)

CFO Drozd reviewed the tax levy for debt service and general fund which is lower than last year. The Homestead exemption went from \$40,000 to \$100,000. We also had tax compression of a record almost .22 cent decline in our total tax rate and then SB12 which passed with the 2021 legislation session. It required that beginning in 2023, the taxpayers that had their taxes frozen, most of which are over 65, had the formula applied to them as well and it was retroactive. We have \$15 million less in levy and a 19% increase in values.

MOTION 5111: I move to approve as presented. The motion was made by Trustee Thomas Hall and seconded by Secretary Geralyn Nolan. The motion carried with seven ayes and zero nos.

- J - 3. ✓ Consider the appointment two district representatives to the Brazos Central Appraisal District Board for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024
- [Drozd Memo](#)
- J - 4. ✓ Consider adoption of a resolution stating the Board of Trustees has reviewed the district's investment policies and investment strategies
- [Drozd Memo](#)
 - [Investment Policies and Investment Strategies Resolution](#)
- J - 5. ✓ Consider approval of monthly Head Start financial statements and credit card expenditures
- [Drozd Memo](#)
 - [Financial Statements](#)
- J - 6. ✓ Consider approval of monthly budget amendments
- [Drozd Memo](#)
 - [Budget Amendments](#)
- J - 7. ✓ Consider approval of financial reports
- [Drozd Memo](#)
 - [Financial Reports](#)

K. FACILITIES

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Horak adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

L-1. Consultation with outside legal counsel regarding litigation in Cause No. 21-003058-CV-85; *Scott Nussbaum v. College Station Independent School District*; In the 85th Judicial District Court, Brazos County, Texas, pursuant to Texas Government Code sections 551.071, 551.074, and 551.129

M. **OPEN SESSION**
President Horak called the meeting back in to Open Session at 8:27 p.m.

N. **ADJOURNMENT**
Without objection, President Horak adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Jeff Horak, Board President

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, chapter 551, subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See TASB Policy BEC(LLEGAL)]

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JEFF HORAK - PRESIDENT

GERALYN NOLAN - SECRETARY