



College Station Independent School District

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College Station Independent School Board Workshop October 20, 2015 5:00 p.m. Administrative Conference Room

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Valerie Jochen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

President Valerie Jochen declared a quorum with six members present. In attendance were President Valerie Jochen, Vice President Paul Dorsett, Secretary Jeff Harris, Trustee Carol Barrett, Trustee Michael Wesson and Trustee Quinn Williams. Trustee Michael Schaefer arrived at 5:04 p.m.

C. WORKSHOP SESSION

1. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to 2016-17 calendar development process and HB 2610
Superintendent Clark Ealy reviewed the specifics of HB 2610 and the change from a required number of days to a required number of minutes to 75,600. This bill is intended to allow school districts flexibility in their school calendar. Dr. Ealy then reviewed the sample calendar provided by the State along with possible scenarios for the CSISD calendar. Discussion occurred. The Board would like to move forward with the calendar development process through DEIC with the following parameters: school cannot start before the 4th Monday in August, finals must be before Winter Break and graduation will be on the last Friday in May. DEIC would have the ability to assess the effectiveness of early release days in light of the increase in flexibility.
2. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to a November 2013 bond update
Jon Hall, Executive Director for Facilities, reviewed the history of the 2013 bond and where we are on construction projects to date. These include Spring Creek Elementary construction, Purchasing and Warehouse facility construction, security vestibules at five campuses, deferred maintenance at several schools and with the savings realized, two fields were renovated. Also, the warehouse repurposing will begin once the new building is ready. Technology and buses have been addressed.
3. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to a [Texas High Performance Schools Consortium](#) update
Dr. Ealy reviewed the history of the coalition and the current work of the expanded consortium. Over the last few years the work has been concentrated on digital learning, high priority learning standards, implementing high quality

assessments and community based accountability. Other new legislative opportunities include “innovation zones” for local initiatives and Next Generation Assessments and Accountability. Dr. Ealy stated we are proud to be a part of the THPSC and look forward to more districts joining the work.

4. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to the 2015 TASA/TASB Convention

The TASA/TASB Convention was held October 2-4. All seven School Board members attended. This is an opportunity for those who want to share to do so. Trustee Williams stated the turnout for delegates in Region VI was very low. However, the experience was very interesting. Trustee Williams enjoyed the STEM presentation on educating women in the STEM careers. Vice President Dorsett gave information on the project based learning presentation by Pflugerville ISD and the relationships between the community and the students and districts. Trustee Carol Barrett attended “Fed Up” regarding the perception of public schools and how school boards need to be the ones who instigate the relationships with the community. Secretary Harris attended a similar session. He applauded our current board and administration for the job we do educating our students here in CSISD.

D. ADJOURN

President Valerie Jochen adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

VALERIE JOCHEN
BOARD PRESIDENT

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VALERIE JOCHEN - PRESIDENT

JEFF HARRIS - SECRETARY