



College Station Independent School District

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College Station Independent School District Board Workshop Minutes August 4, 2015 4:30 p.m. Administrative Conference Room

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Valerie Jochen called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

President Valerie Jochen declared a quorum with five members present. In attendance were President Valerie Jochen, Vice President Paul Dorsett, Secretary Jeff Harris, Trustee Carol Barrett and Trustee Quinn Williams.

C. WORKSHOP SESSION

1. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to the 2015-16 Budget
 - a. Dr. Clark Ealy, Superintendent, reviewed the most recent version of the proposed 2015-2016 Budget. This review included the proposed increase to the insurance contribution by the district to help mitigate the increase to insurance premiums for employees. Also reflected are more realistic numbers as opposed to the projected numbers in previous versions. We are looking at a \$1.7 million deficit at this time. Dr. Ealy then reviewed the projected impact to the budget through the 2019-2020 school year. We anticipate that we would be at approximately \$1.2 million above the caution line. The district would like to move forward with proposed healthcare contribution increases as the August 14th deadline is looming for employees to declare their insurance intentions for the upcoming year.

MOTION 4563: I move approval of the budget as presented. The motion was made by Secretary Jeff Harris and seconded by Trustee Quinn Williams. The motion carried with five ayes and zero nos.

2. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to the recommendations of the 2015 Planning for Growth Committee and a potential November bond election

- a. Dr. Ealy reviewed the recommendations from the Planning for Growth Committee in regard to the need for a bond election to build a new intermediate school, a new middle school and a new elementary in the near future due to the sharp increase in enrollment in the last few years. Also recommended by the committee was adding flexible learning spaces at all four 5th – 8th grade campuses, revamping the front entrance at Oakwood, renovations to the locker rooms at AMCMS, and adding additional restrooms to Cypress Grove. Other identified items were more buses, technology needs, deferred maintenance and land acquisition. Dr. Ealy reviewed the evolution of the cost estimates from the initial projections in April, the reductions made prior to the last Board Meeting on July 21st and the more tightened down numbers as of July 31st. Discussion occurred. It was the preference of the Board Members in attendance that if there are projects or items that are identified needs, we need to make sure we have the money available to meet those needs along with any unexpected maintenance items that will come up. Before the meeting on the 18th, the administration will try to hone in on the I&S tax rate numbers a bit more.

D. ADJOURN

President Valerie Jochen adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

VALERIE JOCHEN
BOARD PRESIDENT

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to go into executive session in accordance with Section 551.071 through 551.084 of the Texas Government Code to discuss any items(s) it is authorized to discuss in executive session in accordance with the Texas Open meetings Act. Any necessary Board action related to such item(s) will be taken in open session following executive session.

VJ/ch

VALERIE JOCHEN - PRESIDENT

JEFF HARRIS - SECRETARY