



College Station Independent School District

Success...each life...each day...each hour

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

There will be a Workshop of the Board of Trustees of the College Station Independent School District on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at the CSISD Board Room, 1812 Welsh Ave, College Station, Texas.

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.

Due to the temporary suspension of Open Meetings Laws issued on March 16, 2020, to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings, this meeting will also be available to the public via live stream video. The public may access this meeting via live stream at the following -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npiUOZhaFx4&feature=youtu.be>

Public comment will be accepted in-person at the meeting. If you wish to provide feedback in a non-public setting, you may email feedback@csisd.org.

The following items are on the agenda:

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Mike Nugent called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

President Nugent declared a quorum with seven members present. In attendance were President Mike Nugent, Vice President Geralyn Nolan, Secretary Jeff Horak, Trustee Joshua Benn, Trustee Amanda Green, Trustee Thomas Hall and Trustee Kimberly McAdams.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

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. Board of Trustees picture

The Board of Trustees went to the studio to take the picture from 5:02 pm to 5:05 p.m.

2. Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding strategic planning and prospective facilitators

The Board heard from two prospective facilitators on December 8th and Superintendent Mike Martindale asked the board if they would like to hear from one more facilitator after we return from break, perhaps the week of January 11th. This would give us three options to choose from. It would move the timeline a week or two. We could make a decision on January 11th if we so choose. The meeting will take place later in the day perhaps around 5:00 pm. Superintendent Martindale will check with the facilitator for possible dates, specifically January 7th, or January 14th. All members were in favor of checking for those dates for a third presentation.

3. Receive annual enrollment report from Templeton Demographics

Bob Templeton, of Templeton Demographics, provided the CSISD Biannual [Report](#) on enrollment and demographics for Fall 2020. Consistently, across the country and the State, enrollment is significantly lower than last year. Most of this occurs at the elementary level. It is happening at public schools and charter schools, but there is a surge in homeschool enrollment. Many kindergarten students just are not engaging at all and will come in to first grade at a bit of a disadvantage. The economy in College Station is still very good. Unemployment is significantly lower than the State average. The local housing market is expected to surpass last year. We will continue to experience enrollment growth. This year saw a decrease due to COVID and we will see a "COVID bump" next year. *Trustee Benn stepped away from the meeting at 5:39 p.m. and returned at 5:40 p.m.* People want to live in College Station and therefore, CSISD could see a surge in enrollment due to the strong housing market and an increase in parents working from home across the country.

4. Consideration and discussion related to future bond capacity and planning

Amy Drozd, CFO, [reviewed](#) additional information on the future bond capacity. This discussion began at the November Board workshop. This would allow CSISD to address needed projects now, talk advantage of low interest rates and still keep the tax rate at its current rate. If the board chooses to proceed, the work would need to start in the spring semester.

5. Consideration and discussion related to Pre-AP courses for the 2021-22 school year and beyond, and associated adjustments to Board policy EIC(LOCAL)

Penny Tramel, Chief Academic Officer and Tiffany Parkerson, Executive Director of Secondary Education, presented the report from the most recent Pre-AP committee meeting. Tiffany Parkerson led the committee meeting and reviewed those discussions

for the board. Committee discussion covered rigor and equity, choices for students and the social emotional needs of students. Three-quarters of the committee voted to revise the recommendation regarding course offerings with GPA as a consideration. This would impact the current 7th graders if there are changes made to the way we calculate GPA. She then reviewed the revised name changes for courses offered. At the high school level. Classes labeled Honors have been changed to Advanced. Pre-AP is no longer being offered. The changes needing to be made to the local board policy would be to reflect the name change from Honors to Advanced and remove Pre-AP.

E. ADJOURN

Without objection, President Nugent adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

MIKE NUGENT
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(LEGAL)]

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

MN/ch

MIKE NUGENT – PRESIDENT

JEFF HORAK - SECRETARY