

Hereford Independent School District
601 N. 25 Mile Avenue
Hereford, Texas 79045

Regular Board Meeting
Minutes – January 23, 2017
6:00 P.M.

The Hereford Independent School District held a regular Board meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave., Hereford, Texas. The following Board members were present: President Angel Barela, Vice President Carolyn Waters, Board Secretary Emily Wade, Mike Bryant, Clay McNeely, Robert de la Cruz, and Kevin Knight ... Board members absent: none ... School Personnel: Superintendent Sheri Blankenship, Business Manager Rusty Ingram, Director of Special Education Joy Kilian, Director of Curriculum & Learning Ruth Ann Vessels, Director of Technology Joe Mendez, Chief Academic Officer Mark Stokes, Executive Director of Federal Programs Yolanda Gavina, Instructional Technology Coordinator Dana Friel, Chief Human Resources Officer Christie Volmer, Federal Finance Director Maureen Self, CTE Director Michelle DeLozier ... Principals: Ortencia Mendez, Tony Barker, Richard Saucedo, Nancy Neusch, Linda Gonzalez, Brenda Bice, Sandra Maldonado, Cuca Salinas, Amy Clifton ... Visitors: John Carson, Jeremy Stevens, Kelly Howell, Rita Walker, Richard LaMascus, Holly McNeely, Mary Ann O'Rear, Jessica Detten, Christi Jeffers, Elizabeth Martinez, Rachel Langston, Danielle Murray, Rose Nava, Sharlene Stabel, Aimee Wallace, Stella Hewitt, Arian Castro, Melany Chavira, Brooklynne Garrett, Azriel Botello, Max Galvan, Krystal Florez, Yodely Gomez, Yosmar Arceo, William Galvan, Jose Avalos, Andreas Caballero, Jack Detten, Kara Esquivel, Abraham Gallardo, Brenden James, Mario Mena, Jared Perry, and Caden Victor.

I.

Public Hearing: The Board conducted a Public Hearing on District of Innovation (DOI). Superintendent Sheri Blankenship presented the information on District of Innovation. The Board asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

II.

School Board Recognition: January is designated as School Board Recognition Month by the Texas Association of School Boards. Superintendent Sheri Blankenship recognized each Board member with a certificate of appreciation for the work and leadership they give to the District.

III.

The Board recognized outstanding students Stella Hewitt, Arian Castro, Melany Chavira, Brooklynne Garrett, Azriel Botello, Max Galvan, Krystal Florez, Yodely Gomez, Yosmar Arceo, and William Galvan from West Central Elementary. The Board recognized outstanding students Jose Avalos, Andreas Caballero, Jack Detten, Kara Esquivel, Abraham

Gallardo, Brenden James, Mario Mena, Jared Perry, and Caden Victor from Hereford High School.

IV.

School Auditor Jeremy Stevens of Davis Kinard & Co., PC presented the 2015/2016 Audit Report to the Board.

V.

Superintendent Sheri Blankenship presented the Consent Agenda to the Board and recommended the Board's approval. Motion was made by Trustee Emily Wade and seconded by Trustee Kevin Knight to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously. The Consent Agenda included the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Board meeting and the bills for the month of December, 2016.

VI.

Board President Angel Barela asked if there were any Public Comments and there were none.

VII.

Business Manager Rusty Ingram presented the monthly transportation report and the Chartwells Food Service report to the Board.

VIII.

Business Manager Rusty Ingram presented the monthly financial reports to the Board.

IX.

Superintendent Sheri Blankenship reported to the Board on enrollment; and the staff development monthly travel report.

X.

Superintendent Sheri Blankenship recommended that the 2015/2016 Audit Report be approved as presented. Motion was made by Trustee Kevin Knight and seconded by Trustee Emily Wade to approve the 2015/2016 Audit Report as presented. A vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

XI.

Superintendent Sheri Blankenship recommended that the District Leadership Team (DLT) be appointed as the Committee to develop the Innovation Plan for Hereford ISD under Education Code Chapter 12A to become a District of Innovation. Motion was made by

Trustee Carolyn Waters and seconded by Trustee Mike Bryant to appoint Hereford ISD's District Leadership Team (DLT) as the Committee to develop the Innovation Plan for Hereford ISD under Education Code Chapter 12A to become a District of Innovation. A vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

XII.

Superintendent Sheri Blankenship presented the Community and Student Engagement Report for Elementary and Secondary. Motion was made by Trustee Angel Barela and seconded by Trustee Emily Wade to approve the Community and Student Engagement Report for Elementary and Secondary as presented. A vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

XIII.

Superintendent Sheri Blankenship presented the Resolution from TASA concerning the A-F Rating System. Motion was made by Trustee Emily Wade and seconded by Trustee Carolyn Waters to adopt the Resolution as presented concerning the A-F Accountability Rating System for Texas Public Schools. A vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously. (Please see attached Resolution).

XIV.

Superintendent Sheri Blankenship and Business Manager Rusty Ingram presented proposals to the Board for financial advisor services which will help in connection with the issuance, sale, and delivery of general obligation bonds. Motion was made by Trustee Mike Bryant and seconded by Trustee Carolyn Waters to give authority to the Superintendent Sheri Blankenship and Business Manager Rusty Ingram to negotiate with the vendors that have been ranked by the evaluation committee and to select the financial advisor who will provide the best value to the District. After a brief discussion, a vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

XV.

The Board entered into executive or closed session by order of the Board President with no voiced objections, at 8:00 p.m. concerning personnel and the Superintendent's annual evaluation and contract. The Board returned to open session by order of the Board President, with no voiced objections, at 9:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Trustee Carolyn Waters and seconded by Trustee Mike Bryant to affirm the recommendations of employment of DeEdra Franklin, HPA; Ben Matulich, High School; and Grace Arzate, Migrant Interventionist; and, to find no good cause to educator Alyssa Paschel's separation from employment; and, to find no good cause to educator Catherine Hodges' separation from employment. A vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Mike Bryant and seconded by Trustee Kevin Knight to take no action on the Superintendent's contract, and to delay salary discussion until the 2017/2018 budget is approved.

XVI.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Date

Secretary

President