

State of Texas:

August 10, 2009

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Of Trustees of the Tidehaven
Independent School District

County of Matagorda:

The Board of Trustees of the Tidehaven Independent School District met on Monday night, August 10, 2009 at 6:45 p.m. in the Tidehaven ISD Admin. Building at the intersection of Hwy 35 and FM 1095 in El Maton, TX 77440.

A quorum was present with the following trustees in attendance: Steven Kaspar, Lee Edward Pierce, Robert Dannels and Robbie Galvan. Board President, Steve Clontz and Board Secretary, David Webernck entered the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Board member Eric Saha was not in attendance. Also present were Supt. Dr. Suzanne Wesson, Admin. Asst. Debra Taska, Kathy Boyett, Darrell Tolson, Kim Marceaux, Jean May, Jim Sides, Laura Jordan, Bill Foley, Danielle Mink, Susan Kaspar, Erika Garcia, Carol Ledwig, Rosalinda Izquierdo, Steve Rutledge, Tommy Boyett and Gerald Wendel. At 6:45 p.m. Vice-President Kaspar called the meeting to order and he welcomed comments from guests and visitors. There being no comments from guests/visitors, the meeting moved to the next item on the agenda which was reports. Dr. Wesson reported the 2009 Accountability Ratings to the Board. She also noted the increase in passing standards for the 2009-10 school year and how neighboring districts performed. The ratings presented are as follows; District - Acceptable, High School - Acceptable, Intermediate - Acceptable, Blessing Elementary - Recognized, and Markham Elementary – Acceptable. Additionally, each campus reported on their campus performance and strengths and weaknesses. Football and volleyball practice began with Midnight Madness on August 3, 2009. Athletic participation is good. Safety procedures have been discussed with the campus principals. An update on the maintenance projects was given. Dr. Wesson applauded the efforts of all who have done such a great job of preparing our district for the first day of school. There was a water pipe problem at the Jr. High which prompted the use of a local vendor. Dr. Wesson reported that the district's revenues for the 2008-09 school year have exceeded the projected revenue. Dr. Wesson reported that the auditors were working on our yearly audit. The FIRST public hearing will occur in September or October. The board was reminded that TASB Board Training opportunities are offered online.

5. Action and/or Discussion items were next on the agenda. The action and/or discussion items consisted of the following:

B. Discuss and consider approving Tidehaven ISD's 2009 certified taxable values. Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve Tidehaven ISD's certified taxable values (\$813,997,583) and Mr. Kaspar seconded that motion. A unanimous vote followed.

C. Discuss and consider approving the proposed tax rate to be included in the publication of the "Notice of Public Hearing to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rates" in the local paper. Mr. Kaspar made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate to be included in the Public Notice and Mr. Dannels seconded this motion. A unanimous vote followed.

D. Discuss and consider setting the date, time and place for the "Public Hearing on the Proposed 2009-10 School Year Budget and the Proposed Tax Rate", the adoption of the 2009-10 proposed Tax Rate and the approval of the 2008-09 final amended budget. Mr. Kaspar made a

motion to set this hearing for August 24th in the Board Room. A second was given by Mr. Pierce. A unanimous vote followed.

G. Discuss the proposed 2009-10 Regular Budget. Dr. Wesson explained that the Stimulus money was available for only two years. No action was taken.

H. Discuss and consider approving the District's Letter of Intent for option three for the District to equalize its Chapter 41 wealth per WADA for the 2009-10 school year. Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the District's choice to equalize wealth for the Letter of Intent to TEA. Mr. Galvan seconded this motion and a unanimous vote followed.

I. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution of investment policy and a review of the District's investment strategies. Dr. Wesson noted that there was no change from 2008-09. Mr. Kaspar made a motion to approve the resolution. A second was given by Mr. Pierce and the vote was unanimous.

J. Discuss and consider approving a Consultation Agreement with Schwartz & Eichelbaum P.C. After some discussion, Mr. Dannels made a motion to approve a Consultation Agreement with Schwartz & Eichelbaum P.C. Mr. Kaspar seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

K. Discuss and consider approving the Activity Fund Handbook. Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the Activity Fund Handbook. Mr. Webernick seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

L. Discuss the Matagorda County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program. Dr. Wesson informed the Board that at present, there was no change. The memorandum of understanding is almost complete. No action was taken.

M. Dr. Wesson told the Board that Mr. Phillip Harris has been named the new director of the Matagorda County Education Services.

N. Mr. Wendel reported the Facility Committee survey findings to the Board. Only 186 of the over 2,000 surveys were returned. It was reported that the Facility Committee is of the opinion that their job has been completed. In the event a Bond Election is called, committee members could help promote the bond. Mr. Wendel gave the Board the Facility Committee recommendations:

1. Pursue the purchase of the Uher land.
2. Call for a November Bond Election for a new High School and the renovation of the High School into a Jr. High School.

O. Discuss and consider approving the Board appointments to the School Health Advisory Committee. Mr. Webernick made a motion to approve the recommended members to the Health Advisory Committee. Mr. Kaspar seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. Mr. Webernick made a motion to amend the initial motion to include the appointment of any additional members to the School Health Advisory Committee. Mr. Dannels seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

P. Discuss and consider approving Board Policy DEE (LOCAL) Per Diem Only for Overnight Trips. After some discussion, no action was taken on this item.

Q. Discuss and consider approving Board Policy EIC (LOCAL) Academic Achievement/Class Ranking. After much discussion, no action was taken on this item.

R. Discuss and consider approving District Participation in the Windmills and Turbines project. No action was taken as Dr. Wesson will gather additional information after attending a meeting on this subject.

S. Discuss and consider approving the designation of the mandated salary increase from federal stimulus funds. Dr. Wesson informed the Board that based on the formula, the amount

that district teachers, counselors, nurse and librarian would receive is approximately \$1005.20. She explained that she would like the funds to get paid in two lump sums if allowable. A motion was made by Mr. Kaspar to designate that the mandated salary increase be a stipend paid in two intervals if allowed by the state. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

T. Discuss and consider approving Budget Amendment #10. Mr. Kaspar made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #10. Mr. Dannels seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

6. The consent agenda was the next item up for discussion. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of Minutes of July 20, 2009 Regular Meeting (approved as presented)
- b. Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report
- c. Payment of Bills (approved as presented)
- c. Discuss and consider approval of the (PDAS) teacher's appraisal calendar and appraisers for the 2009-10 school year (approved – see attachment)
- d. Discuss and consider approval of student transfer(s) for 2009-10 (approved)

Mr. Kaspar made a motion to approve all items listed on the consent agenda, and was seconded by Mr. Webernick. The vote was unanimous.

Next, President Clontz called the meeting into Closed Session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss the following item:

Item 7:

- A. Personnel
 1. Staffing 2009-10
 2. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee (Tex, Gov't Code 551.074)
 3. Approval of Contracts
- B. Discussion of possible future acquisition of property at 521 FM 1095 and/or property at State Hwy 35 and FM 1095.

The meeting came out of closed session at 10:15 p.m.

President Clontz called the meeting back into Open Session at 10:16 p.m.

Mr. Kaspar made a motion to offer a one year probationary contract to Shawn Waters. A second was given by Mr. Dannels and the vote was unanimous.

The Board was reminded of the Special Board Meeting on August 24, 2009.

There being no more discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kaspar to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dannels, and after a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Secretary of the Board

APPROVED: _____
President of the Board