

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Tidehaven Independent School District

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tidehaven Independent School District was held October 19, 2009, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Administration Building, at the intersection of Hwy. 35 and FM 1095, El Maton, Texas.

1. Public Hearing
2. Call to Order
President Clontz called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
3. Announcements by the Board President whether a quorum is present, that the meeting has been duly called, and notice of the public meeting has been posted for the time and manner required by law.
The following trustees were in attendance: Stephen Clontz, Steven Kaspar, Robert Dannels, Robbie Galvan and Eric Saha. Board members David Webernich and Lee Edward Pierce were not in attendance. Also present were Supt. Suzanne Wesson, Admin. Asst. Debra Taska, Kathy Boyett, Kim Marceaux, Jean May, Bill Foley and Jim Sides. Also in attendance were Mark Lezak, Veronica and Justin Laslie, Cassie Hackfeld, Traci and Eddie Pettit, Ernest Deforest, and Lani Kaspar.
4. Welcome Comments from Guests and Visitors
President Clontz opened the public hearing, welcomed guests/visitors, and asked if anyone would like to address the board. No comments were forthcoming from the guests/visitors.
5. Action and/or Discussion Items

A. Conduct the Public Hearing for the Tidehaven Independent School District's Financial Accountability Rating-Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST)

The item on the agenda was to conduct the public hearing on the District's Financial Accountability Rating-Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). Dr. Wesson stated that Tidehaven ISD had received a Superior rating and that this rating is based on an analysis by the State, of staff and student data reported for the 2007-08 school year, and budgetary and actual financial data for the 2008 fiscal year. The District received full credit in all categories with the exception of the percent of operating expenditures expended for instruction. The District spent 59.5% out of the original 60% in instruction categories. Dr. Wesson explained that it is becoming exceedingly difficult to meet the criteria of 65% of operating expenditures being expended for instruction due to the rising costs of fuel, electricity, insurance, food and maintenance of older facilities.

6. Comments from Individual Board Members

No comments were made.

7. Adjourn

Mr. Dannels made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kaspar seconded the motion. The public hearing ended at 6:35 p.m.

8. Regular Meeting

9. Call to Order

President Clontz called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and welcomed comments from guests and visitors.

10. Announcements by the Board President whether a quorum is present, that the meeting has been duly called, and notice of the public meeting has been posted for the time and manner required by law

A quorum was present with the following trustees in attendance: Stephen Clontz, Steven Kaspar, Robbie Galvan, Robert Dannels and Eric Saha. Board members Lee Edward Pierce and David Webernich were not in attendance. Also present were Dr. Suzanne Wesson, Superintendent, Admin. Asst. Debra Taska, Kim Marceaux, Kathy Boyett, Jean May, Bill Foley, Jean May and Jim Sides. Visitors/Guests in attendance were, Mark Lezak, Veronica and Justin Laslie, Cassie Hackfeld, Traci and Eddie Pettit and Ernest Deforest.

11. Welcome Comments from Guests and Visitors

Mr. Clontz welcomed comments from guests and visitors. Mark Lezak stated that he was at the Board meeting to discuss the transportation of students from athletics. Ernest Deforest stated that the lack of busing for athletes after school has created a hardship. Justin Laslie stated that it is difficult to pick up his students due to work obligations.

12. Reports

A. Board Notes on Items Listed Below

B. Academics/Athletics/Extra-Curricular

Athletic eligibility was discussed as well as the Band's advancement to the Regional Contest on October 24, 2009.

C. Facilities/Transportation

Further discussion centered on the roofs at the field house and the girls' gym locker room. Both roofs leaked during the recent rains and are in need of repair.

D. Enrollment

Enrollment is at 810 students.

E. Revenues

An update of the revenues is included in the board packet.

F. Policy Update

The TASB Policy Audit will be on November 9, 2009. The TASB Policy consultant will make a presentation at the board meeting that evening.

G. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

H. Final Exam Exemptions

Whereas the policy is not changing, the process is. Students must be in attendance during the day, even if they are exempt from the final. This is in accordance with the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) rules.

13. Action and/or Discussion Items

A. Board Notes on Items Listed Below

B. Mark Lezak

Mark Lezak addressed the Board regarding the transportation of students from after school practice. Mr. Lezak requested that the bus drop students off at their residence. Buses are currently dropping students off at Blessing and Markham. The bus will make an additional stop in Midfield. After much discussion, it was determined that Debra Taska would send out a survey to principals who are to forward this survey to their extra-curricular sponsors. The survey will be utilized to determine the feasibility of after school busing.

C. Approve Emergency Roof Projects

Discuss and consider approving the emergency roof projects on the field house and the girls' gym locker room. Mr. Kaspar made a motion to approve the emergency roof projects on the field house and the girls' gym locker room.

D. District Improvement Plan

Discuss and consider approving the District Improvement Plan. Cassie Hackfeld reported that the District Improvement Committee recommended the hiring of two Instructional Specialists. This recommendation was included in the District Improvement Plan. It was noted that these positions may not be filled. Mr. Kaspar made a motion to approve the District Improvement Plan. Mr. Galvan seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

E. Waivers for the 2009-2010 School Year and Beyond

Discuss and consider approving waivers for the 2009-10 school year and beyond. Mr. Kaspar made a motion to approve the waivers for the 2009-10 school year and beyond. Mr. Saha seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

F. Campus Improvement Plans

Discuss and consider approving the Campus Improvement Plans. Mr. Dannels made a motion to approve the Campus Improvement Plans. Mr. Kaspar seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

G. Adjunct Faculty Agreement-Hospital District

Discuss and consider approving the Matagorda County Regional Medical Center Agreement. Mr. Kaspar made a motion to approve the Matagorda County Regional Medical Center Agreement. Mr. Dannels seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

- H. Nomination of Matagorda County Appraisal District Board of Directors
 - Discuss and consider approving the nomination of Matagorda County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Mr. Saha made a motion to nominate Stephen Zapalac to the Matagorda County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Mr. Dannels seconded the nomination and a unanimous vote followed.
 - I. Budget Amendment #1
 - Discuss and consider approving Budget Amendment #1. Mr. Kaspar made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #1. This includes \$400,000 for the purchase of the Uher property and \$35,000 for the roofing project. Mr. Saha seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.
 - J. Possible Action Regarding Possible Bond Election
 - No action was taken.
 - K. Campus Attendance Committees
 - Discuss and consider approving the Campus Attendance Committees. Mr. Kaspar made a motion to approve the campus attendance committees. Mr. Saha seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.
 - L. Board Policy (FM LOCAL) Student Activity
 - Discuss and consider approving a change to Board Policy FM (LOCAL) to unlimited absences for extra-curricular activities. Mr. Kaspar made a motion to change Board Policy FM LOCAL to unlimited absences for extra-curricular activities. Mr. Saha seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.
 - M. Distributed Renewable Energy Grant
 - No action was needed on this item.
 - N. MCJJAEP-Memorandum of Understanding
 - Discuss and consider approving the MCJJAEP Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Saha made a motion to approving the MCJJAEP Memorandum of Understanding with the inclusion that the Superintendent and Administrative Assistant be approved as the District representatives. Mr. Kaspar seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.
14. Consent Agenda
- A. Approval of the Minutes of the September 14, 2009 Regular Meeting
 - B. Payment of Bills

C. Transfer Students for the 2009-2010 School Year

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

15. Adjournment to a Closed Session

For the purpose of consideration of matters for which closed or executive sessions are authorized by the Title 5, Chapter 551, Texas Govt. Code Sections .0710-.0840, where upon the Superintendent, at the request of the President of the Board of Education, will present for the Board's consideration or discussion the following matters:

President Clontz called the meeting into Closed Session at 8:50 p.m.

A. Personnel

1. Staffing 2009-2010, 2010-2011
2. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, leave of absence, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee (Tex. Gov't. Code 551.074)

16. Reconvene in Open Session

The meeting came out of closed session at 9:43 p.m. President Clontz called the meeting back into open session at 9:44 p.m.

17. Consider Items Discussed in Closed Session

No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

18. Items for Future Board Meetings

Items for future Board Meetings was addressed next. The upcoming Team of 8 training and the direction of a possible bond election was addressed.

19. Adjourn

There being no more discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kaspar to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saha, and after a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Secretary of Board

APPROVED: _____
President of Board