

State of Texas:

October 19, 2009

Minutes of the Public Hearing
of the Tidehaven Independent
School District

County of Matagorda:

The Board of Trustees of the Tidehaven ISD met on Monday night, October 19, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Tidehaven ISD Admin. Building at the intersection of Hwy 35 and FM 1095 in El Maton, TX 77440.

The following trustees were in attendance: Stephen Clontz, Steven Kaspar, Robert Dannels, Robbie Galvan and Eric Saha. Board members David Webernick 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. At 6:31 p.m. 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.

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% of the required 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. There being no other questions or comments, Mr. Dannels made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kaspar seconded the motion. The public hearing ended at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Secretary of Board

APPROVED: _____
President of Board