

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, February 27, 2023  
Board of Trustees  
Katy Independent School District**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Katy Independent School District was held on **Monday, February 27, 2023** in the Board Room of the Katy ISD Education Support Complex, 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy, Texas, 77494. Public access to the free Livestream of the Regular Meeting was made available through the Katy ISD Board meeting Livestream link. The following Board members were present: Greg Schulte, Lance Redmon, Ashley Vann, Dawn Champagne, Leah Wilson, Rebecca Fox and Victor Perez.

**1. Call to Order**

At 4:59 p.m. Board President Greg Schulte opened the meeting. Dr. Gregorski verified that the provisions of Section 551.001 et seq. of the Texas Government Code were met in accordance with the public notice of the meeting.

**2. Pledges of Allegiance**

Wilson Elementary student led the pledges of allegiance.

**3. Recognitions**

3.1 University Interscholastic League 6A Congress State Champion. Maria Dipetta, General Manager of Media Relations presented.

3.2 Recognize principals for Leonard Elementary, Haskett Junior High and Paetow High School. Dr. Ken Gregorski, superintendent presented.

**4. Public Comment/Citizen Participation**

4.1 Public comment on posted agenda items. No speakers on posted items.

4.2 Citizen Participation on non-agenda items.

- a) Philip Haddad spoke regarding exemption of tests
- b) John O'Hearne spoke regarding removal of Mrs. Dickerson as principal at Paetow HS
- c) Daxus Nesossi spoke regarding transition of leadership at Paetow HS
- d) Harshal Dekate spoke regarding Water Polo in Katy ISD
- e) Aadi Dekate spoke regarding Water Polo in Katy ISD
- f) Aarav Dekate spoke regarding Water Polo in Katy ISD
- g) Jason Aznar spoke regarding expansion of Shaw Center and lack of Robotics program
- h) Chloe Meyer spoke regarding attendance/exemption policy and violation of federal ADA law
- i) Mike Jones spoke on Mindy Dickerson's behalf
- j) Luther Moller spoke regarding Public Relations
- k) Ka'Maiyah Miller spoke regarding Mrs. Dickerson and on stage to hand diplomas out at graduation.
- l) Ayca Gokturk spoke regarding Water Polo
- j) Mary Ellen Cuzella spoke regarding Online testing
- k) Jacob Johnson spoke regarding Water Polo

**5. Closed Meeting**

Board President Greg Schulte announced the Board was convening in Closed Meeting as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq. concerning the sections and purposes listed below.

- 5.1 Consultation with Board's attorney. (Texas Government Code 551.071: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law; and Texas Government Code 551.129: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney by telephone conference call.)

- 5.2 Consider security improvements, safety and security plan, state security audit/intruder detection audit. (Texas Government Code 551.076: To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or a security audit.)
- 5.3 Discussion of personnel. (Texas Government Code 551.074: For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.)
- 5.4 Discuss and consider Board approval for employees who are being recommended to receive administrative probationary, administrative term, staff probationary and staff member term contracts. (Texas Government Code 551.074: For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.)

## 6. **Reconvene from Closed Meeting**

The Board reconvened into Open Meeting at 7:04 p.m. Board President Greg Schulte called the meeting to order.

- 6.1 Consider Board approval for employees who are being recommended to receive administrative probationary, administrative term, staff probationary and staff member term contracts. Greg Schulte, Board President presented. Moved by Lance Redmon second by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees approves for employees who are being recommended to receive administrative probationary, administrative term, staff probationary and staff member term contracts.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote

## 7. **Reports**

- 7.1 Community Bond Advisory Committee Update. Dr. Andrea Grooms, Chief Communications Officer presented.
- 7.2 Strategic Design 1.3 Elementary Literacy Update. Dr. Sane Bell, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning presented.
- 7.3 Elementary STAAR Testing. Natalie Martinez, M.Ed., Executive Director of School Improvement presented.
- 7.4 2023-2024 Budget Update. Chris Smith, Chief Financial Officer and Jeff Robert of Hilltop Securities presented.

## 8. **Discussion/Action**

- 8.1 Discuss and consider Board approval of an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Katy Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building and/or Refunding Bonds in one or more series; setting certain parameters for the bonds; authorizing a Pricing Officer to approve the amount, the interest rate, price, including the terms thereof and certain other procedures and provisions related thereto. Chris Smith, Chief Financial Officer presented. Moved by Ashley Vann second by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees approves an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Katy Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building and/or Refunding Bonds in one or more series; setting certain parameters for the Bonds; authorizing a Pricing Officer to approve the amount, the interest rate, price, including the terms thereof and certain other procedures and provisions related thereto.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.2 Discuss and consider Board approval of a Resolution Expressing Intent to Defeas/Redeem Certain of the District's Outstanding Bonds. Moved by Rebecca Fox second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves of a Resolution Expressing Intent to Defeas/Redeem Certain of the District's Outstanding Bond.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.3 Discuss and consider Board approval of the Resolution Declaring Intention to Reimburse Project Expenditures. Moved by Ashley Vann second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the Resolution Declaring Intention to Reimburse Project Expenditures.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.4 Discuss and consider Board approval of Amendment One to the Stewart Builders, Inc. contract related to the renovations at Hutsell Elementary School. Moved by Rebecca Fox second by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves Amendment One to the Stewart Builders, Inc. contract related to the renovations at Hutsell Elementary School for the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$16,705.395.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.5 Discuss and consider Board approval of the renewal of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund Casualty Program for Plan Year 2023-2024. Moved by Ashley Vann second by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees approves the renewal of the Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund Casualty Program for Plan Year 2023-2024.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.6 Discuss and consider Board approval of an amendment to the 2022-2023 Instructional Calendar to add a student and staff holiday on April 10, 2023. Moved by Rebecca Fox second by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approve an amendment to the 2022-2023 Instructional Calendar to add a student and staff holiday on April 10, 2023.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

## 9. Consent

### Full consent Agenda Option:

Moved by Ashley Vann second by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees approves the Consent Agenda for items 9.1 through 9.9.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.1 Consider Board approval of the February 2023 budget amendments. Moved by Ashley Vann second by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees approves the District's February 2023 budget amendments.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.2 Consider Board approval of the December 2022 Financial Reports. Moved by Ashley Vann second by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees approves the District's December 2022 financial statements.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.3 Consider Board approval of a contract for the exterior and interior lighting retrofit, and the life safety systems upgrades at various campuses. Moved by Ashley Vann second by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees awards a contract to LECS, Ltd. for the exterior and interior lighting retrofit at Sundown Elementary and Nottingham Country Elementary, the exterior lighting retrofit at Beck Junior High, Cardiff Junior High, Mayde Creek Junior High, Morton Ranch Junior High, WoodCreek Junior High, and Beckendorff Junior High, and the life safety systems upgrades at Beckendorff Junior High, Holland Elementary, Mayde Creek Elementary, Shafer Elementary, Seven Lakes High School, and Law Enforcement Center in the amount of and a total not to exceed project cost of \$4,136,666.27.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.4 Consider Board approval to award a contract for design services necessary for the construction of Elementary Schools #47 and #48. Moved by Ashley Vann second by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees awards a contract to VLK Architects, Inc. for design services necessary for the construction of Elementary Schools #47 and #48.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.5 Consider Board approval of a contract for the kitchen renovation and classroom addition to West Memorial Elementary School. Moved by Ashley Vann second by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees awards a contract to Anslow-Bryant Construction, Ltd. for the kitchen renovation and classroom addition to West Memorial Elementary School for a fee not to exceed 2.25% of the cost of the work including pre-construction services totaling \$15,000.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.6 Consider Board approval of a blanket electrical easement to CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC to provide electrical services along Longenbaugh Road. Moved by Ashley Vann second by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees awards CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC a blanket electrical easement to provide electrical services along Longenbaugh Road as depicted in the attached easement document.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.7 Consider Board approval of the contract for the flooring replacements at Seven Lakes High School, WoodCreek Elementary, Stephens Elementary, and Kilpatrick Elementary schools. Moved by Ashley Vann second by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees approves the contract for the flooring replacements at Seven Lakes High School, WoodCreek Elementary, Stephens Elementary, and Kilpatrick Elementary schools to Tarkett USA, Inc. utilizing Choice Partners No. 21/021MJ-36 in the amount of \$2,712,376.97 with a total project cost not to exceed \$2,875,119.59.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.8 Consider Board approval of the proposed summer work schedule. Moved by Ashley Vann second by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed summer work schedule as proposed by administration.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 9.9 Consider Board approval of the minutes for the January 2023 Board meetings. Moved by Ashley Vann second by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustee approves the minutes for the January 2023 Board meetings.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

**10. Information Items**

- 10.1 Donated Items to Katy Independent School District. Greg Schulte, Board President announced that the Board was provided a copy of the Donated Items to Katy ISD.
- 10.2 Recap of Board member requests for Information. Ashley Vann, Board Secretary provided the Board recap request list.
  - a) Request for the regularity of the elementary Literacy updates and that supplemental resources be brought to the Board for approval.
  - b) Mr. Perez requests a list of services and costs TASB provides to the District
  - c) Mrs. Fox requested that a notification be sent to parents regarding online testing.

**11. Future Meetings**

- 11.1 Greg Schulte, Board President announced that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023.
- 11.2 Greg Schulte, Board President announced that the next Regular Board Meeting will be on Monday, March 27, 2023.

**12. Adjournment**

Greg Schulte, Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

**\*REFERENCED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE IN BOARDDOCS BY MEETING DATE\***



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Greg Schulte  
President, Board of Trustees



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Ashley Vann  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: March 27, 2023