

**Minutes of the Board Work Study Meeting  
Monday, February 19, 2024  
Board of Trustees  
Katy Independent School District**

A Work Study Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Katy Independent School District was held on **Monday, February 19, 2024** 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 Work Study Meeting was made available through the Katy ISD Board meeting Livestream link. The following Board members were present: Victor Perez, Amy Thieme, Dawn Champagne, Lance Redmon, Rebecca Fox, Morgan Calhoun, Mary Ellen Cuzela.

**1. Call to Order**

At 5:00 p.m. Board President Victor Perez called the meeting to order. Superintendent, Dr. Ken 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**

Katy ISD Police Chief Henry Gaw led the Pledges of Allegiance.

**3. Public Comment/Citizen Participation**

**3.1 Public comment on posted agenda items.**

- a) Traci Mallow spoke regarding SB 763
- b) Lynette Alidon spoke regarding SB 763
- c) Tana Weiss spoke regarding SB 763
- d) Jarred Burton spoke regarding SB 763
- e) Ben Armenta spoke regarding SB 763
- f) Anne Russey spoke regarding SB 763
- g) Erica Schwam spoke regarding SB 763
- h) Debbie Simon spoke regarding SB 763
- i) Lisa Lister-Browne spoke regarding SB 763
- j) Rabbi Lipper spoke regarding SB 763
- k) Nancy Zarse spoke regarding SB 763
- l) Mandy Giles spoke regarding SB 763

**4. Closed Meeting**

Board President Victor Perez 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 sections and purposes listed below.

4.1 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.)

4.2 Discuss 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. Reconvene from Closed Meeting – The Board will reconvene from Closed Meeting**

The Board reconvened in Open Meeting at 6:46 p.m. Board President Victor Perez called the meeting to order.

**6. Reports**

6.1 2024-2025 Budget Update. Christopher J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer presented.

**7. Discussion Items**

- 7.1 Discuss and consider Board approval of the design associated with the renovations to Cinco Ranch High School. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning and construction, Ms. Parul Vyas, Stantec Architecture, and Art Campbell, project manager.
- 7.2 Discuss and consider Board approval of the February 2024 budget amendments. Esperanza Rios, Director of Budget and Treasury presented.
- 7.3 Discuss and consider Board Approval of the December 2023 Financial Reports. Jamey Hynds, Executive Director of Finance presented.
- 7.4 Discuss 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; authorizing the engagement of bond counsel; and certain other procedures and provisions related thereto. The foregoing Order authorizes the engagement of Bond Counsel pursuant to an engagement letter under which the District will obtain specialized legal services in connection with the issuance of bonds or other obligations to pay or refinance the costs of one or more projects of the District, based on the demonstrated competence and qualifications of such attorneys; finding that (i) such legal services require specialized expertise and experience in municipal finance, federal tax law and federal and state securities laws and therefore cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the District, (ii) such legal services cannot be reasonably obtained from attorneys in private practice under an hourly fees contract without contingency because the District will not be obligated to pay any legal fees until the successful completion and closing of the contemplated transaction, and (iii) entering into a contingent fee contract for legal services is in the best interest of the residents of the District because such firm will only be paid if the contemplated transaction is successfully completed and closed. Christopher J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer presented.
- 7.5 Discuss and consider a Resolution Expressing Intent to Defeas/Redeem Certain of the District's Outstanding Bonds. Christopher J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer presented.
- 7.6 Discuss and consider a Resolution Declaring Intention to Reimburse Project Expenditures. Christopher J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer presented.
- 7.7 Discuss and consider an Order approving a New Term Rate Period or Fixed Rate Period for all or a portion of the Katy Independent School District Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2021C; and approving other provisions relating thereto. Christopher J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer presented.
- 7.8 Discuss and consider Board approval to award the Request for Proposal "RFP" 2312AA for Dark Fiber Wide Area Network "WAN" Lease and Maintenance services to meet the immediate and long-term fiber infrastructure for the District. Joe Christoffersen, Director of Technology Operations presented.
- 7.9 Discuss and consider Board approval to award the Competitive Sealed Proposal "CSP" 2310AA for Lit / Dark Fiber services to meet the immediate and long-term fiber infrastructure for the building located at 21700 Merchants Way, Katy, Texas. Joe Christoffersen, Director of Technology Operations presented.

- 7.10 Discuss and consider Board approval to award the Competitive Sealed Proposal "CSP" 2311AA for Lit / Dark Fiber services to meet the immediate and long-term fiber infrastructure for Elementary Schools #47 and #48. Joe Christoffersen, Director of Technology Operations presented.
- 7.11 Discuss and consider Board approval of a contract for the construction of Elementary School #47. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning, and Construction presented.
- 7.12 Discuss and consider Board approval of a contract for the construction of Elementary School #48. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning, and Construction presented.
- 7.13 Discuss and consider Board approval of the delivery method for the Franz Road storage office build out. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning, and Construction presented.
- 7.14 Discuss and consider Board approval for flooring replacements at Morton Ranch Elementary and Bonnie Holland Elementary schools. Nathan Fuchs, Executive Director for Maintenance & Operations presented.
- 7.15 Discuss and consider Board approval of the proposals for the Building Management Control System replacements at multiple campuses: Morton Ranch High School, Morton Ranch Junior High School, Morton Ranch Elementary, Seven Lakes High School, and Seven Lakes Junior High School. Nathan Fuchs, Executive Director for Maintenance & Operations presented.
- 7.16 Discuss and consider Board approval of the proposed summer work schedule. Brian Schuss, Chief Human Resources Officer presented.
- 7.17 Discuss and consider Board approval of the 2024-2025 Property Insurance Program. Robert (Bob) V. Reim of Robert V. Reim Company presented.
- 7.18 Discussion regarding Senate Bill 763 which governs the employment or acceptance of volunteer services of chaplains by public school districts and whether to adopt a policy authorizing the district to employ, or accept as a volunteer, a chaplain under Texas Education Code Chapter 23. Victor Perez, Board President presented.
- 7.19 Discuss and consider future Board adoption of Policy Update 122. Sherri Ashorn, Director of Student Affairs presented.
- 7.20 Discuss and consider Board approval of an amendment to the 2023-2024 Instructional Calendar to add a student and staff holiday on April 1, 2024. Sherri Ashorn, Director of Student Affairs presented.
- 7.21 Discuss and consider Board Policy CW(LOCAL). Victor Perez, Board President presented.

## 8. **Information Items**

- 8.1 Donated Items to Katy Independent School District. Board President Victor Perez announced that the Donated Items list was received.
- 8.2 Recap of Board member requests for Information.
  - Victor Perez requested information on SB 1605.

## 8. **Future Meetings**

- 8.1 Regular Board Meeting – February 26, 2024. Board President Victor Perez announced that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024.

9. **Adjournment**

Board President Victor Perez adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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



Victor Perez  
President, Board of Trustees



Dawn Champagne  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: March 25, 2024