

**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2022
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, January 24, 2022** 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, Dawn Champagne, Rebecca Fox, Duke Keller, Ashley Vann and Leah Wilson.

1. Call to Order

At 5:00 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

Randolph Elementary student led pledges of allegiance.

3. Recognitions

Maria Dipetta, Manager of Media Relations, presented.

3.1 Paetow High School Football Team University Interscholastic League 5A Division I State Champions.

3.2 Texas State Representative Mike Schofield will present a Resolution in recognition of the Paetow High School football team winning the University Interscholastic League 5A Division I State Football Championship.

3.3 Harris County Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey to present a Resolution in honor of Paetow High School's 5A Division I State Football Championship.

3.4 City of Katy Proclamation in honor of School Board Recognition Month.

3.5 Katy Independent School District Council of Parent Teacher Association Book Donation in honor of School Board Recognition Month.

4. Peace Officer Oath

4.1 Peace Officer Oath of Office - Katy Independent School District Police Officers. Board President Greg Schulte recognized new Katy ISD Police Officer Gregory Urdanet.

5. Public Comment/Citizen Participation

Kent Clinger spoke regarding School Board Recognition month.

Cameron Samuels spoke regarding The Trevor Project.

Regina Johnson spoke regarding the Safety and Security Update.

Donna McElmurry spoke regarding masks.

Art Hernandez spoke regarding reining in the Texas Education Agency.

Victor Perez spoke regarding book concerns.

Janet Godfrey spoke regarding School Board Appreciation Month on behalf of Katy ATPE.

Kathy Carpenter spoke regarding The Gay Agenda.

Gerry Monroe spoke regarding discriminatory practices against SPED students.

Amy Ray spoke regarding Covid policies and masking.

Bonnie Anderson spoke regarding Covid mitigation policies.

6. Closed Meeting

Board President Greg Schulte announced that 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. The Board then adjourned to Closed Meeting.

6.1 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.)

6.2 Discuss safety/security update. (Texas Government Code 551.076: To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or a security audit.)

6.3 Discuss land and property matters. (Texas Government Code 551.072: For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.)

6.4 Discuss and consider Board approval of naming a principal for Sundown Elementary School. (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.)

6.5 Discuss and consider Board approval of naming the Director of Accounting. (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)

6.6 Discuss and consider Board approval of naming the Director of Communications. (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).

7. Reconvene from Closed Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Meeting at 7:12 p.m. Board President Greg Schulte called the meeting to order.

7.1 Consider Board approval of naming a principal for Sundown Elementary School. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees names Dr. Kari Torres as the principal for Sundown Elementary School

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

7.2 Consider Board approval of naming the Director of Accounting. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees names Kayla Smith as the Director of Accounting.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 7.3 Consider Board approval of naming the Director of Communications. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Duke Keller that the Board of Trustees names Lindsey Sanders as the Director of Communications

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

8. Action Items

- 8.1 Consider Board approval of naming Elementary School #44 as recommended by the Naming Advisory Committee. Moved by Rebecca Fox seconded by Lance Redmon names Elementary School #44, located at 7400 Innovative Drive, Steve & Elaine Robertson Elementary School as recommended by the Naming Advisory Committee.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.2 Consider Board approval of the minutes of the December 2021 Board meeting. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Board meetings held in December 2021.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9. Public Hearing

- 9.1 Presentation on the 2020-2021 Annual Report to include the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). Natalie Martinez, M.Ed., Executive Director of School Improvement presented.

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10. Reports

- 10.1 2022 - 2023 Budget Update. Mr. Christopher J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer presented.

11. Discussion/Action

- 11.1 Discuss and consider Board approval of the annual financial audit report. Mr. Christopher J. Smith, Chief Finance Officer, and Mr. Lupe Garcia, Partner, Whitley Penn, presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne seconded by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the 2020-2021 annual financial audit report.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 11.2 Discuss and consider Board approval of the November 2021 Financial Reports. Mr. Christopher J. Smith, Chief financial Officer presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees approves the District's November 2021 financial statements.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 11.3 Discuss and consider Board approval of the January 2022 budget amendments. Ms. Sharri S. Butterfield, Director budget and Treasury, presented. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the District's January 2022 budget amendments.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 11.4 Discuss and consider Board approval of the proposal for Property Insurance. Mr. Lance N. Nauman, Director of Risk Management presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees approves the proposal for Property Insurance as presented by USI for 2022 along with options agreeable to both parties for 2023 and 2024.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 11.5 Discuss and consider Board approval of the Innovative Course Application submission for Occupational Therapy I/II and Lab. Dr. Sarah Martin, Director of Career and Technical Education, presented. Moved by Rebecca Fox seconded by Duke Keller that the Board of Trustees approves the Innovative Course Applications for Occupational Therapy I, Therapy II and Medical Therapy lab.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 11.6 Discuss and consider Board approval of a Professional Development Waiver for the 2023-2024 instructional calendar. Mrs. Sherri Ashorn, SHARS and Discipline Administrator, presented. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees approves a Professional Development Waiver for the 2023-2024 instructional calendar.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 11.7 Discuss and consider Board adoption of the Local Innovation Plan, as required by Texas Education Code Chapter 12A, in order to obtain designation as a District of Innovation. Mrs. Sherri Ashorn, SHARS and Discipline Administrator, presented. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees adopts the Local Innovation Plan, as required by Texas Education Code Chapter 12A, in order to obtain designation as a District of Innovation.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 11.8 Discuss and consider Board approval of the contract for the re-roofing of Cimarron Elementary, Beck Junior High and Cinco Ranch Junior High. Mr. Nathan Fuchs, Executive Director of Maintenance and Operations, presented. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees approves the contracts for the re-roofing projects at Beck Junior High and Cimarron Elementary to Atlas Universal Roofing, Inc. utilizing HCDE/Choice Partners Contract No. 18/060JN-01 in the amount of \$2,484,681; and at Cinco Ranch Junior High to Reliable Commercial Roofing Services, Inc. utilizing the HCDE/Choice Partners Contract No. 18/060JN-14 in the amount of \$1,821,000; and a total not to exceed project cost of \$4,832,106.:

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 11.9 Discuss and consider Board approval of the proposal for portable classroom buildings for multiple campuses. Mr. Nathan Fuchs, Executive Director of Maintenance and Operations, presented. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the proposal for the purchase of twelve (12) portable classroom buildings for the 2022-2023 school year at multiple campuses to Palomar Modular Buildings, in the amount of \$972,432, utilizing the Buyboard contract #637-21; as well as technology and furniture for the twelve (12) portable buildings, with a total project cost not to exceed \$1,515,552.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 11.10 Discuss and consider Board approval of the proposal for building modifications at multiple campuses. Mr. Nathan Fuchs, Executive Director of Maintenance and Operations, presented. Moved by Leah Wilson seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees approves the contract for collaboration space renovations at Bethke Elementary, Campbell Elementary, Leonard Elementary and McElwain Elementary to Brown & Root Industrial Services, LLC in the amount of \$387,728 utilizing the Omnia JOC Contract No. R200102. It is also recommended that the Board of Trustees approves the conversion of computer labs at Campbell Elementary, Bethke Elementary, Leonard Elementary, Schmalz Elementary, WoodCreek Elementary, McDonald Junior High, Mayde Creek Junior High, and WoodCreek Junior High. The total project cost is not to exceed \$1,023,493.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 11.11 Discuss and consider Board approval of the proposal for replacement of the emergency generator at Cinco Ranch High School. Mr. Nathan Fuchs, Executive Director of Maintenance and Operations, presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees approves the contract for the replacement of the emergency generator at Cinco Ranch High School to LECS in the amount of \$439,778.18 utilizing the Choice Partners Contract No. 18-036MC-R1 and the total project cost not to exceed \$451,278.18.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 11.12 Discuss and consider Board approval of the proposal for the Building Management Control System replacement at multiple campuses. Mr. Nathan Fuchs, Executive Director of Maintenance and Operations presented. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the contracts for the Building Management Control System (BMCS) replacements at Cimarron Elementary, Memorial Parkway Elementary, and the Shaw Center to Climatec, LLC in the amount of \$928,000; and at Beck Junior High to Unify Energy Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$654,000 and a total not to exceed project cost of \$1,799,351.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 11.13 Discuss and consider Board approval of the plat for Katy Elementary School. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction, presented. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the plat for Katy Elementary School.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 11.14 Discuss and consider Board approval of a contract for Lit / Dark Fiber services to meet the immediate and long-term fiber infrastructure for Elementary 44, 45 and 46. Mr. Joe Christoffersen, Director of Technology Operations, presented. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees approves the contract for Lit/Dark Fiber services to meet the immediate and long-term fiber infrastructure for Elementary 44, 45 and 46.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 11.15 Discuss and consider Board adoption of the Order calling for a regular election of the School Board Trustees to be held on May 7, 2022, and authorization of the Administration to provide official notice of the election as required by the Texas Election Code. Justin R. Graham, General Counsel and Elections Administrator, presented. Moved by Rebecca Fox seconded by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees adopts the Order Calling for a regular election of School Board Trustees to be held on May 7, 2022 and authorize the Administration to provide official notice of the election as required by the Texas Election Code.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 11.16 Discuss and consider Board approval of the invitation to participate in the Raise Your Hand Texas Trustee Advocates Program. Dr. Ken Gregorski, Superintendent presented. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Rebecca Fox that the Board of Trustees approves to participate in the Raise Your Hand Texas Trustee Advocates Program.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

12. Information Items

- 12.1 Donated Items to Katy Independent School District. Board President Greg Schulte announced that the Board was provided a copy of the donated items to Katy ISD.

12.2 Quarterly Investment Report. Board President Greg Schulte announced that the Board was provided a copy of the Quarterly Investment Report Katy ISD.

12.3 Recap of Board Members' Requests for Information. Board Secretary Dawn Champagne read the Board members requests for additional information:

No requests were made.

13 Future Meetings

13.1 Special Board Meeting – February 3, 2022. Board President Greg Schulte announced that the Board of Trustees will hold a Special Board Meeting on February 3, 2022.

13.2 Special Board Meeting Workshop – February 7, 2022. Board President Greg Schulte announced that the Board of Trustees will hold a Special Board Meeting Workshop on February 7, 2022.

13.3 Regular Board Meeting – February 28, 2022. Board President Greg Schulte announced that the Board of Trustees will hold a Regular Board Meeting on February 28, 2022.

14 Adjournment

Board President Greg Schulte adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.



Greg Schulte
President, Board of Trustees

Dawn Champagne
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: February 28, 2022