

**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, September 27, 2021  
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, September 27, 2021** 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.

*Board President Greg Schulte announced that the meeting would begin with Open Forum and then return to item 2.1 Pledges of Allegiance.*

**2. Pledges of Allegiance**

Memorial Parkway Elementary student to led pledges of allegiance.

**3. Open Forum**

Alexander Rozenfeld spoke regarding solar projects for Katy Independent School District.

Travis Mansfield spoke regarding transportation accessibility at Mayde Creek High School and District attendance policy.

Philip Haddad spoke regarding Thursday night football games.

Ling Li spoke regarding Critical Race Theory.

Kara Lawrence spoke regarding concerns about vaccines.

Mary Ellen Cuzela spoke regarding masks remaining optional and library audits.

Rebecca Trahan spoke regarding masks remaining optional.

Victor Perez spoke regarding author visit.

Cathleen Pittman gave an update on the Katy ISD Council of PTAs.

Bonnie Anderson spoke regarding author visit.

Sean Dolan spoke regarding use of outside legal counsel.

**4. 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.

- 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.)

**5. Reconvene from Closed Meeting**

The Board reconvened into Open Meeting at 6:14 p.m. Board President Greg Schulte called the meeting to order.

**6. Action Items**

6.1 Consider Board approval of the proposal for a chiller rebuild at Seven Lakes High School. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the proposal for a chiller rebuild at Seven Lakes High School to Hunton Services in the amount of \$345,443, and the total project cost not to exceed \$360,443 utilizing the Choice Partners Contract #19/036/MR-03.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

6.2 Consider Board approval of a blanket electrical easement to CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC associated with the construction of Elementary School #44. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees awards CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC a blanket electrical easement associated with the construction of Elementary School #44 as depicted in the attached easement document.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

6.3 Consider Board approval of the minutes of the August Board meetings. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Board meetings held in August, 2021.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

**7. Reports**

7.1 Katy Independent School District Education Foundation Annual Report. Mrs. Janet Theis, Executive Director of Partners in Education and Ms. Robyn Pye, Vice President, Katy ISD Education Foundation Board of Directors, presented.

7.2 Planning for Growth: Review of preliminary results of the Elementary #44 ABM feedback survey. Dr. Andrea Grooms, Chief Communications Officer, presented.

7.3 House Bill 3 (HB 3) 5-year goals and targets for the district, elementary campuses and high school campuses report. Ms. Natalie Martinez, Executive Director of School Improvement, presented.

**8. Discussion/Action**

8.1 Discuss and consider Board approval of the Campus Performance Objectives. Ms. Natalie Martinez, Executive Director of School Improvement, presented. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees approves the Campus Performance Objectives.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

8.2 Discuss and consider Board approval for the superintendent to prepare, sign, and submit a waiver application to the State Commissioner of Education for elementary school campuses that exceed the allowable class size of 22:1, in addition to campuses that could potentially exceed the ratio due to increased enrollment during the 2021 - 2022 school year. Mr. Brian Schuss, Chief Human Resources Officer, presented. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Duke Keller that the Board of Trustees grants approval for the superintendent to prepare, sign, and submit an application to the State Commissioner of Education for a class size waiver exception.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.



- 8.3 Discuss and consider Board approval of the resolution for the extension of Katy Virtual Academy for grades K-6 through end of fall semester. Mrs. Leslie Haack, Deputy Superintendent, presented. ***This item was moved to the October 4, 2021 Special Board Meeting.***

Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees move this item to the October 4, 2021 Special Board Meeting.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.4 Discuss and consider Board approval of a resolution to initiate the process to designate Katy Independent School District as a District of Innovation. Ms. Sherri Ashorn, SHARS and Discipline Administrator, presented. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the resolution to initiate the process to designate Katy Independent School District as a District of Innovation.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.5 Discuss and consider Board approval of the July 2021 Financial Reports. Mrs. Anne Faichtinger, Executive Director of Finance, presented. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees approves the District's July 2021 financial statements.

Motion passed by a 6 to 0 vote.

Dawn Champagne was not present at vote.

- 8.6 Discuss and consider Board approval of the September 2021 budget amendments. Mrs. Sharri Butterfield, Director of Budget and Treasury, presented. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the District's September 2021 budget amendments.

Motion passed by a 6 to 0 vote.

Leah Wilson was not present at vote.

- 8.7 Discuss and consider Board adoption of the 2021-2022 Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate and the 2021-2022 Debt Service Tax Rate. Mr. Christopher Smith, Chief Financial Officer, presented. Moved by Rebecca Fox seconded by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.3517, which is effectively a 2.1 percent increase in the tax rate. And, further recommend that the Board approve the Order adopting the Maintenance and Operations tax rate of \$0.9617 per \$100 valuation and the Interest and Sinking tax rate of \$0.3900 per \$100 valuation for the tax year 2021, as reflected in the Order for a decrease in the actual total tax rate of \$0.0317 or 3.17 cents.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.8 Discuss and consider Board approval of nominating candidates for positions on the Board of Directors for the Waller County Appraisal District, Fort Bend Central Appraisal District, and Harris County Appraisal District. Mr. Christopher J. Smith, Chief Finance Officer, presented. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees approves the attached resolution nominating Paul Stamatis and Darren Flint as candidates for positions on the Board of Directors of the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.9 Discuss and consider Board approval of the claims administration by Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund for Unemployment Compensation claims. Mr. Lance Nauman, Director of Risk Management, presented. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the 2021-2022 claims administration by TASB Risk Management Fund for Unemployment Compensation.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.10 Discuss and consider Board approval to award a contract for design services necessary for the construction of Elementary Schools #45 and #46. Ms. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning, and Construction, presented. Moved by Rebecca Fox seconded 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 #45 and #46.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.11 Discuss and consider Board approval of the construction delivery method for the renovations to Miller Career and Technology Center. Ms. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning, and Construction, presented. Moved by Leah Wilson seconded by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the delivery method for the renovations to Miller Career and Technology Center.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

- 8.12 Discuss and consider Board approval to award a contract for design services necessary for the construction of an addition to Schmalz Elementary School. Ms. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning, and Construction, presented. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees awards a contract to HKS, Inc. for design services necessary for the construction of an addition to Schmalz Elementary School.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

**9. Information Items**

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 Board Member Report – Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Update. Board Secretary Dawn Champagne gave a report on the TASB Fall Board Meeting which was held at the TASA/TASB Convention in Dallas, Texas September 23-26, 2021.
- 9.3 Recap of Board Members' Requests for Information. Board Secretary Dawn Champagne read the Board members requests for additional information:

3 to 1 Teacher Ratio Information; Statics on current college graduates going into teaching jobs

Update every 30 to 60 days on classroom sizes

PASA numbers regarding future student enrollment at Schmalz Elementary School

Survey results of parents with students currently enrolled in KVA before Oct 4<sup>th</sup> meeting

Updates on Miller Career Renovation Design

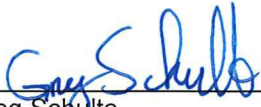
10. **Future Meeting**

10.1 Special Board Meeting Workshop. Board President Greg Schulte announced that the Board will hold a Special Board Meeting Workshop on Monday, October 4, 2021.

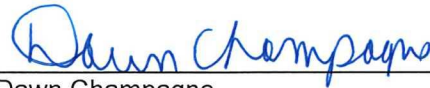
10.2 Regular Board Meeting. Board President Greg Schulte announced that the Board will hold a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021.

11. **Adjournment**

Board President Greg Schulte adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.



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Greg Schulte  
President, Board of Trustees



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Dawn Champagne  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: October 25, 2021