

Minutes of Special Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 2024
The Board of Trustees
SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT was held on **November 20, 2024**, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Wayne F. Schaper, Sr. Leadership Center, Board Room, 955 Campbell Rd, Houston, TX 77024-2803.

Board Vice-President Courtney Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. Two board members were present.

Vice President Anderson confirmed the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.041, had been complied with in connection with public notice of the meeting.

1. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

2. Discussion

A. School Finance Advocacy Team

Kristi Thibault, SFAT Co-Chair, welcomed to the committee, all the special guests and trustees from neighboring Houston-area school districts. Jen Espey, SFAT Co-Chair reviewed the meeting agenda. Christine Porter, CPA, Associate Superintendent of Finance, provided a brief recap of the previous meeting discussions. Based on the questions from the last meeting, she took time to explain golden pennies as part of the school finance model. She mentioned that a goal in advocating relative to golden pennies would be to receive an increase in their yield. Kristi Thibaut, SFAT Co-Chair, reviewed the legislative process, important dates, and the process for how the bill becomes law. Jen Espey, SFAT Co-Chair, spoke on the SFAT advocacy goals and the Spring Branch Board of Trustee's legislative priorities draft. Trustees Courtney Anderson and David Slattery expanded on these priorities and how they developed the draft. Georgia Polley and Brian Muecke, SFAT Co-Chairs gave advocacy tips and ideas for reaching elected officials through calls, social media, and letter writing.

Special guest speaker, Harold V. Dutton Jr., Texas House Representative, District 142, shared insights on legislative developments in public education. Committee members had the opportunity to gain valuable perspectives, share district needs and ask question.

Jen Espey provided closing comments, confirming the committee will reconvene for a brief meeting in January. A date will be announced later.

3. Meeting Adjourned

With no further business to discuss, Board Vice President Courtney Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM

Lisa Andrews Alpe
President, Board of Trustees

Shannon Mahan
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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