

# Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Huntsville ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Huntsville ISD was held Thursday, April 18, 2024 beginning at 6:01 PM at the Hawkins Administration Building located at 441 FM 2821 E., Huntsville, Texas 77320.

### Board Members

Present J.T. Langley, President; Ken Holland, Vice President; Rissie Owens, John Hendricks & Cathy Schweitzer

### Others Present

Scott Sheppard, Superintendent; Marcus Forney, Chief Academic Officer; Bill Roberts, Asst. Superintendent; Nkrumah Dixon, Asst. Superintendent and Paul Brown, Chief Financial Officer

### PUBLIC NOTICE Item I-B

Dr. Sheppard certified that public notice of the Board Meeting was given in accordance with the provision of Section 551.002 et. Seq. of the Texas Government Code.

### INVOCATION Item II-A

Cathy Schweitzer gave the Invocation.

### PLEDGES Item II-B

Pledges were led by students from Huntsville Intermediate School

### BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS Item III

Cathy Schweitzer stated, "I see lots of students and parents here, thank you for coming. I've been keeping up with everybody's progress in their competitions whether they are academic or in their CTE classes or their sports and I just thank you students for all your hard work. I thank the teachers as well, there is light at the end of the tunnel, we are very close to the end of school. Everybody just do your best and it's going to be a great year. Thank you!"

Ken Holland stated, "I just echo what Ms. Schweitzer says, we are coming to the end of the year and to see everybody here and a lot of seniors out there, so I know that you are getting excited. I have a senior myself and it's a nice time to reflect and look back at how we got here. It seems like 18 years ago we were just starting the journey. It's a fun journey and thank you for being here tonight and thank you for helping us continue to make this district a shining star in this region".

Rissie Ownes stated, "it's so good to see everybody and thank you for being here."

SUPERINTENDENT  
BRIEFING  
Item IV

Dr. Sheppard stated “Nine HHS Seniors recently earned the coveted full-ride Smith-Hutson Scholarship to attend Sam Houston State! Congratulations to Amy Azua, Julia De Leon Ponce, Natalie Flores, Traevon Johnson, Taylor Jones, Joselyn Leon Valencia, Eduardo Lira, Joseph Mejia, and Andrew Merino.

We are so proud of these students and this awesome accomplishment. Another testament that our students are Champions in the classroom!

After competing in 2 contests in one week, our HHS Drama’s UIL One-Act Play won District and Bi-District honors advancing to Area contest. The Area round was held earlier this month at Tyler Junior College. The winning UIL performance of “Does It Make a Sound?” was an original script written by HHS theater teacher Velvia Keithley and directed by Keithley and Melissa Miller. At Bi-District contest, the following cast and crew earned recognitions:

Best Technician: Kitty Barker

Honorable Mention All-Star Cast: Adrianna Amato and Ava Newsome

All-Star Cast: Chanceton Rodgers

Best Performer: Taliyah Woodberry

Scott Johnson Elementary hosted a Learning Extravaganza event for their students and families on April 4th. This family engagement night was full of lots of math and literacy centered activities! The event was well attended, and everyone had a great time. There were free books available for students and lots of ideas shared for continued learning at home. Great job, SJE!

Soccer finished their seasons with our boys’ and girls’ varsity teams making it into the UIL 5A bi-district playoffs. We are proud of the effort of these fine coaches and student athletes. Even more important than their success on the field, 10 of our Boys soccer team members and 14 of our Girls soccer team members made the All-District Academics list, proving once again, we are Building Champions in the classroom first in Huntsville ISD.

We hosted three track meets in the new Huntsville ISD Stadium this season, and coaches, athletes, and spectators from area 5A schools and 6A schools from the Houston area were very impressed with our new stadium. We are thankful to our voters for this great facility we can finally call home. We also experienced some team and individual success, with 3 Lady Hornets and 12 Hornets qualifying for the Area Meet in Arlington on April 19-20th.

Softball is continuing their winning tradition, with Coach Morgan Bryan celebrating her 200th career win a few weeks ago, and the Lady Hornets clinching yet another

District Championship with their win a few nights ago.

Hornet Baseball is also enjoying our first season in the new ballpark, and with a few games remaining, a historic fourth consecutive playoff appearance looks promising.

HISD is proud to be the title sponsor for CASA's All About Kids Expo. This inaugural event is an opportunity for families to come to one location to learn about all the wonderful opportunities available in our community for children of all ages to be involved ALL YEAR LONG. Families will discover information on local summer camps, schools, multilingual, gifted and talented, and special education programs; VBS; athletic leagues; health resources, fine arts activities and so much more. We invite all families to attend this Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Huntsville Church of Christ parking lot located at 3737 Hwy 30. Admission is FREE.

That's my report. Sting 'em Hornets!"

MONTHLY DIGITAL  
REPORT  
Item V

The Board of Trustees viewed a digital report produced by Matthew Lahey highlighting the pre-STAAR testing activities and CASA Kids' Expo

RECOGNITIONS  
Item VI A-B

STAFF RECOGNITIONS:

Educator of the Month – Sarah Park, Teacher at Estella Stewart Elementary  
Employee of the Month – Janita Soto, Instructional Assistant at Estella Stewart Elementary

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS:

Huntsville Intermediate Students were recognized for leading the Pledges: Hannah Collins, Isaiah Bolden, Sophia Villatoro Flores, Dean Burns, Silas Parker, Miguel Delgado, Bashirat Ibraheem and Evelyn Moreno Delgado

HHS Art Awards - Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo: Priscila Varela - Best of Show  
Walker County Fair: Justin Roseberry - Best in Show Runner-Up & Taylor Falcon - Best in Show

Scholastic Art & Writing Competition: Jasmine Cole - Honorable Mention & Addison Wood - Honorable Mentions

Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE) Regional UIL Competition: Perfect Scores - Jasmine Cole, Taylor Falcon, Betsy Gallegos, Chloe Galvan, Azariah Harris, Ash Heard, Joselyn Juarez, Marti Okech, London Orozco, Miguel Pulido, Priscila Varela, Ezra Vienne, Allegra Williams, Asia Williams, Alyssa Whiffen, Addison Wood, Finley McClellan & Cherish Franklin

HHS Criminal Justice State Qualifiers:

Jalen Smith, C'Nori Lemons, Peyton Jankord, Hannah Ruth, Ashley Miranda, Diana Gallegos, Peyton Moore, April Garcia, Ryen Kemmerer, Brittnee "Kai" Kyle, Leeana

Harvey, Riane Davis & Bethany Bell

HHS Culinary Arts State Qualifiers:

Teresa Bautista, Johiah Rhymes, Emily Gutierrez & Joaquin Hernandez

HHS TAFE State Qualifiers:

Jamysha Bowden, Kristina Wise, Tayjon Lewis, Ethan Osborne, Traevon Johnson, Chelsea Butler, Gracia Ayuk, Kianna Dale, Chasten Henley, Favour Alawode, Tia Forney, Oryona Oliphant & Elena Blanton

HHS TAFE National Qualifiers: Jamysha Bowden, Kristina Wise, Traevon Johnson & Chelsea Butler

HHS FCCLA State Qualifiers:

Haylee Mathiews. Bella Parker, Emery Blanton, Dayanara Merianda, Nevaeh Monk, Sanaya Bobhate, Kadun Taylor & Amya Lewis

High Student Attendance Campus for March 2024

Scott Johnson Elementary School with 94.24 %

High Staff Attendance Campus for March 2024

Mance Park Middle School with 98.25%

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Item VIII A-B

Jennifer Didier spoke on her support of increasing recess time for HISD students and some of the benefits it would have.

Anthony Jenkins spoke about a basketball program he developed for students from 2nd grade through high school to help develop and grow them character wise. He would like to be able to use HISD gyms for this purpose.

#### ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION CONSENT AGENDA

Item IX-A 1-15

Rissie Owens made a motion to approved the consent agenda which included minutes from Board meetings held on March 21, 2024; Budget Amendment #3; monthly financials; new External Auditor; 2024-2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates; Resolution #24-16 Teacher Appreciation Week; Resolution #24-17 Regarding Dependable, Affordable, Broadband Access; Texas Online Preparatory School (TOPS) 2024-2025 Standards For Success (SFS) teacher evaluation system; relocation of Scott E. Johnson Elementary School Playground Equipment and Installation of New Safety Surfacing; purchase of Classroom Furniture for new campus additions; 2024-2025 Student Code of Conduct; Instructional Materials Allotment TEKS Certification for 2024-2025; HISD Textbook/Curriculum Purchase for TEA Proclamation (Science, grades K-12) 2024-2025; purchase of Transportation Fleet Vehicles; and Transportation Road Improvement.

Cathy Schweitzer second the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Item IX-B SHAC committee report was presented by Mr. Roberts and Michelle Ashton

Ken Holland approved the change in committee members for the upcoming school year.

John Hendricks second the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

REPORT/DISCUSSION  
INFORMATION  
Item X A-C

Discipline Written Report  
Huntsville ISD Campus Principal Written Reports  
BOND Project Update Written Report

NEXT MEETING/  
EVENT NOTICE  
Item XI

Budget Workshop-May 9, 2024 6:00 PM  
Regular Board Meeting-May 16, 2024 6:00 PM

CLOSED SESSION  
Item XII-XIII

The Board adjourned to Closed Session @ 7:34 pm and reconvened to Open Session @9:00 pm

ITEMS REQUIRING  
BOARD ACTION  
Item XIV A-C

Ken Holland made a motion to approve teacher contract renewal/non-renewal and administrators contract renewals (Items A-B)

Rissie Owens second the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT  
Item XV

There being no other business on the agenda, the Board adjourned the Regular Session at 9:02 pm.

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J.T. Langley, Board President

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Tracy Stoudt, Board Secretary  
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