

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Charter Holder Corporate Board

South Texas Educational Technologies, Inc.

D/B/A Horizon Montessori Public Schools

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of South Texas Educational Technologies, Inc. was held on Thursday, August 6, 2020, beginning at 6:45 PM at 2402 E Business 83, Weslaco, Texas.

Trustees Present:

Alim U. Ansari
Dr. Hassan Ahmad
Dr. Omar M. Al-Qudah

Presenter:

James O. Hayes

1. Call to Order: Mr. James O. Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Trustees present were Alim U. Ansari, Dr. Hassan Ahmad and Dr. Omar M. Al-Qudah.
2. Moment of Silence
3. Public Comments: No action taken.
4. Consent Agenda: Board Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Motion passed unanimously.
 - A. Minutes of the May 14, 2020, Videoconference Board Meeting
 - B. Minutes of the June 18, 2020, Special Board Meeting
5. Superintendents Report:
 - A. TEA Superintendent Meetings—COVID-19
 - B. Horizon Montessori Pearland Faculty and Staff Vacancies
 - C. Horizon Montessori Pearland Active Repairs and Renovations
 - D. RGV Campuses Closed—Remote Instruction due to COVID-19
 - E. Pearland Campus Remote and In-person Instructional Procedures
 - F. Facilities Enhancements—COVID-19 Initiative
 - G. Technology Initiative for Remote Instruction
 - H. Hotspots for Remote Instruction—TEA Operation Connectivity
 - I. District Instructional and Operational Issues due to COVID-19
6. Information: No action taken.
7. Action Items:
 - A. *2020-21 School Board Meeting Calendar*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve calendar. Motion passed unanimously.
 - B. *Region One ESC SubHub Agreement for 2020-2021*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve agreement. Motion passed unanimously.
 - C. *Updated 2020-2021 HMPS Employee Handbook*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve handbook. Motion passed unanimously.
 - D. *Horizon Montessori Weslaco Lease Agreement*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve agreement. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Governance: No action taken.

9. Curriculum:

- A. *Allotment and TEKS Certification Agreement for 2020-2021*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve agreement. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. *SuccessEd Renewal Agreement for 2020-2021*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve agreement. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. *Region One ESC Library Services and Instructional Resources Cooperative Charter Commitment for 2020-2021*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve commitment. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. *Academic Distance Learning Proposal for 2020-21—COVID-19 initiative*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve proposal. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. *2020-2021 HMPS District Handbooks*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve handbooks. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. *2020-2021 HMPS Bilingual Early Exit Transitional Model Plan*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve plan. Motion passed unanimously.
- G. *2020-2021 HMPS T-TESS Calendar*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve calendar. Motion passed unanimously.
- H. *Attestations for Synchronous Instruction—COVID-19 initiative*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve attestation. Motion passed unanimously.
- I. *Request to Extend the Start of the 2020-2021 School Year Transition Beyond the Four-Week Limit due to COVID-19*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve request. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Items over \$5,000:

- A. *Region One ESC TxEIS Student and Business Software Cooperative Agreement for 2020-2021*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve agreement. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. *Region One ESC TSDS PEIMS Cooperative Agreement for 2020-2021*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve agreement. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. *Purchase of Touchless Water Bottle Filling Stations—COVID-19 initiative*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve purchase. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. *Purchase of Sanitizer Dispensers—COVID-19 initiative*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve purchase. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. *Purchase of Touchless Faucets—COVID-19 initiative*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve purchase. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Finance:

- A. *2020-2021 Budget*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve budget. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. *2020-2021 Pay Scales / Pay Step Increase*. Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad made the motion to approve pay scales/pay step increase. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Executive Session:

- A. *Information—Mr. James O. Hayes called the executive session to order at 7:57 PM. Mr. James O. Hayes adjourned executive session and reconvened regular session at 7:59 PM.*

13. Action, If Necessary on the Items Discussed in Closed Meeting: No action taken.

14. Adjournment: Board Secretary Dr. Hassan Ahmad adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Alim U. Ansari
Chairman/Superintendent

Dr. Hassan Ahmad
Secretary

Date