

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, November 21, 2024 beginning at 6:00 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; Tracy Stoudt, Secretary, Amanda Burris; Johns Hendricks; Rissie Owens (arrived @ 6:10 pm) & Cathy Schweitzer
Others Present	Marcus Forney, Chief Academic Officer, Nkrumah Dixon, Asst. Superintendent & 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	Ken Holland gave the Invocation.
PLEDGES Item II-B	Pledges were led by Samuel Walker Houston Elementary Students
ACTION ITEM Item III-A	Sherry Odom, HISD Election Coordinator, administered the Oath of Office to the appointed Board members, Ken Holland and Amanda Burris.
Item III-B	J.T. Langley made a motion to nominate Ken Holland as Board President. The nomination passed with a vote of 6-0 J.T. Langley made a motion to nominate Tracy Stoudt as Board Vice President. The nomination passed with a vote of 6-0. J.T. Langley made a motion to nominate Cathy Schweitzer as Board Secretary. The nomination passed with a vote of 6-0.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE

COMMENTS

Item IV-A

J.T. Langley stated the following: “First I want to thank you for serving on this Board and Ken, thank you once again for this run. I think you are really ready to be our Board President, I think you are going to do a great job for us and the rest of the Board. Cathy, you are going to do a great job. We have a great board in place, now we are back to seven, Ms. Owens couldn’t be here tonight but for a long time we went with six Board members, we had the lone chair and tonight he is with us, our State Representative of District 12 for our great school district and all this county, Mr. Trey Wharton. You don’t know this; this has been a long time coming. Huntsville is one of the largest cities in District 12 and we haven’t been represented the way that Trey Wharton is going to represent our county and District 12. This is a real blessing to have this man serve this District in the next two years and we hope for many, many more than that Trey. Thank you for coming, thank you for being here.”

Ken Holland stated the following: “Thank you for the opportunity, this is my third term starting 6 years ago, coming in the district with some of the challenges we faced, it's’ been really a pleasure to work with this Board and do the things we have been able to do and it’s been a joy to watch, those that have been on the Board for a long time get to see the advancement of the District with everything that we have been able to do. I got to serve on the Chamber Board with Trey when he first got on the Board, I really have to tip to you for getting me into this activity. It’s great to serve the District in this way and it’s a joy to do so and we look forward to keep on moving forward in the right direction. Thank you.”

SUPERINTENDENT

BRIEFING

Item V

Dr. Sheppard stated the following: “The HHS Grenadier Guard Drill Team brought home a division 1 Rating from the 2024 TDEA Dance & Drill Team Field Assessment as part of a pilot to make Dance & Drill Team an official UIL competition. We are so proud of their hard work and outstanding field performance!

For the first time in our new Huntsville ISD Stadium, members of our Huntsville High School Choir performed The National Anthem before our Bi-District Playoff game on Friday, November 15th and it was absolutely awesome! We appreciate our Choir Director, Mr. John Krystyniak, and his talented students for making this happen. We hope this was just the first performance by our choir members at a home football game of many more to come.

Dave Campbell’s Texas Football teamed up with Aurora Innovation to award our Huntsville High School Robotics Club the Robotics Club Spotlight Award and a \$500 donation! As 1 of only 9 in the state of Texas selected, our club received a special presentation and visit where our students were given a tour of one of Aurora’s

state of the art trucks. With this new technology, there will be new jobs, and new careers for our students to explore for future employment. We appreciate Dave Campbell's Texas Football and Aurora for this recognition and experience, and congratulations to HHS Robotics teacher Mr. Sievert and the Robotics Students.

The Huntsville High School Theater Department recently presented their first big production of the school year, "Prometheus Bound." Cast members and technicians – more than 20 in total – practiced extremely hard to get ready for these amazing performances.

Our Huntsville Hornet Football team is in the Bi-District round of the playoffs after a convincing win against Whitehouse last week in round 1. We are facing off against South Oak Cliff this Saturday at Waco ISD Stadium at 3:00 in the afternoon. I encourage everyone to make the trip and support our Hornets.

That's my report and as always, Sting 'em Hornets!"

MONTHLY DIGITAL
REPORT
Item VI

RECOGNITIONS
Item VII A-B

The monthly digital report produced by Matthew Lahey highlighting Thanksgiving was viewed.

STAFF RECOGNITIONS:

Educator of the Month – Ashley Cration, Mance Park Middle School, Teacher
Employee of the Month – Officer Stacey Smith, Mance Park Middle School, SRO

OPENING EXERCISES- STUDENT LEADERS: Samuel W. Houston Elementary Student Council Members:

Mahaya Cooper, Ijeoma Emerueh, Omadobiji Famiran, Avery Gonzales, Matthew Heinmann, Cali Jefferson, Mabel Lies, Aaron Martinez Garcia, Darrius McClellan, Cesar Ortuno, Sydni Robbins, and Delaney Schrekengost

ATTENDANCE RECOGNITIONS:

Campus with Highest Student Attendance- Mance Park Middle School
Campus with Highest Staff Attendance-Scott Johnson Elementary School

BRIEF RECESS
Item VII

Recess taken from 6:36 pm to 6:41 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

Item IX A-B

None

ITEMS REQUIRING
BOARD ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA

Item X 1-5

Rissie Owens made a motion to approve the consent agenda which consisted of minutes of Board meetings held on October 24, 2024 & November 12, 2024; Monthly Financial statement; Instructional Materials Allotment Committee; Bids on (1) Technology Supplies and Equipment (2) Maintenance Supplies and Equipment (3) Automotive, Bus Parts and Supplies; furniture for the new Support & Learning Center.

Item X-B

J.T. Langley second the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

J.T. Langley made a motion to approve Resolution #25-07 casting the District votes in the Walker County Appraisal District Board of Directors election to be divided equally among the five candidates.

REPORT/DISCUSSION
INFORMATION

Item XI- A-D

John Hendricks second the motion. The motion passed 6-0 with Ms. Owen abstaining

Monthly Discipline Comparison Report-written report only
Principal Monthly Reports-written report only
PBK Bond Project Update-written report only
Technology Annual Report 23-24-written report only

Item XI-E

Leslie Schkade of Perdue and Brandon presented the Walker County Appraisal District Delinquent Tax Report

Item XI-F

Marcus Forney discussed the upcoming 2025-2026 Instructional Calendar

NEXT MEETING/
EVENT NOTICE

Item XII A-B

A. Lions Club Christmas Parade-Saturday December 7, 2024 6:00 PM
B. Regular Board of Trustee Meeting-December 19, 2024 6:00 PM

CLOSED SESSION
Item XIV-XV

The Board did not hold a Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT
Item XVI

There being no other business on the agenda, the Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:13 pm.

Ken Holland, Board President

Cathy Schweitzer, Board Secretary
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