Notice of Regular Meeting Board of Trustees Thursday, June 26, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2025, beginning at 6:30 PM, in the Board Room, 200 Co Rd 421, Stephenville, TX 76401.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. For more information about public comment, see Policy BED. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

Board Vice President Brett Thetford called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Board Members Cindy Shipman, Neil Culpepper, Brett Thetford, Betty Peterson, Lance Brooks, and Mike Wilfong were present. Cody Pike joined via Zoom.

Administration present were Superintendent Wes Corzine, Principal Wayne Rotan, Dean of Students Tabitha Bleeker, and Business Manager Yvette Thomason.

2. Invocation

Wes Corzine gave the invocation.

- 3. Pledges of Allegiance United States and Texas
- 4. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

5. Consent Agenda

Description: Review of Check Register Review of Comparison to Revenue Review of Detail Transactions - Utilities Minutes of Previous Board Meetings

Lance Brooks motioned to approve the consent agenda for May 15, 2025. Betty Peterson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Superintendent Report

A. Budget Report

Mr. Corzine spoke on House Bill 2 and Senate Bill 4.

House Bill 2 includes the Teacher Retention Allotment, which designates a \$4,000 pay increase for teachers with 3-4 years of teaching experience and an \$8,000 pay increase for teachers with 5 or more years of teaching experience. HISD will receive approximately \$176,000 to support the increases.

Huckabay ISD will receive approximately \$18,500 for the Support Staff Allotment and an estimated \$35,000 for the Basic Cost Allotment. The Basic Cost Allotment is to help offset the increase in costs associated with utilities, insurance, benefits, payroll taxes, and additional expenses.

Senate Bill 4 includes a potential penalty of decreased state funding for school districts that collect more taxes for Interest and Sinking debts than deemed necessary to repay the actual debt. It also includes a proposition to increase the Homestead Exemption for taxpayers under the age of 65 to \$140,000 and \$200,000 for people 65 years of age and older. Texas voters must approve the proposition at a November election. School districts are encouraged to build the 2025-2026 budget based on the decrease in tax revenue resulting from the approval of the proposition.

7. Principal Report

A. 2024-2025 STAAR/EOC Results

Mr. Rotan presented the preliminary 2024-2025 STAAR and EOC results. Overall, the students of Huckaby ISD showed good growth in all areas compared to the 2023-2024 results. A high-level overview showed the following performance/growth increases:

- Math- grades 3- 8, EOC: 12%
- Science- grades 5, 8, EOC: 5%
- Social Studies- grades 8, EOC: 2%
- RLA- grades 3-8, EOC: a slight decrease of 1%

Mr. Rotan detailed each grade level's number of students tested, performance, percentage of passed tests, and the number of students at approaches, meets, or mastered range as compared to the state.

8. Action Item(s)

A. Consider Approval of Low Attendance Waiver Days

Betty Peterson motioned to approve the Low Attendance Waiver for January 28-30, 2025. Mike Wilfong seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The waiver allows these days to be excluded from the ADA count due to a 10% decrease in attendance as compared to 2024. The decrease was attributed to illness.

B. Consider Approval of Huckabay ISD Policy Update 125

Mr. Corzine briefly explained Policy Update 125, which included written changes to school board operating procedures, board organization, and students' course credits, admissions, attendance, and wellness and health services. He also informed the board that the school's attorney is scheduled to attend a meeting on July 24, 2025, to discuss additional policy updates from the latest legislation.

Lance Brooks motioned to approve HISD Policy Update 125.

Mike Wilfong seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Recess to Closed Session was at 7:17 PM. Closed Session Convened at 7:21 PM and adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Description:

For the purpose of consideration of matters for which closed or executive sessions are authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code §(.071-084), whereupon the Superintendent, at the request of the President of the Board of Education, will present for the Board's discussion the following matters:

- A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, to consult with the District's attorney, in person or by phone.
- B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee including the consideration by the board of the Superintendent's evaluation and contract.
- D. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.076, to deliberate continued evaluation and implementation of security plans, of security personnel or devices and/or conducting security audits.

A. Annual Superintendent Evaluation

B. Superintendent Contract

10. Action Items from Closed Session

Reconvened to open meeting at 9:06 PM.

A. Consider Approval of Annual Superintendent Evaluation

Brett Thetford discussed the evaluation for Superintendent Corzine. The discussion included areas of accomplishments for the past year and the areas of focus for the 2025-2026 year.

Mike Wilfong motioned to approve the annual superintendent evaluation. Betty Peterson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Consider Approval of Superintendent Contract

Neil Culpepper motioned to approve the Superintendent's contract as presented. Betty Peterson seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See TASB Policy BEC(LEGAL)]

Cody Pike, Board President

Cindy Shipman, Board Secretary