

# Minutes of Called Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Huckabay ISD

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A Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Huckabay ISD was held Thursday, August 27, 2020, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Room.

### 1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

Meeting called to order at 6:28 pm. Members present include Bill Dowell, Chad Hale, Shane Stegall, Cody Pike, Neil Culpepper and Tricia Klein.

Troy Roberts, Wes Corzine and Vinnie Heller attended for the administration.

### 2. Invocation

### 3. Pledges of Allegiance - United States and Texas

### 4. Public Forum

No members of the public present.

### 5. Consent Agenda

Consider Approval of Consent Items

Motion to *approve* Consent Agenda as presented by Chad Hale. Second by Shane Stegall. Motion passes unanimously 6-0.

### 6. Superintendent Update

#### A. Early Completion of Construction Projects - Updated Timeline

1. Cafeteria
2. Gymnasium
3. Library
4. Added Value Projects

Mr. Roberts presented an overview of all projects completed to date. New construction projects are ahead of schedule by 5 months and under budget by a minimum of 8-9% as a whole. This figure includes the value added projects listed.

New cafeteria and kitchen were open and used on the first day of school. The gym and locker rooms are on pace to be complete by the end of September. This includes the wood floor and bleacher installs.

Substantial completion of the bond project scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

He also discussed the value added projects.

Tile and new paint in all hallways of the main building. This tile replaced all the carpet on the walls as well as covered old mastic left behind by the removal of tile in the remainder of school years ago.

In the library (converted cafeteria) new ceiling grid and tiles, paint on walls, new carpet, new windows, new metal shelving, added digital access (wired and wireless), and various other small updates (electrical, plumbing, etc).

The old library conversion to a classroom and workroom space. New carpet, paint, ceiling grid, and new low-e windows.

The relocation of the nurses office. The two bathrooms across from the old library were demoed and connected. The new nurses office now has a private bathroom, private rest and treatment area, new furniture, new paint, ceiling grid, door swing reversed to ease traffic flow and lighting updates.

New carpet replacement in various offices along with new windows (first addition to school).

Various and numerous A/C units replaced.

New fascia metal on existing gym and various trim on buildings.

New windows in classrooms (second addition) as well as paint in all classrooms.

Additional concrete flat work to construction project to allow for all weather access to gym as well as student pick up and drop off.

New septic system to service the main gym with the old septic system currently scheduled to be replace prior to Thanksgiving.

Yellow exterior brick scheduled to be stained matching existing red brick prior to Thanksgiving.

Updated exterior lighting scheduled to be installed prior to Thanksgiving. This will replace many of the old “telephone” poles and the wires connecting them which run through the middle of campus. Rekeying of the entire campus. Campus is now on a master key system.

Landscaping of facilities to include irrigation for entire campus as well as new grass to cover around new construction.

Development and building of an outdoor learning area complete with a greenhouse and sensory garden. The greenhouse will be constructed using windows removed from the old cafeteria. This project is scheduled to start prior to Thanksgiving.

#### B. Report of Current County Appraisal District (CAD) Report and Associated Timeline of Delayed Distribution

Mr Roberts discussed the need to wait until September to adopt a tax rate. Erath CAD failed to provide certified values in a timely manner (well after state law deadlines) as to allow for proper planning as well as notification in the newspaper (legal requirement). While mostly confident in the budgeting numbers and project revenue, waiting allows for one tax rate to be set without the concern of a roll back election. With a strong fund balance and the ability to amend the budget, waiting is the prudent move.

#### C. COVID Measures – Integration

##### 1. Protection and Disinfection

Mr Roberts discussed the daily cleaning routine and all efforts to bolster them. Custodians have a plan to disinfect in every room during extracurricular activities (music, PE, art) as well as lunch and after school so they are ready for the next day. Hospital grade disinfectants, tile hallways, socially distant classrooms and passing periods as well as many other actions are part of the plan.

### 7. **Principal Report**

#### A. First Day of School

Mr Corzine stated there was a great start to the year. 10 students were attending by remote asynchronous classes.

#### B. Enrollment

The enrollment to begin the year is at 281. Mr Corzine stated the 2019-2020 school ended with 252 students. This number includes 85 transfer students. 155 elementary, 71 junior high and 54 high school students.

### C. Student Handbook Review

Mr Corzine gave a brief overview of the student handbook and code of conduct with the newest change referring to board policy EIC regarding class rank and gpa.

## 8. Career and Technology

### A. School-wide PK-12 Ag Program Involvement and Goal Setting

Mr Heller discussed plans in place to involve all students in an agriculture based experience during this year. Ideas included a chicken tractor for one class and greenhouse plants for others. He is currently working with teachers to have a plan for everyone by Thanksgiving.

Mr Heller stated there are 190 students enrolled in a CTE based course. He concluded by stating funding for these students will be evident next year with a more than 30% increase in CTE funding coming. Planning for dual credit welding courses with certification available is ongoing with the area community colleges.

The FFA chapter has 72 members with 41 high school and 31 junior members.

Planning is ongoing for our local show.

## 9. Action Items

### A. Consider and Approve Canceling of Board Election 2020

Motion to *approve* Canceling of Board Election 2020 as presented by Chad Hale. Second by Tricia Klein. Motion passes unanimously 6-0

### B. Consider and Adopt Budget Amendments

Motion to *approve* Adopt Budget Amendments as presented by Chad Hale. Second by Neil Culpepper. Motion passes unanimously 6-0

### C. Consider and Adopt Board Policy EIC (LOCAL)

Motion to *approve* Adopt Board Policy EIC (Local) as presented by Shane Stegall. Second by Cody Pike. Motion passes unanimously 6-0

**10. Closed Session**

- 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.

**11. Action Item(s) - Closed Session**

Board entered closed session at 9:16 pm.  
Adjourned at 10:20 pm.

- A. Consider action if needed on closed session topics

Motion to *approve and extend* superintendent contract as presented by Bill Dowell. Second by Chad Hale. Motion passes unanimously 6-0

Discussion on building new agriculture facilities. Board requested examples of facilities, plans for new facilities and an estimated budget for the project.

**12. Workshop – Budget**

- A. Discussion M&O Tax Rate and Consider Postpone Setting Rate After August 31, 2020
- B. Discussion I&S Tax Rate and Consider Postpone Setting Rate After August 31, 2020
- C. Discuss and Amend Budget 2020-2021

**13. Action Item**

- A. Consider and Action to Set M&O Tax Rate for Budget 2020-2021

Motion to *approve* M&O Tax Rate for Budget 2020-2021 as presented by Tricia Klein. Second by Chad Hale. Motion passes unanimously 6-0

B. Consider and Action to Set I&S Tax Rate for Budget 2020-2021

Motion to *approve* I&S Tax Rate for Budget 2020-2021 as presented by Neil Culpepper. Second by Shane Stegall. Motion passes unanimously 6-0

C. Consider and Adopt Fund 199 Budget 2020-2021

Motion to *approve* Adopt Fund 199 Budget 2020-2021 as presented by Chad Hale. Second by Neil Culpepper. Motion passes unanimously 6-0

D. Consider and Adopt Fund 240 Budget 2020-2021

Motion to *approve* Adopt Fund 240 Budget 2020-2021 as presented by Tricia Klein. Second by Shane Stegall. Motion passes unanimously 6-0

**14. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 pm.