



Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees
Official Notice and Agenda
Special Meeting
6:00 PM Tuesday, June 6, 2023

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Conroe Independent School District will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM in the CISD Administration Building, 3205 W. Davis, Conroe, TX 77304. The meeting may be accessed virtually at <http://tiny.conroeisd.net/R78KV> * Subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

- I. **Opening**
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **Special Board Recognition**
 - A. UIL 6A Current Issues and Events Academic State Champion Nixon Gorka, The Woodlands High School
- III. **Citizen Participation** - In accordance with Board Policy BED, those registered may address the Board only on items posted on this agenda
- IV. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Consider Approval of Minutes
- V. **Human Resources**
 - A. Name Principal for San Jacinto Elementary
 - B. Name Principal for Glen Loch Elementary
 - C. Name Headmaster for Academy of Science and Technology
- VI. **Executive Session****
- VII. **Action on Executive Session Items**
- VIII. **Legal**
 - A. Complete Annual Evaluation of the Superintendent and Consider Revisions to the Superintendent Contract
- IX. **Adjourn**

*** Virtual Link**

Any meeting not livestreamed will be made available via recording in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.128(b-2), (b-4)

**** Executive Session Authorization during Meeting**

The Board of Trustees may conduct a closed or executive meeting or session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. 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. The Board of Trustees may convene in closed or executive session or meeting as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, under the following Texas Government Code Sections:

§551.071 – For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law including board governance;

§551.072 – For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property;

§551.073 – For the purpose of considering a negotiate contract for a prospective gifts or donations;

§551.074 – For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public employee(s)/officer(s) including board governance, the annual appraisal of the superintendent and superintendent contract and/or to hear complaints or charges against public employee(s)/public official(s).

§551.076 – To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices;

§551.082 – For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child or children or to hear a complaint for an employee against another employee;

§551.0821 – For a matter regarding a public school student if personally identifiable information about the student will be revealed by the deliberation;

§551.084 – For the purpose of excluding any witness or witnesses from a hearing during the examination of another witness

§551.089 – Deliberation regarding security devices or security audits

Should any final action, final decision or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive session, then such final action, final decision or final vote shall be at either:

- a) the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or
- b) at a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof as the Board shall determine.

Posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act June 2, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Curtis Null, Superintendent of Schools
for the Board of Trustees

Special Board Recognition
UIL 6A Current Issues and Events Academic State Champion
Nixon Gorka, The Woodlands High School

Recommendation:

That the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees give special recognition to the UIL 6A Academic State Champion for Current Issues and Events as submitted by Sarah Blakelock, Director of Communications, and recommended by Dr. Curtis Null, Superintendent of Schools.

Explanation:

The 2023 UIL Academic and Speech State Meet was held at the University of Texas in Austin on Wednesday, May 17, and Thursday, May 18. At the meet, Nixon Gorka, recent graduate of The Woodlands High School, defeated 24 students to claim the UIL 6A Academic State Championship for Current Issues and Events.

Dr. Ted Landry, The Woodlands High School principal, will introduce Laura Landsbaum, campus UIL coordinator, who will present Nixon to the Board.

Recommended by:

Dr. Curtis Null
Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by:

Sarah Blakelock
Director of Communications

Citizen Participation

Recommendation:

That the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees accept as information the presentations made by citizens, as submitted and recommended by Dr. Curtis Null, Superintendent of Schools.

Explanation:

Citizens will have the opportunity to address the Board in accordance with Board Policy BED.

Board Policy: BED

Submitted and Recommended by:

Dr. Curtis Null
Superintendent of Schools

Consider Approval of Minutes

Recommendation:

That the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the minutes of recent board meetings listed below, as submitted and recommended by Dr. Curtis Null, Superintendent of Schools.

Explanation:

Attached are the minutes from the May 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. These minutes will become official upon your approval.

Policy Reference: Legal and Local Board Policy BE

Submitted and Recommended by:

Dr. Curtis Null
Superintendent of Schools

**Conroe Independent School District
Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting
May 16, 2023**

OPENING

A regular meeting of the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in the Board Room of Deane L. Sadler Administration Building located at 3205 W. Davis, Conroe, TX 77304. Superintendent Dr. Curtis Null and a quorum of the Board of Trustees were in attendance: Skeeter Hubert, Theresa Wagaman, Datren Williams, Stacey Chase, Tiffany Bauman Nelson, Melissa Dungan, and Misty Odenweller. Board President Skeeter Hubert called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Mr. Williams led the invocation and Mrs. Dungan led the pledges. The College Park JROTC presented the colors.

SPECIAL BOARD RECOGNITION

Students Together Achieving Results (STAR) Program Graduates:

The Conroe ISD Board of Trustees gave special recognition to students who participated in the Students Together Achieving Results (STAR) Program. This is the 14th group of students to graduate. As all 2023 STAR students were recognized Manuel Texidor, CISD Crisis Intervention Specialist, introduced Jordan Adams, a student participant from Caney Creek High School, who shared her experiences as a STAR Program member with the Board.

College Park High School Marine Corps JROTC:

College Park High School's Marine Corps JROTC participated in the U.S. Marine Corps JROTC National Championships in Washington, D.C. and the National High School Drill Team Championships in Daytona Beach, Florida. At the events, the JROTC received multiple awards and the Board recognized them for the following:

- 2023 U.S. Marine Corps JROTC National Champion Armed Division Regulation Commander, Isabel Martinez
- 2023 National High School Drill Team Champion - Division 1 Armed Commander Trophy, Isabel Martinez
- 2023 U.S. Marine Corps JROTC National Champions Armed Division Color Guard
- 2023 National High School Drill Team Champions - Division 1 Armed Color Guard
- 2023 National High School Drill Team Champions - Division 1 Armed Regulation
- 2023 U.S. Marine Corps JROTC National Drill Champions
- 2023 National High School Drill Team Champions - Division 1 Armed Overall Championship

2023 6A Boys Doubles Tennis State Champions Jose Perez and Emilio Lopez, The Woodlands High School:

The Board of Trustees gave special recognition to The Woodlands High School students Jose Perez and Emilio Lopez for winning the 2023 6A Boys Doubles Tennis State Championship.

Conroe Independent School District and the Fine Arts Department NAMM Foundation Best Communities for Music Education Award:

The Board of Trustees recognized the Conroe ISD Fine Arts Department and the District as a whole for its commitment to excellence in music education and for receiving the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) Award for the 11th year.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The following citizen(s) addressed the Board:

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| • Elizabeth Morrison | • Deborah Farris | • Linda Long |
| • Joseph Liu | • Dana Briers | • Truly Heiskell |
| • Theresa Neman | • Sebastian Duarte | • Jackie Ruggeri |
| • Rachel Walker | • Lindsay Dawson | • Tina Orebaugh |
| • Roberta Sandler | • Teresa Kenney | • Maria Paulus |
| • Monica Wetzig | • Amber Sullivan | • Susan Scruggs |
| • James Bailor | • Mark Fusca | • Betty Daugherty |
| • Karen Bailor | • Amber Fusca | • Dale Fessenden |
| • Eliza Bailor | • Carolyn Nini | • Hailey King |
| • Alexander Harris | • Audrey Warner | |

CONSENT AGENDA**Motion #7290**

Datren Williams, seconded by Stacey Chase, moved: That the Board of Trustees approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- Consider Approval of Minutes
- Consider Amendment to the 2022-2023 Budget
- Receive Human Resources Report and Consider Employment of Professional Personnel

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

HUMAN RESOURCES***Name Principal for Suchma Elementary School:*****Motion #7291**

Stacey Chase, seconded by Misty Odenweller, moved: That the Board of Trustees approve to name Jamie Almond as Principal of Suchma Elementary.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Name Principal for Knox Junior High School:**Motion #7292**

Tiffany Nelson, seconded by Stacey Chase, moved: That the Board of Trustees approve to name Stacey Mosely as Principal of Knox Junior High.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Name Director for Washington High School:**Motion #7293**

Datren Williams, seconded by Melissa Dungan, moved: That the Board of Trustees approve to name Nina Norman as Principal of Washington High School.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Name Director for School Improvement:**Motion #7294**

Theresa Wagaman, seconded by Stacey Chase, moved: That the Board of Trustees approve to name Malinda Stewart as Director of School Improvement.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

ADMINISTRATION***Receive Information Regarding Districtwide Campus Capacity:***

The Board of Trustees received information regarding District campus capacity and trends that are impacting available classroom instructional space across all campuses. The presentation included information on the impact of program changes, special education needs, state-required facility standard changes, and the impact of special programs on classroom availability.

Consider Requiring Students to Wear Identification Badges:

Assistant Superintendent for Operations Mr. Chris McCord discussed requiring students to wear identification badges during the school day. The Board of Trustees provided input regarding implementing the requirement.

Receive Information Regarding Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings:

Assistant Superintendent for Operations Mr. Chris McCord reported the status of the Districtwide Intruder Detection Audits conducted by the Texas School Safety Center. Mr. McCord informed the Board of Trustees that one finding was reported on 2 campuses and the required training has been scheduled for the staff of each campus in accordance with the findings.

TEACHING AND LEARNING***Receive Information Regarding the Instructional Materials Selection Process for Phonics Curriculum:***

Dr. Hedith Upshaw, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, presented an overview regarding the instructional materials selection process for phonics curriculum. As required by Board Policy EFA *Instructional Resources – Instructional Materials*, the District has formed a committee to evaluate the quality of the instructional materials and make a recommendation to the Board regarding selection. The Board will receive the committee's recommendations regarding phonics instructional materials selections at their June 2023 meeting.

PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

Consider Acceptance of the Walter P. Jett Teacher Training Center Construction Project: **Motion #7295**

Melissa Dungan, seconded by Stacey Chase, moved: That the Board of Trustees accept as complete the Walter P. Jett Teacher Training Center Construction Project. The financial review yielded returned allowance and savings on the project in the amount of \$8,138.57. A final payment of \$67,648.67 will be made to the contractor, Brookstone, LP, for the project.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Consider Acceptance of the Runyan Elementary PE Addition Construction Project: **Motion #7296**

Melissa Dungan, seconded by Stacey Chase, moved: That the Board of Trustees That the Board of Trustees accept as complete the Runyan Elementary PE Addition Construction Project. The financial review yielded returned allowance and savings on the project in the amount of \$8,798.53. A final payment of \$120,870.86 will be made to the contractor, G.T.T. General Contractors, Inc., for the project.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Consider Acceptance of the Wilkerson Intermediate PE Addition Construction Project: **Motion #7297**

Stacey Chase, seconded by Theresa Wagaman, moved: That the Board of Trustees accept as complete the Wilkerson Intermediate PE Addition Construction Project. The financial review yielded returned allowance and savings on the project in the amount of \$306,666.37. A final payment of \$113,395.27 will be made to the contractor, G.T.T. General Contractors, Inc., for the project.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Consider Acceptance of the 2021 Campus Renovations Construction Project: **Motion #7298**

Tiffany Nelson, seconded by Melissa Dungan, moved: That the Board of Trustees accept as complete the 2021 Campus Renovations Construction Project. The financial review yielded returned allowance and savings on the project in the amount of \$59.13. A final payment of \$386,457.04 will be made to the contractor, G.T.T. General Contractors, Inc., for the project.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Receive Capital Improvements Update:

The Board of Trustees received information regarding the progress and status of current capital improvement projects by Easy Foster, Director of Planning and Construction.

BUSINESS / PURCHASING

Consider Award of RFP# 23-02-13 Medicaid Collection Services: **Motion #7299**

Datren Williams, seconded by Stacey Chase, moved: That the Board of Trustees to award RFP #23-02-13 Medicaid Collection Services to Onward Learning and authorize the superintendent to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the purchase. With this award, the fee collection percentage will decrease from 3.75% to 3.5% from the previous contract. The projected SHARS reimbursements for 2023-24 is approximately \$11.3 million. Pricing shall be firm for one year,

through July 30, 2024 automatically renewing annually for two additional one-year terms unless either party objects.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

BUSINESS / FINANCE

Due to a conflict of interest, President Skeeter Hubert turned the meeting over to Vice President Theresa Wagaman and recused himself from the following item.

Consider Approval of a Resolution to Extend the Existing Bank Depository Contract with Woodforest National Bank:

Motion #7300

Stacey Chase, seconded by Datren Williams, moved: That the Board of Trustees approve a resolution to extend the existing Bank Depository Contract with Woodforest National Bank for a two-year period commencing not later than September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2025.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Vice President Theresa Wagaman returned the meeting to President Skeeter Hubert.

Receive Financial Reports:

Director of Finance Karen Garza presented the financial report.

LEGAL

Adopt Revised Board Policy BBB Board Members-Elections:

Motion #7301

Stacey Chase, seconded by Datren Williams, moved: That the Board of Trustees approve to adopt revisions to Board Policy BBB *Board Members–Elections*. Board Policy BBB was recommended for revision as part of Local Policy Manual Update 120.

Carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Consider Approval of a Resolution Opposing Vouchers and Education Savings Accounts:

At the request of President Hubert, a resolution was presented for the Board's discussion and adoption. The resolution stated the Board's position, as a body cooperate, regarding vouchers, education savings accounts, taxpayer grants, and other similar mechanisms that are currently being considered by the Texas Legislature.

Motion #7302

Misty Odenweller, seconded by Melissa Dungan, moved: That the Board of Trustees remove the item from the agenda and not discuss or vote on the resolution.

3-4 Motion Failed.

Yay: Misty Odenweller, Tiffany Nelson, Melissa Dungan

Nay: Skeeter Hubert, Datren Williams, Stacey Chase, Theresa Wagaman

Motion #7303

Datren Williams, seconded by Stacey Chase, moved: That the Board of Trustees approve the resolution as presented.

Amendment to Motion #7303

Stacey Chase, seconded by Datren Williams, amended the motion to abbreviate the resolution to read as follows:

"WHEREAS, the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees opposes any legislation that would take funding from public school districts to fund vouchers or any other mechanism that would reduce or divert funds to non-public schools; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees

calls on the Texas Legislature to refuse any redirection of public dollars to private entities in the form of any type of mechanism akin to vouchers or education savings accounts.”

Vote on Amendment to Motion #7303:

2-1 Amendment to the Motion Failed.

Yay: Stacey Chase, Skeeter Hubert

Nay: Datren Williams

Abstained: Theresa Wagaman, Tiffany Nelson

Melissa Dungan did not vote or abstain.

Vote on Motion #7303:

3-1 Motion Failed.

Yay: Stacey Chase, Skeeter Hubert, Datren Williams

Nay: Misty Odenweller

Abstained: Theresa Wagaman, Tiffany Nelson, Melissa Dungan

Motion #7304

Tiffany Nelson, seconded by Melissa Dungan, moved: That the Board of Trustees approve a resolution to support parent choice as long as it does not defund public education.

2-4 Motion Failed.

Yay: Tiffany Nelson, Melissa Dungan

Nay: Skeeter Hubert, Datren Williams, Stacey Chase, Theresa Wagaman

Abstained: Misty Odenweller

Motion #7305

Theresa Wagaman, seconded by Melissa Dungan, moved: That the Board of Trustees approve to table this item until the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Melissa Dungan retracted her second.

Theresa Wagaman, seconded by Stacey Chase, moved: That the Board of Trustees approve to table this item until the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Carried by a vote of 6-1.

Yay: Skeeter Hubert, Stacey Chase, Theresa Wagaman,

Tiffany Nelson, Melissa Dungan, Misty Odenweller

Nay: Datren Williams

Nominate Candidate to the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board of Directors for Region 6B:

Motion #7307

Stacey Chase, seconded by Theresa Wagaman, moved: That the Board of Trustees approve Trustee Theresa Wagaman to serve on the TASB Board of Directors for Region 6, Position B. The position term is two years beginning at the close of the 2023 TASA/TASB Convention and expiring after the 2025 Convention.

Carried by a vote of 4-0.

Yay: Skeeter Hubert, Datren Williams, Stacey Chase, Theresa Wagaman

Abstained: Melissa Dungan, Misty Odenweller, Tiffany Nelson

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Open Session recessed at 11:07 p.m.

The Board Of Trustees Conducted A Closed or Executive Meeting or Session in Accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before the Closed Meeting Convened, the Presiding Officer Publicly Identified the Following Sections of the Act Authorizing the Closed Meeting: Tex Govt Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, and 551.089.

The Open Session reconvened at 12:43 a.m.

TAKE REQUESTS FROM TRUSTEES REGARDING FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

No requests were made for future board agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7308

Datren Williams, moved: That the meeting adjourn. President Hubert adjourned the meeting at 12:43 a.m.

Approved: June 6, 2023 by:

President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Name Principal for San Jacinto Elementary School

Recommendation:

Information will be presented at the meeting.

Name Principal for Glen Loch Elementary School

Recommendation:

Information will be presented at the meeting.

**Name Headmaster for the Academy of
Science and Technology**

Recommendation:

Information will be presented at the meeting.

Complete Annual Evaluation of the Superintendent and Consider Revisions to the Superintendent Contract

Recommendation:

That the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees complete the annual evaluation of the Superintendent and consider revisions to his employment contract.

Explanation:

State law requires that the superintendent of schools be evaluated at least every 15 months. Typically at the completion of the evaluation process the Board of Trustees reviews the superintendent's employment contract and makes revisions as appropriate.

Policy Reference: Legal and Local Board Policy BJCD and Legal Board Policy BJC