

Board Meeting Summary

October 17, 2023 • Regular Board Meeting • 6:00 p.m.

Opening

A regular meeting of the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, October 17, 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 attended the meeting: Skeeter Hubert, Theresa Wagaman, Datren Williams, Melissa Dungan, Tiffany Nelson, and Misty Odenweller. Stacey Chase did not attend the meeting. Board President Skeeter Hubert called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Mr. Williams led the invocation and Mrs. Wagaman led the pledges.

Special Recognition

The Board of Trustees gave special recognition to the following:

- Stockton Junior High School Energy Star 100 Certification - Stockton Junior High School partnered with the Entergy Texas Commercial Solutions Program to achieve an energy efficiency score of 100 through ENERGY STAR.
- Niche Best-Of Awards - Conroe ISD was recently ranked as the Best School District in Montgomery County, Most Diverse School District in Montgomery County, Best Place to Teach in Montgomery County, and the Best School District for Athletes in Montgomery County for 2024.

Citizen Participation

The following citizen(s) addressed the Board

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| • Michele Nuckolls | • Aggie Gambino | • Ryan Tsamouris |
| • Alexander Harris | • Marie Bulfinch | • Holly Moore |
| • Robert Holden | • Cyndie Phillips | • Carolyn Nini |
| • Deborah Leiber | • Melissa Semmler | • Lorraine Rice |
| • Nicole May | • Jennifer Eckhart | • Truly Heiskell |
| • Harry Vein | • Laura Proske | • Linda Long |
| • Katherine Parker | • April Kerze | • Tina Orebaugh |

Consent Agenda

The Board of Trustees approved the following items on the Consent Agenda as presented:

- Consider and Approve Minutes from the September 19, 2023, Regular Board Meeting and the October 3, 2023 Board Workshop
- Consider and Approve Amendment to the 2023-2024 Budget
- Receive Human Resources Report and Consider and Approve Employment of Professional Personnel
- Consider and Approve Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Appraisers
- Consider and Accept as Complete the Creighton Elementary Overhaul Construction Project - The financial review yielded returned allowance and savings on the project in the amount of \$168.18.
- Consider and Accept as Complete the Conroe High School 9th Grade Classroom Addition Construction Project - The financial review yielded returned allowance and savings on the project in the amount of \$663.70.

Administration

The Board of Trustees approved the cell phone committee's following recommendation regarding the use of cell phones during the school day by students in grades pre-kindergarten through sixth grade:

- Cell phones and smartwatches may be used respectfully and responsibly before school and after school.
- Cell phones and smartwatches should not be used to capture video, audio, or images at school or on the bus.

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- Cell phones and smartwatches should be set on silent mode and kept in backpacks, lockers, or other designated storage areas and should not be visible during school hours including instructional time, reward time, free time, lunch, and in the hallways.
- Cell phones and smartwatches may be permitted in extenuating circumstances with permission from a staff member. (ex. to notify parent/guardian of a late bus)

The Board of Trustees discussed the use of cell phones by Board members during Board meetings.

The Board received information and provided input regarding the 2024-2025 school calendar process.

The Conroe ISD Board of Trustees adopted a resolution in recognition of Dyslexia Awareness Month.

Assistant Superintendent of Operations Mr. Chris McCord presented information regarding the Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings conducted by the Texas School Safety Center.

At the request of President Hubert, the Board of Trustees received information regarding counseling and mental health services available to District students and their families.

Teaching and Learning

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Hedith Saucedo-Upshaw provided information to the Board of Trustees regarding the instructional materials selection process. This school year the state is adopting selected instructional materials for Science K-12, Personal Financial Literacy and Economics, Technology Applications K-8, and Career Development and Technical Education. Recommendations regarding instructional materials selections will be presented to the Board at their March 2024 meeting.

Planning and Construction

Mr. Easy Foster, Director of Planning and Construction, presented the progress and status of current capital improvement projects.

Public Hearing

The Regular Meeting was adjourned to hold a public hearing as required by Texas Education Code §Chapter 39, Subchapter D for the purpose of sharing the results of the Financial Integrity Rating System (FIRST) report.

Business/Finance

The Board of Trustees accepted the year-to-date financial reports for information as presented by Mrs. Karen Garza, Director of Finance.

Legal

In accordance with a State Board of Education rule, Board President, Skeeter Hubert announced for the time period from November 1, 2022, to October 17, 2023, all members of the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees have exceeded the required hours of continuing education training.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed updates to Local Board Policies EFA *Instructional Resources - Instructional Materials* and EFB *Instructional Resources – Library Materials*. The administration will make the necessary revisions and bring the revised policies back to the Board for review and consideration at its November 14, 2023, meeting.

The Board conducted a Level Three Hearing pursuant to Board Policy FNG for parent D.R. By a vote of 5 in favor and 1 opposed, the Board voted to uphold the decisions of the Level 1 and Level 2 hearing officers.

Adjournment

President Skeeter Hubert adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

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