

**HOUSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 2, 2021**

- I. Call to Order – Chair Stilin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Members present were Gene Lundak, Tom Stilin, Mimi Carlson, Mark Swenson, Josh Norlien, Arlin Peterson and Mary Morem. Absent was Richard Erdmann.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Agenda Approval – A motion was made by Lundak to approve the agenda. Seconded by Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment – Local Houston parents Tara Klinski, Joalyn Torgerson, Kendra Van Gundy and Brandon Olson were present to share their views regarding any possible mask mandate or return to distance learning.
- V. Consent Items – A motion was made by Norlien to approve the Consent Items. Seconded by Swenson. Motion passed unanimously.
 - A. Minutes
 1. Approval of August 19, 2021
 - B. Personnel
 1. Contracts
 - a. Daneka Romportl – HES Interventionist/Special Education
 - b. Kyrie Zastrow – MNVA PE
 2. Hiring Memos
 - a. Krista Bumgardner – MNVA Instructional Trainer
 - b. Chelsey Carlson – HHS Yearbook
 - c. Jessica Dankers – HHS Concessions
 - d. Karla Gotham – MNVA Instructional Trainer
 - e. Sarah Kueny – MNVA Instructional Trainer
 - f. Rebecca Leither – MNVA Instructional Trainer
 - g. Kiara Reichstadt – HHS Yearbook
 3. Resignation
 - a. Becky Ideker – HHS Speech
- VI. Discussion Items
 - A. Site Goals/World’s Best Workforce Goals – Superintendent Morem explained that the World’s Best Workforce plan is due on December 15 and that a team will be assembled to review and update the goals and create the plan.
 - B. Enrollment Numbers – Superintendent Morem noted that MNVA enrollment is slightly lower than last year at this time and that local enrollments are holding steady.
- VII. Old Business (Items for Discussion and Approval)
 - A. Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Amendment and Re-Submission of the District’s 10-year Plan – Superintendent Morem shared that Sitelogiq recently hosted a walk-through for vendors to submit their bids for the 2022 HVAC projects at the high school. She also explained that the 10-year plan that was submitted in July needs to be amended to include the bond payment on the revenue calculation. Discussion was held regarding funding sources and the financial impact of any decrease in enrollments. Board member Norlien introduced the resolution approving and authorizing the amendment and re-submission of the District’s 10-year plan. Seconded Peterson. A roll call vote was taken with Stilin, Carlson, Norlien, Lundak, Swenson and Peterson voting unanimously for the resolution.
 - B. Superintendent as Identified Official with Authority – Superintendent Morem explained that this process needs to be completed every September so access to the EDIAM site

can coincide with each school year. Board member Lundak introduced the resolution to designate Superintendent Morem as the Individual Official with Authority. Seconded by Swenson. A roll call vote was taken, and the resolution passed unanimously.

- C. Q Comp MOU – Superintendent Morem noted that this document has been recently updated and now includes the Marzano Teacher Evaluation System. A motion was made by Peterson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Q Comp. Seconded by Lundak. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Back to School Plan – Superintendent Morem explained that this plan has been updated to indicate that mask wearing is now recommended for the start of school. Discussion was held regarding the plan review schedule and the need for continuous COVID number monitoring. A motion to adopt the Health and Safety Measures for the 2021-2022 school year was made by Swenson and seconded by Lundak. The policy was adopted by a roll call vote with Stilin, Lundak, Swenson, Norlien and Peterson voting for and Carlson voting against the plan.
- E. Preschool Transportation – Superintendent Morem shared a proposal to begin charging for preschool transportation per policy 707 Transportation of Public School Students. The charges would be \$15.00 per month for two days per week and \$30.00 per month for four days per week ridership. She also noted that preschool parents have already been informed of this charge and that it is pending Board approval. A motion was made by Carlson to approve the preschool transportation fee of \$15.00 per month for two days and \$30.00 per month for four days per week ridership. Seconded by Norlien. Discussion was held regarding the need to monitor this change and review it prior to the 2022 – 2023 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business (Items for Discussion and Approval)

- A. Elementary Door Replacement – Superintendent Morem updated the Board that a new elementary door in the amount of \$6,368.00 has been ordered based on approval from the Facilities committee.
- B. Resolution for the Sale of Bonds – The Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds was introduced by Swenson and seconded by Peterson. It was noted that if the Board proceeds with the bond sale the payments will be made from long term facility maintenance funding. A roll call vote was taken with Stilin, Carlson, Norlien, Lundak, Swenson and Peterson voting unanimously for the resolution.
- C. Policies for First Reading – These policies have been updated based on recent legislation and Board members were reminded to review them for approval at the September 16 meeting.
 - 1. Policy 102 – Equal Educational Opportunity
 - 2. Policy 406 – Public and Private Personnel Data
 - 3. Policy 524 – Internet Acceptable use and Safety

IX. Announcements

- A. Important Events – Superintendent Morem noted that on August 31 a site visit was conducted by contractors interested in bidding on the 2022 HVAC project. She explained that their bids are due by September 21 and Sitelogiq will review them between September 22 and October 1.
- B. Meeting and Committee Updates – It was noted that an Online School Committee meeting was held earlier where enrollment numbers and cohorts dates were reviewed. Superintendent Morem also provided a reminder that a Finance Committee meeting has been scheduled for 5:00 PM on September 13. Board member Lundak shared an update from a recent HVED meeting where a building purchase was discussed.

- C. Board/Superintendent Feedback/Thank You's/Future Agenda Items – Superintendent Morem extended her gratitude to local businesses and the volleyball team for their involvement with a back-to-school scavenger hunt for district staff on August 30. She also noted that the teachers have reached a tentative agreement on their contract, and it will be included for approval at the September 16 meeting. Superintendent Morem also shared the need to discuss the possibility of streaming athletic events for the public and more information will be shared at the September 16 meeting.
- X. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Peterson and seconded by Norlien. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.