

**HOUSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, June 2, 2022**

- I. Call to Order – Vice Chair Norlien called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Members present were Richard Erdmann, Mimi Carlson, Josh Norlien, Mark Swenson, Arlin Peterson and Gene Lundak. Absent was Tom Stilin.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Agenda Approval – A motion was made by Lundak to approve the agenda. Seconded by Swenson. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment - None
- V. Consent Items – A motion was made by Peterson to approve the consent items. Seconded by Lundak. Motion passed unanimously.
 - A. Minutes
 1. Approval of May 5, 2022
 - B. Payment of Bills
 - C. Personnel
 1. Contracts
 - a. Tina Barness
 - b. Richard Bartz
 - c. Jodie English
 - d. Stirling Foley
 - e. Katherine Hansen
 - f. Nicholas Hoff
 - g. Zachary Humphrey
 - h. Christopher Johnson
 - i. Amanda Moberg
 - j. Kitt Patton
 - k. Joslyn Runyan
 - l. Tina Schulz
 - m. Lisa Skifton
 - n. Ricky Smith
 - o. Rebecca Swedberg
 - p. Natasa Tunjic Stjepanovic
 - q. Dane Wiskow
 2. Hiring Memos
 - a. Alana Braund
 - b. Michael Diekman
 - c. Shelly Edwards
 - d. Lori Francis
 - e. Cecilia Hamrick
 - f. Amy Hoscheit
 - g. Laura Krage
 - h. Desiree Kurtz
 - i. Brenda O’Hare
 - j. Jessica Olson
 - k. Sara Petruzzi
 - l. Cindy Smith
 - m. Amy Todd
 3. Retirement
 - a. Richard Bartz

4. Resignations
 - a. Karen Kais
 - b. Beth Robelia

VI. Discussion Items

- A. Hurricane Heroes – Superintendent Morem introduced the Superior Award winners from the recent Section 1 Solo and Ensemble Contests and presented them with certificates. Choir winners were Austin Sonnek, Isaac Hargrove, William Carlson, Laine Sullivan, Natalie Dankers, Devin Schieffer and Ella Stensland. Superior Band winners included Andon Storey, Erin Walters, William Carlson and Dawson Pedretti. It was also announced that William Carlson and Andon Storey received perfect scores and “best in site” for their performances. Congratulations were given to all participants.
- B. SiteLogiq Presentation – Matt Helgeson, Ryan Gram and Cullen Bahn from Sitelogiq shared ideas for a variety of improvements for student spaces. The ideas include a cafeteria edition at the elementary school, theater space, increased office space and an improved art room at the high school. Also discussed was the need to gain community support for any updates through meetings, small group collaboratives, open houses and proper communication and marketing. A question-and-answer session with Board members followed the presentation.
- C. Budget Update – Superintendent Morem shared that the adjusted budget is ready for the Board to review, but funding information for the proposed budget is not yet available.
- D. Q Comp Evaluation – Superintendent Morem reviewed the Q Comp Annual Report for 2021 – 2022 and explained it has been submitted as required by the state.
- E. Preliminary Long-Term Facilities Maintenance 10-year Plan – Superintendent Morem provided details regarding a list of long-term facilities maintenance projects was developed during the Facility committee. Board member Peterson also explained that transportation issues were discussed as the bus ordered last fall is on back-order and costly repairs are needed to keep bus 2 in service for the fall. The need for another 10-passenger van was also shared and the committee gave approval for bids to be obtained to replace it.

VII. Old Business (Items for Discussion and Approval)

- A. Class Connects Memorandum of Understanding – Superintendent Morem explained that this MOU was created as a result of the last teacher negotiation session. A motion was made by Lundak to approve the Class Connects Memorandum of Understanding. Seconded by Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. MSHSL Membership – Superintendent Morem noted that this approval is done annually. A motion was made by Peterson to approve the 2022 – 2023 Resolution for Membership. Seconded by Erdmann. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Solar Projects for District – Superintendent Morem updated the Board that the final grant application was submitted, and bids have been received. She also explained that the elementary building will not support solar panels so both will be installed at the high school. A motion was made by Carlson to approve the lowest bid for the purchase of solar panels pending grant approval. Seconded by Swenson. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Special Meeting for Budget Approvals – June 28 – 6:00 PM - Superintendent Morem announced that a special meeting is needed to approve the budgets and 10-year plan prior to the June 30 deadline. A motion was made by Peterson to

schedule a special meeting for Tuesday, June 28 at 6:00 PM in the high school library. Seconded by Lundak. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Policies for Second Reading – A motion was made by Swenson to approve policies 614, 902 and 903. Seconded by Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 1. Policy 614 – School District Testing Plan and Procedure
 - 2. Policy 902 – Use of School District Facilities and Equipment
 - 3. Policy 903 – Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites

VIII. New Business (Items for Discussion and Approval)

- A. Resolution Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy – Superintendent Morem noted that the dates for filing Affidavits of Candidacy are August 2 through August 16. A motion was made by Erdmann to approve the Resolution Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy. Seconded by Lundak. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Local 70 Contract – A motion was made by Lundak to approve the Local 70 contract. Seconded by Swenson. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Approval of Non-Renewals Based on Uncertainty of Online Enrollments – A motion was made by Peterson to approve the non-renewals of Gould, Hansen, Jarvis, Kavanaugh, Mohs, Monson, Rupp, Stoope-Mokamba and Wacker based on uncertainty of online enrollments. Seconded by Lundak. Discussion was held regarding the contract for Sobolik as it is only a non-renewal for a portion of his contract, it was determined that a separate vote would be completed for that individual. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - 1. Sandra Gould
 - 2. Glenn Hansen
 - 3. Anita Jarvis
 - 4. Christina Kavanaugh
 - 5. Stephanie Mohs
 - 6. Sondra Monson
 - 7. Laurie Rupp
 - 8. Jennifer Stoope-Mokamba
 - 9. Brittany Wacker
 - 10. Joe Sobolik – A motion was made by Peterson to approve the non-renewal of .25 FTE of the Sobolik contract. Seconded by Lundak. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.
- D. Policies for First Reading – Minimal changes have been made to these policies and Board members were encouraged to review them for approval at the July 7 meeting.
 - 1. Policy 721 – Uniform Grant Guidance Policy
 - 2. Policy 807 – Health and Safety

IX. Announcements

- A. Important Events – A reminder was provided that the Houston High School graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, June 10 at 7:00 in the HS gym. The Minnesota Virtual Academy graduation ceremony will be held at 2:00 on Sunday, June 12 at the U of M's Coffman Memorial Union. Board member Carlson also noted that the HHS Awards Ceremony will be held at 2:00 on Friday, June 3 in the gym.
- B. Meeting and Committee Updates – A Facilities meeting was held earlier as discussed previously. HVED Meeting – Board member Lundak shared

discussion held during a recent HVED meeting where program locations were determined.

- C. Board/Superintendent Feedback/Thank You's/Future Agenda Items – It was announced that a Special Meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, August 25 for approval of School Board candidates. Vice Chair Norlien also noted that end of year field trips are in full swing, and staff and bus drivers are working hard to provide these fun experiences for the students. Superintendent Morem also announced that the La Crescent Montessori voted to leave our athletic cooperative and join with the La Crescent School District.
- X. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Peterson and seconded by Swenson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.