

HOUSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 6, 2022
6:00 PM
Minutes

- I. Call to Order – Chair Tom Stilin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Members present were Gene Lundak, Mimi Carlson, Tom Stilin, Mark Swenson, Arlin Peterson, Richard Erdmann, and Mary Morem. Absent was Josh Norlien.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Agenda Approval – A motion was made by Gene to approve the agenda. Seconded by Swenson. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment - None
- V. Consent Items – A motion was made by Swenson to approve the consent items. Seconded by Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.
 - A. Minutes
 1. Approval of September 1, 2022
 2. Approval of September 27, 2022
 - B. Payment of Bills
 - C. Personnel
 1. Contracts
 2. Hiring Memos
- VI. Discussion Items
 - A. Hurricane Hero – Superintendent Morem introduced this month’s Hurricane Hero, Erin Frauenkron, for her work behind the scenes and extras hours to get things ready for the upcoming school as well as her dedication and doing what’s best for all who are involved in the District and for going above and beyond.
 - B. Access Point Presentation – Superintendent Morem introduced Amy Guenther from Daugherty Business Solutions (HQ in St. Louis) to talk about what opportunities they have to offer students online through a program called Access Point which helps high school seniors connect with a computer programming job within a year of graduating from high school. Discussion was had by the members of the board.
 - C. Principal’s Reports – Angela Specketer, principal of MNVA, presented her goals of continuing to work on PLCs and assessment data surrounding student success as well as MTSS/RTI support system for students. Michael Mangan, principal of high school, presented his goals to continue focusing on the areas of math and reading (utilizing assessment tools to track progress and adjust as needed), the social/emotional health (PBIS program) of students, faculty, and staff, the development and implementation of the FACS and CTE programs. Angela McQuinn, vice principal of the elementary school, reported on the assessment days at the elementary school as well as feedback from the assessment days.
 - D. Assurance of Compliance – Superintendent Morem stated this was completed by Anne Warner on September 22nd, 2022.
 - E. Student Board Representation – Superintendent Morem discussed adding two Houston High School candidates to the school board. She has two students interested and willing to start. Discussion was had by the board. Board agreed to add student school board members effective November 3, 2022.
 - F. Enrollment Update – Superintendent Morem noted that enrollment has increased at the elementary school (from 188 to 204 since last school year), high school

enrollment has increased (from 215 to 224 since last school year), MNVA is holding steady and projected to increase. Discussion was had by the board.

- G. NYC Broadway Trip – Mr. Mangan presented on behalf of Cece Hamrick regarding a trip to NYC Broadway for those Houston High School students who participate in the drama program for the Summer of 2024. A motion was made by Peterson to approve the NYC Broadway Trip with the flexibility to change the dates quoted in the presentation. Seconded by Swenson. Motion passed unanimously.
 - H. Special Education Motion – Superintendent Morem reviewed that a small group met and makes the recommendation to dissolve the districts membership with HVED and recoup the federal and state funds and use the funding to hire a district special education director and support staff. The district would continue using HVED’s services until the change is complete. A motion was made by Erdmann to dissolve the district contract with HVED and hire our own special education director and staff, and contract with other outside entities as needed for other services. Seconded by Swenson. Motion passed unanimously.
- VII. Old Business (Items for Discussion and Approval)
- A. Policies for Second Reading – A motion was made by Lundak to approve policies 506, 514, 522, 524, 708, 709, 721, and 722. Seconded by Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 1. Policy 506 – Student Discipline
 - 2. Policy 514 – Bullying Prohibition Policy
 - 3. Policy 522 – Student Sex Nondiscrimination
 - 4. Policy 524 – Technology Equipment, Internet Acceptable use and Safety Policy
 - 5. Policy 708 – Transportation of Nonpublic School Students
 - 6. Policy 709 – Student Transportation Safety Policy
 - 7. Policy 721 – Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources
 - 8. Policy 722 – Public Data Requests
- VIII. New Business (Items for Discussion and Approval)
- A. Third Quarter Board Pay
 - B. Policies for First Reading – Board members should review for approval at the November 3 meeting.
 - 1. Policy 509 – Enrollment of Nonresident Students
 - 2. Policy 512 – School-Sponsored Student Publications and Activities
 - 3. Policy 526 – Hazing Prohibition
 - 4. Policy 528 – Student Parental, Family, and Marital Status Nondiscrimination
 - 5. Policy 531 – The Pledge of Allegiance
 - 6. Policy 533 – Wellness
- IX. Announcements
- A. Important Events – Homecoming is next week, October 10 – 14. Mangan mentioned the Homecoming parade is Friday, October 14 at 2:30 pm, with Fire department, Ambulance and Police department joining. There is a football game tomorrow night (October 7). Superintendent Morem shared that MNVA students will be visiting AIMES Construction company on October 15. Superintendent Morem stated she has a quote for a camera for football games but has not finalized yet. Superintendent Morem shared that we currently have 2 student teachers working with us in the district and we 8 student teachers interested in coming to Houston Public Schools in the Spring. Trying to get to the table with the Commissioner of Education to get our education program running through MNVA

in partnership with Southeast Tech for funding at the State level. First Virtual Career Fair on October 14. Still searching for people interested in the Engagement Team.

B. Meeting and Committee Updates – Board member Lundak shared highlights of recent HVED Meeting. Five students in the PAES lab last month. New director of HVED over MNVA, Amy York. Tracy Tweeten-Lind HVED would come in to do a presentation if there was interested.

C. Board/Superintendent Feedback/Thank You's/Future Agenda Items

X. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Swenson and seconded by Lundak. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.