

AGENDA

for the

Board Workshop Meeting

of the

Board of Trustees

**Jim Plyler Instructional Complex, Dr. Jack L. Davidson Conference
Center, 807 W. Glenwood, Tyler, TX**

**March 5, 2020
11:00 AM**

**NOTICE OF BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE
TYLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, March 5, 2020, the Board of Trustees of the Tyler Independent School District will hold a Board Workshop meeting at 11:00 AM at the Jim Plyler Instructional Complex, Dr. Jack L. Davidson Conference Center, 807 W. Glenwood, Tyler, TX. The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda which is attached to and made a part of this Notice.

Individuals with disabilities are entitled to have access to and participate in public meetings. An individual requiring an accommodation for access to the meeting must notify the Tyler Independent School District by informing the district's ADA coordinator, in writing 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting of the necessity of an accommodation. Upon receipt of this request, the district will furnish appropriate auxiliary aides and services when necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in and enjoy the benefits of the board meeting as nonhandicapped individuals enjoy.

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the School Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the School Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act.

Texas Government Code Section:

551.071	Private consultation with the board's attorney.
551.072	Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
551.073	Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations.
551.074	Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.
551.076	Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.
551.082	Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.
551.083	Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups.
551.084	Excluding witnesses from a hearing.

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

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

**TYLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**

Thursday, March 5, 2020 11:00 AM

Jim Plyler Instructional Complex, Dr. Jack L. Davidson Conference Center, 807 W. Glenwood, Tyler, TX

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. First Order of Business -- Announcement by the Chairman as to the presence of a quorum, that the meeting has been duly called and that notice of the meeting has been posted in the time and manner required.
- III. Public Participation
- IV. Continuous Improvement
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- V. Action Items
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 - B. Consider approval of Order Declaring Cancellation of Trustee Election and Election of Unopposed Candidates for Single Member District 2 and 4 9
- VI. Executive Session will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071 et seq. concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act.
 - A. Texas Government Code Section 551.071 For the purpose of a private consultation with the board's attorney on all subjects or matter authorized by law.
 - I. When the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or
 - II. On a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.
 - III. Consider legal advice regarding personnel and related action items.
 - B. Texas Government Code Section 551.072 For the purpose of discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
 - I. Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property
 - C. Texas Government Code Section 551.074 For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
 - I. Consider hiring and accepting resignations of professional personnel.
 - II. Consider renewals, non-renewals and terminations of contracts for professional personnel. (To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, and contracts of employees.)

VII. Reconvene from Executive Session

VIII. Consider action on items discussed in Executive Session

A. Consider board approval of hiring, accepting resignations/retirements of professional personnel included but not limited to. 11

B. Consider renewals, non-renewals, contract abandonments and terminations of contracts for professional personnel.

IX. Adjournment

Subject: Early Subject Benchmark Scores

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Tyler ISD remains committed to focusing on successful student outcomes. Measuring student progress regularly is essential to ensure students are achieving the desired outcomes.

As part of the Tyler ISD Assessment Plan, students are given a “benchmark” assessment 6 to 8 weeks prior to the state STAAR. The purpose of this benchmark is to assess each student’s mastery of state standards. The benchmark data is then analyzed to determine how to best personalize instruction to meet the needs of each student.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Benchmarks were recently taken in the following grade levels and subjects:

- 4th Grade Writing
- 5th Grade Reading
- 5th Grade Math
- 7th Grade Writing
- 8th Grade Reading
- 8th Grade Math

ACTION REQUIRED

Information only

CONTACT PERSONS

Jarod Bitter
Dr. Julie Davis
Vanessa Holmes
Johnita Ward

03-05-20

Subject: Cyber Security Update

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2019, the state legislature passed Senate Bill 820 which requires school districts to adopt a cyber-security policy, designate a cybersecurity coordinator and report any cyber-attacks to TEA. House Bill 3834 was also passed in 2019 which requires state and local government employees to complete a certified cyber security training annually.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

The presentation will provide an overview of the steps taken to not only ensure compliance with these new laws but also to ensure the safety and security of the district's IT systems and data.

ACTION REQUIRED

Information only

CONTACT PERSON

Tosha Bjork
Joseph Jacks

03-05-20

Subject: Certification of Unopposed Candidates

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the February 6, 2020 board meeting, trustees approved an Order to Call a General Election on May 2, 2020, to fill trustee positions for Single Member Districts 2 and 4. The three-year terms of office for Single Member Districts 2 and 4 will expire in May.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Texas Election Code, Chapter 2, Subsection C, Section 2.052 allows a school district not to conduct an election in a single member district where a candidate is unopposed.

For Single Member Districts 2 and 4, February 14th was the filing deadline for a position on the ballot. Artis Newsome is unopposed in Single Member District 2 and Patricia A. Nation is unopposed in Single Member District 4.

In accordance with the Texas Election Code, Section 2.051-2.053, the governing body must meet and accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates (see following page) and issue an order or ordinance declaring the election cancelled and the unopposed candidate elected.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Trustees approve the attached Certification of Unopposed Candidates for Single Member District 2 and Single Member District 4.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

CONTACT PERSON

Marty Crawford, Ed. D.

03-05-20

CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES

To: R. Wade Washmon, President of the Tyler Independent School District
Board of Trustees

As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, I hereby certify that the following candidates are unopposed for election to the office of Board of Trustees. The election is scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

Single Member District 2

Artis Newsome

Single Member District 4

Patricia A. Nation

/s/ Gina Orr
Signature

Gina Orr
Printed Name

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Title

03/05/2020
Date of Signing

(Seal)

Subject: Order Declaring Cancellation of Trustee Election and Election of Unopposed Candidates

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the attached Order of Cancellation of Election and certify the election of Artis Newsome as trustee for Single Member District 2 and Patricia A. Nation as trustee for Single Member District 4 for a term of three years expiring in May 2023.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

CONTACT PERSON

Marty Crawford, Ed. D.

03-05-20

ORDER OF CANCELLATION

The Tyler Independent School District hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020, in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tyler por la presente cancela la elección que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el sábado 2 de mayo, 2020 de conformidad, con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuación:

<u>Candidate (Candidato)</u>	<u>Office Sought (Cargo al que presenta candidatura)</u>
Artis Newsome	Single Member District 2
Patricia A. Nation	Single Member District 4

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El Día de las Elecciones se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la elección.

/s/ R. Wade Washmon
President (Presidente)

/s/ Gina Orr
Secretary (Secretario)

(Seal) (sello)

03/05/2020
Date of adoption (Fecha de adopción)

Subject: Personnel Actions

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Personnel actions are as indicated.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Personnel appointments recommended for confirmation have met the employment prerequisites of the Tyler Independent School District. The candidates either hold valid certificates or such alternatives as specified by the Board. Proposed contract renewals for one-year term contracts and one year non-certified contracts for administrators are also considered.

Recommendations for new appointments are based on interviews, references, adequacy of preparation, performance records and the Superintendent's approval.

The appointments, resignations, retirements, non-renewals, contract abandonments and terminations are subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The confirmation of personnel actions as indicated.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

CONTACT PERSON

Ronald K. Jones

03-05-20