

THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



AGENDA

**Board of Education
Meeting**

August 03, 2020

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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- A-2. Approval Of And Authority To Negotiate And Execute A New Interlocal Agreement With The Region 4 Education Service Center For The Operation Connectivity Program For Technology Purchases

B. TRUSTEE ITEMS

C. CLOSED SESSION

- C-1. Personnel
 - a. Deliberate the duties of the interim superintendent of schools, chief officers, assistant superintendents, principals, employees, chief audit executive, and board members (including board committees); evaluations of the interim superintendent and chief audit executive, consideration of compensation, and contractual provisions.
 - b. Consider and approve proposed appointments, reassignments, proposed terminations, terminations/suspensions, contract lengths, proposed nonrenewals, renewals, and resignations/retirements of personnel including teachers, assistant principals, principals, chief officers, assistant superintendents, and other administrators, and, if necessary, approve waiver and release and compromise agreements.
 - c. Hear complaints against and deliberate the appointment, evaluation and duties of public officers or employees and resolution of same.
 - d. Receive evaluative feedback from Lone Star Governance coaches concerning board member responsibilities.
- C-2. Legal Matters
 - a. Matters on which the district's attorney's duty to the district under the Code of Professional Responsibility clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Law, including specifically any matter listed on this agenda and meeting notice
 - b. Pending or contemplated litigation matters and status report

- c. Legal discussion and advice concerning House Bill 1842 (84th Leg., 2015), Senate Bill 1882 (85th Leg., 2017), and the district's options
- d. Receive legal advice concerning the Texas Education Agency special accreditation investigation and possible options.
- e. Update on federal law enforcement activity on February 27, 2020.
- f. Legal discussion concerning *Houston ISD v. Texas Education Agency, et al.*, in the 459th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas, Cause No. D-1-GN-19-003695

C-3. Real Estate

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L. SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS

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Office of the Superintendent of Schools
Board of Education Meeting of August 3, 2020

Office of Information Technology
Scott Gilhousen, Chief Information Technology Officer

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AND AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A
NEW INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE REGION 4 EDUCATION
SERVICE CENTER FOR THE OPERATION CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM
FOR TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES**

The Houston Independent School District (HISD) Board of Education is asked to approve the Operation Connectivity Interlocal Acquisition Agreement and authorize the superintendent and other appropriate district personnel to take all necessary actions under such agreement.

Operation Connectivity is a joint effort among Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Legislature, and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to connect Texas students with a device for remote learning and a reliable internet connection using funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The program will provide matching funds, based on the number of economically disadvantaged students in a school district, for districts to facilitate purchases of necessary devices and hotspots. The TEA, through the Region 4 Education Service Center (Region 4), has worked with vendors to secure reduced prices and timely delivery to Texas school districts through a bulk order program. The Operation Connectivity interlocal contract is a new agreement, separate from the Region 4 purchasing cooperative The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN).

To take advantage of the bulk order program and the matching funds, HISD must sign the Operation Connectivity Interlocal Acquisition Agreement by August 4, 2020.

COST/FUNDING SOURCE(S): Any purchases under this contract will be made from the general fund appropriations.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS: None

ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS/IMPACT: This agenda item supports all four district goals and is aligned to Core Initiative 3: Rigorous Instructional Standards and Supports.

THIS ITEM DOES NOT REQUIRE CONSULTATION.

THIS ITEM DOES NOT ESTABLISH, MODIFY, OR DELETE BOARD POLICY.

RECOMMENDED: That the Board of Education authorizes the superintendent of schools or a designee to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with Region 4 for the Operation Connectivity program, effective August 3, 2020.