

## MINUTES OF HISD BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 27, 2017

### Committee Members Present:

Anne Sung, Committee Chair

Holly Maria Flynn Vilaseca Ocampo, Trustee

Jackie Anderson

Courtney Bensch

Jackie Cross-Ecford

Jack Fletcher

Joshua Rotenberg

Hannah Mose-Harvey

Shana Halvorsen

Barbara Mullen

James Troutman

Jamie Wilkes

Ebru Erdini

### Committee Members Absent:

Michelle Black

Diana Davila

### Administrative Resources Present:

Grenita Lathan, Chief Academic Officer (HISD)

Joan Anderson, Interim Assistant Superintendent (HISD)

Lisa McBride, Board Counsel, Thompson & Horton LLP

## AGENDA

### OPEN SESSION

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.
2. **Introductions.** Committee members introduced themselves to new member, Ebru Erdini.
3. **Special Education Department Report.** Grenita Lathan (HISD, Chief Academic Officer) and Joan Anderson (HISD, Interim Assistant Superintendent – Special Education) gave an overview of the feedback the Department has received from parents during 2 recent parent forums, and how the Department is incorporating this feedback into its plans for the 2017-2018 school year.

Drs. Lathan and Anderson also provided an update on AIR Special Education Program Review contract negotiations.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. **Ground Rules.** The Chair reviewed the agreed upon ground rules with Committee members. Members then had an extended discussion concerning the Committee's purpose and expected outcomes.

5. **Visioning.** The Chair asked members to discuss in teams of 4 each member's vision for special education at HISD.
6. **March Action Items.** The Committee reviewed the status of the March action items.
  - Creation of a webpage for the Committee **(completed)**.
  - Creation of a secure, on-line repository for placement of documents of the Committee **(completed)**.
  - Development of workshops for the Committee on specific topics (including special education funding, child find at HISD, determination of special education eligibility and exit criteria at HISD, and response to intervention at HISD) **(still in progress)**.
  - Organization of a program specialist forum on special education **(the forum has been scheduled for May 19, 2017)**.
7. **New Action Items/Next Steps.** At the Committee's May meeting, members will focus on developing priority recommendations for the 2017-2018 special education budget. The Committee also will receive an update from the Administration on the AIR special education program review.

The Chair asked committee members to submit their recommendations for proposed amendments to the District's visions and beliefs to include specific reference to special education for consideration by the Board at its June retreat.

The Chair also asked committee members to submit their recommendations for any amendments to the AIR schedule of work to the Chair by May 1<sup>st</sup>, so that those recommendations can be considered during negotiations between the Administration and AIR.
8. **Reminders.** The next parent forum is scheduled for May 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Field Office.
9. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.