



**THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL AGENDA AND REMOTE MEETING NOTICE**

JANUARY 14, 2021	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	1:00 P.M.
	CLOSED SESSION	1:00 P.M.
	REGULAR BOARD MEETING	5:00 P.M.
BOARD SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM AND BOARD AUDITORIUM¹		
4400 WEST 18TH STREET		
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77092		

At the January 14, 2021, Board of Education meeting, all agenda items were approved as presented and the election of officers was postponed until January 21, 2021.

Additional information may be obtained from the Board Services Office, 713-556-6121.

THE HATTIE MAE WHITE (HMW) EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER IS OPEN AND OBSERVING CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) GUIDELINES. AT THIS TIME, THE MANUEL RODRIGUEZ BOARD AUDITORIUM REMAINS CLOSED FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD BY VIDEO AND/OR TELEPHONE CONFERENCE.

WAYS TO ACCESS THE BOARD MEETING INCLUDE:

- **AT&T UVERSE HISD TV CHANNEL 99**
- **COMCAST HISD TV CHANNEL 18**
- **FACEBOOK [HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HOUSTONISD](http://www.facebook.com/houstonisd)**
- **TWITTER [HTTP://TWITTER.COM/HOUSTONISD](http://twitter.com/houstonisd)**
- **WEBSITE [HTTPS://WWW.HOUSTONISD.ORG/LIVETV](https://www.houstonisd.org/livetv)**

A RECORDING OF THE MEETING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

[HTTPS://WWW.HOUSTONISD.ORG/PAGE/31531](https://www.houstonisd.org/page/31531)

A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY WISHING TO ADDRESS A BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM MAY DO SO BY REGISTERING TO SPEAK

¹ All locations on this notice indicate where the remote meeting will be administratively run.

WITH THE BOARD SERVICES OFFICE BY 9:30 A.M. THE DAY OF THE MEETING. SPEAKERS SHOULD LEAVE A TELEPHONE NUMBER WHEN REGISTERING. DISTRICT STAFF WILL CALL REGISTERED SPEAKERS AND PLACE THEM IN A ZOOM VIRTUAL WAITING ROOM UNTIL TIME FOR THEM TO SPEAK. SPEAKERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO BE READ PUBLICLY BY A MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATION IN CASE THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH ZOOM. ANY SUPPORT INFORMATION (E.G., HANDOUTS) REGARDING THE COMMUNITY MEMBER'S CONCERN SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD SERVICES OFFICE. INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERING TO SPEAK AND SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT: [HTTPS://WWW.HOUSTONISD.ORG/PAGE/32478](https://www.houstonisd.org/page/32478).

THE AGENDA PACKET FOR THIS MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://WWW.HOUSTONISD.ORG/DOMAIN/7947](https://www.houstonisd.org/domain/7947).

ANY ITEM THAT ESTABLISHES, MODIFIES, OR DELETES BOARD POLICY MAY, AT THE BOARD'S DISCRETION, BE PASSED AND BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FIRST READING.

THE ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA MAY BE TAKEN IN ANY ORDER.

NO AGENDA OR DISTRICT BUSINESS WILL BE DISCUSSED EXCEPT AS NOTICED BELOW AND ANY ACTION WILL OCCUR ON VIDEO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO HAVE, AND THE MEETING WILL HAVE, A QUORUM PRESENT BY VIDEO AND/OR TELEPHONE CONFERENCE.

1:00 P.M.

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **ADJOURN TO CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTIONS 551.004, 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.083, 551.084, AND 551.089 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR THE PURPOSES LISTED UNDER SECTION C**
- **RECESS**

5:00 P.M.

- **REGULAR BOARD MEETING RECONVENES FOR OPEN SESSION**
- **RECOGNITIONS**
- **SPEAKERS TO AGENDA ITEMS**
- **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN OPEN SESSION

- **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 4, 6, 7, AND 9, 2021**

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS**A. SUPERINTENDENT'S PRIORITY ITEMS**

- A-2 Approval Of Board Monitoring Update: Presentation Of Goal 2 Progress Measures 1, 2, And 3, And Goal 3 Progress Measure 1

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 use of the board executive coaches; 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) Deliberate the duties and responsibilities of board officers

C-2 Legal

- 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) Update on federal law enforcement activity on February 27, 2020.
- d) Legal discussion and advice concerning House Bill 1842 (84th Leg., 2015), Senate Bill 1882 (85th Leg., 2017), and the district's options.
- e) 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.
- f) Legal Update on Special Education Accreditation Investigation.
- g) Receive legal advice concerning the superintendent search process and timelines.

- h) Legal advice and consideration of district contracts with special education conservators.
- i) Receive legal advice regarding statutorily-required consideration of redistricting of trustee districts and possible authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with outside counsel.
- j) Consideration and authority to settle the special education matter of H.D. b/n/f M.D. & C.D. v. Houston Independent School District; before the Texas Education Agency; TEA Docket No. 020-SE-0920.
- k) Consideration and authority to settle the subrogation lien of Jackie Thornton against Jennifer Danielle Roberts and Progressive Insurance for workers' compensation benefits; Progressive Insurance claim no. 204393238.

C-3 Real Estate

- a) Sale
- b) Purchase
- c) Exchange
- d) Other

CONSENT AGENDA

- A-1. Approval Of Personal Services Performed By The Superintendent, Including Speaking Engagements, Panel Discussions, Workshops, Etc., In Accordance With Texas Education Code Section 11.201(E)
- F-1. Authority To Renew A Partnership Agreement With The University Of Texas At Austin OnRamps For Dual-Enrollment Course Offerings
- G-1. Consideration And Approval Of Term Contract Employment Areas For Reduction In Force
- G-2. Consideration And Approval Of Continuing Contract Teaching Fields For Reduction in Force
- H-1. Approval To Negotiate, Execute, And Amend A Construction Contract For Structural Repairs And Renovations For Lucian Lockhart Elementary School
- I-4. Authority To Negotiate And Execute An Interlocal Agreement With EPIC6 Cooperative Lead Agency Region 6 – Education Service Center
- I-1. Approval Of Vendor Awards For Purchases Over \$100,000 And Ratification Of Vendor Awards For Purchases Under \$100,000
- I-2. Approval Of Current And Anticipated Donations For Districtwide And School-Specific Programs And Authorization To Negotiate, Execute, And Amend Necessary Contracts Associated With These Donations

- I-3. Acceptance Of Grant Funds In Support Of Districtwide And School-Specific Programs And Authorization To Negotiate And Execute Contracts Required Under The Grants

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- E-1. Approval Of School Goals Aligned To The District’s Newly Adopted Board Goals
- H-2. Authority To Negotiate, Execute, And Amend An Agreement With The SPARK School Park Program For The Improvement And Construction Of SPARK Parks At Various Campuses
- I-1 Approval Of Vendor Awards For Purchases Over \$100,000 And Ratification Of Vendor Awards For Purchases Under \$100,000
21-10-05-09 – Cooperative/HVAC Services, Repairs, Preventive Maintenance, and Window and Portable AC Units and Parts

CLOSED SESSION AUTHORIZATION DURING MEETING

If during the course of the meeting covered by this notice the board should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the board should be held or is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) will be held by the 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 board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071 through Section 551.089 inclusive of said Open Meetings Act including, but not limited to:

- Section 551.071 For the purpose of a private consultation with the board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized;**
- Section 551.072 For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property;**
- Section 551.073 For the purpose of discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations to the District;**
- Section 551.074 For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee;**
- Section 551.076 For the purpose of deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices, or a security audit;**
- Section 551.082 For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child or children, or to hear a complaint or charge brought against a school district employee by another school district employee;**

- Section 551.0821** For the purpose of deliberating a matter regarding a public school student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation;
- Section 551.083** For the purpose of considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups in connection with consultation agreements provided for by Section 13.901 and/or Section 11.151(b) of the Texas Education Code;
- Section 551.084** For the purpose of excluding any witness or witnesses from a hearing during the examination of another witness; and
- Section 551.089** For the purpose of deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information as described by Section 2059.055(b), or the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

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

- a) the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting, or
- b) a subsequent public meeting of the board upon notice thereof, as the board shall determine.

HEARING OF THE COMMUNITY

TRUSTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Reports and comments from the board president and board members regarding meetings and conferences attended, including board committee meetings; schools visited; community and district activities; new initiatives; education programs; and continuing education. The items may be discussed, but no final action will be taken on these items at this meeting.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports and comments by the superintendent of schools regarding meetings and conferences attended, schools visited, community and district activities, new initiatives, and education programs, on which there will be no action. The items may be discussed, but no final action will be taken on these items at this meeting.

ADJOURN

CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OR GIVING OF NOTICE

On this 11th day of January 2021 at 1:00 p.m., this notice was posted on the district's public web portal.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vermuth Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Office of Board Services
Houston Independent School District