Board Meeting Summary

July 16, 2024 • Regular Board Meeting • 6:00 p.m.

Opening

A regular meeting of the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, July 16, 2024, in the Board Room of the Deane L. Sadler Administration Building located at 3205 W. Davis, Conroe, TX 77304. Superintendent Dr. Curtis Null and a quorum of the Board of Trustees attended the meeting: Skeeter Hubert, Datren Williams, Theresa Wagaman, Stacey Chase, Melissa Dungan, Tiffany Nelson, and Misty Odenweller. Board President Skeeter Hubert called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Mr. Williams led the invocation and Mrs. Nelson led the pledges.

Special Recognition

Christina Reichelt, Coordinator of Gifted Programs, introduced Destination Imagination Global Champion teams from Vogel Intermediate and Knox Junior High. This year, Vogel Intermediate's Destination Imagination Team, DI Veterans, and Knox Junior High's Destination Imagination Team, MARTHA, both won first place at the Destination Imagination Global Tournament that took place May 22-25 in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Board of Trustees gave special recognition to Justin Huang and Victoria Ou, from the Academy for Science and Technology. At the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (Regeneron ISEF), Justin and Victoria won first place in the Earth and Environmental Sciences division. They also received the Gordon E. Moore Award for Positive Outcomes for Future Generations of $50,000 for their new prototype filtration system that uses ultrasonic waves to remove microscopic plastic particles from water. In lab tests, the acoustic force from the high-frequency sound waves removed between 84% and 94% of the suspended microplastic particles in a single pass.

The Board of Trustees honored outstanding employees who exemplify excellence and provide exceptional service to the District with Ambassador Awards.

The following Transportation Department employees received the award for their extraordinary dedication to their jobs:

- Jamie Geraldo
- Stephanie Malone
- Talisha Price
- Stacy Broadway
- Heather Jones
- Caroli Culpepper
- Cesar Mora
- Jon Canary
- Stella Pierson

The following CISD Police Department employees received the award for their extraordinary dedication to their job:

- Douglas Stalinsky
- David Branson
- Dean Beckwith
- Melissa Holmes-Lowder
- Miranda West

Citizen Participation

The following citizen(s) addressed the Board:

- Gwen Millican
- Robert Holden
- Alexander Harris
- Lindsay Dawson
- Audrey Warner
- Carolyn Nini
- Diane Daniels
- Deborah Farris
- Susan Scruggs
- Robert LaBelle
- Rena Beadle
- Paul Laskoski
- Cassandra Crowe

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Consent Agenda

The Board of Trustees approved the following items on the Consent Agenda as presented:

- Consider and Approve Minutes
- Consider and Approve Amendment to the 2023-2024 Budget
- Receive Human Resources Report and Consider and Approve Employment of Professional Personnel
- Review State Board of Educator Certification Professional Development Clearinghouse Recommendations and Consider and Approve the District's Professional Development Plan for the 2024-2025 School Year
- Consider and Adopt Annual Resolution Identifying Hazardous Traffic Conditions for the 2024-2025 School Year
- Consider and Approve the Addition of Fulcrum Management Solutions, Inc. to the over $50,000 Vendor List for an Annual Expenditure Amount not to exceed $127,642.50 and Authorize the Superintendent to Negotiate and Execute All Documents Necessary to Effectuate Purchases
- Consider and Approve Resolution Granting Montgomery County and Waller County 4-H Organizations Extracurricular Status and Entering into Adjunct Faculty Agreement with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
- Consider and Approve Canine Detection Service Agreement with Humble Independent School District

Administration

Superintendent Dr. Curtis Null and Assistant Superintendent of Operation Mr. Chris McCord presented information regarding the impact and the District's response to Hurricane Beryl.

The Board unanimously approved the 2024-2025 Student Code of Conduct and adopted an updated Outside Facility Use Fee Schedule.

Texas Education Agency Waivers

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the following TEA waivers:

- Low Attendance Waiver to the Texas Education Agency
- Missed School Day Waiver to the Texas Education Agency
- Teacher Data Portal of Texas Assessment Management System Waiver to the Texas Education Agency
- Modified Schedule State Assessment Testing Days Waiver to the Texas Education Agency
- Foreign Exchange Student Waiver to the Texas Education Agency

Planning and Construction

The Board of Trustees received the progress and status of current capital improvement projects.

Business/Purchasing

The Board of Trustees approved the addition of NoRedInk to the over $50,000 vendor list for the purchase of Noredink Premium Student Licenses.

Business/Finance

Chief Financial Officer Karen Garza presented a 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget update to the Board of Trustees.

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The Board adopted a resolution designating and authorizing the Montgomery County Tax Assessor-Collector to calculate the no-new-revenue tax rate, the voter-approval tax rate, and other truth-in-taxation requirements for the Conroe Independent School District.

Mrs. Karen Garza presented the financial report.

Legal

Conroe ISD General Counsel Carrie Galatas presented information regarding Local Policy Manual Update 123 and the Board of Trustees voted to adopt revised Board Policies BBD *Board Members: Training and Orientation*; BBFA *Ethics: Conflict of Interest Disclosures*; CKC *Safety Program/Risk Management: Emergency Plans*; CKEA *Security Personnel: Commissioned Peace Officers*; CQC *Technology Resources: Equipment*; DCE *Employment Practices: Other Types of Contracts*; DEC *Compensation and Benefits: Leaves and Absences*; and, EH *Instructional Arrangements: Homebound Instruction*.

As requested, President Hubert removed the agenda item regarding the discussion to reevaluate Board Policies EFA *Instructional Resources - Instructional Materials* and EFB *Instructional Resources - Library Materials* and their respective procedures.

Executive Session

The Board of Trustees adjourned to executive session at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 9:31 p.m.

Trustee Requests for Future Board Agenda Items

Trustee Chase requested the Board re-evaluate Board Policies EFA *Instructional Resources – Instructional Materials* and EFB *Instructional Resources – Library Materials*.

Trustee Odenweller requested that the Board of Trustees discuss legislative priorities for the 89th Texas Legislative Session.

Adjournment

President Hubert adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

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