

**Harris County Department of Education
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
August 17, 2022**

The Harris County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on August 17, 2022, in the Board Room, at 6300 Irvington Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77022. Richard Cantu, Board President, called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. and declared a quorum present, that the meeting was duly called, and that notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Gov't. Code §551.041 and §551.051.

Board Members Present: Richard Cantu, Board President; Amy Hinojosa, Board Second Vice President; David Brown; Erica Davis; and Eric Dick

Board Members Absent: Andrea Duhon; Danny Norris

Board Attorney: Sarah Langlois

Administration: James Colbert, Jr., County School Superintendent; Jesus Amezcua, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services; Jonathan Parker, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Support; C.J. Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent for Education & Enrichment; Joyce Akins, Director Center for Grants Development; Julia Andrews, Director Center for Safe and Secure Schools; Venetia Baldwin, Executive Assistant Board of Trustees; Danielle Bartz, Chief of Staff; Cindy Brunswick, Center for Educator Success; Lisa Caruthers, Director CASE for Kids; Danielle Clark, Chief Communications Officer; Carie Crabb, Senior Director School-Related Therapy Services; Jeff Drury, Director Choice Partners Cooperative; Dave Einsel, Director Communications and Creative Services; Kendra Jackson, Director Purchasing; Victor Keys, Principal Academic Behavior School West; Marcia Leiva, Chief Accounting Officer; Charles Ned, Senior Director of Schools; Gulshan Rahman, Assistant Director Education & Family Service Manager, Head Start (on behalf of Venetia Peacock, Director Head Start); Donna Trevino-Jones, Principal Academic Behavior School East; Natasha Truitt, Executive Director Human Resources; Rich Vela, Executive Director Facilities; Courtney Waters, Principal Highpoint East

Visitors: Kelly Tummy, former HCDE Curriculum Director

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1. **Invocation** - Cindy Tan, Information Technology
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag** - Chris Hoesel, Information Technology
3. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag** - Chris Hoesel, Information Technology
4. **Open Forum** - Gov't Code 551.003 (5) - Public Participation. Pursuant to Policy BED (Local), a citizen who wishes to speak may do so by completing a participation request card available at the Board room at least 10 minutes prior to a regular Board meeting.

Kelly Tummy, former HCDE Curriculum Director, addressed the Board regarding issues with her retirement process.

5. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Employee of the Month** - Natasha Truitt, Executive Director of Human Resources

Natasha Truitt introduced the August 2022 HCDE Employee of the Month, Karina Jerez Gonzalez, Nurse at Highpoint East. HCDE Communications showed a brief video about Ms. Gonzalez's role and impact.

B. **Superintendent Monthly Report** - James Colbert, Jr.

Superintendent Colbert congratulated Jeff Drury and Sarah Langlois for solidifying a co-op contract with Amazon, the only Texas cooperative to have a contract with Amazon.

Mr. Colbert announced the timeline for the Tools for Teachers program, which will open registration on September 1, 2022.

Mr. Colbert celebrated the success of HCDE's 2022 Convocation activities and highlighted the contents of the giveaway bag given to all attendees. Additionally, a video shown at Convocation, featuring the Board and titled "We Are HCDE," was shown. Superintendent Colbert thanked the Board members for their participation.

C. **Annual Division Update** - Lowell Ballard, Director of Information Technology

D. **Presentation of the Certificate of Distinction Award from the Government Treasurers' Organization of Texas (GTOT)** for the HCDE Investment Policy that meets the requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act and the GTOT standards for prudent public investing.

E. **Other reports from Board members** concerning attendance or participation in a board or HCDE-related conference, event, activity, or committee; accolades for an HCDE staff member or other deserving person.

Trustee Cantu congratulated Superintendent Colbert, the recipient of the 2022 Key Communicator Award, issued by the Texas Schools Public Relations Association (TSPRA).

Trustee Dick announced former HCDE Trustee, Mike Wolfe, is in hospice care and asked HCDE to send flowers.

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F. Report of Board Committees - Committee Chairs

There were no reports.

G. Monthly Financial Reports through 07/31/2022 - Dr. Jesus Amezcua, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services

HCDE Administration requested to move Item 6.D.12. to the non-consensus portion of the agenda.

Motion made by Eric Dick, seconded by David Brown, to approve all items under the consensus agenda except Item 6.D.12.

Motion passes with 5-0 voting to approve all items under the consensus agenda except Item 6.D.12.

6. ACTION ITEMS - CONSENSUS

A. Consider ratification/approval of the following Business Services items:

1. Disbursement Report
2. Budget Amendment Report
3. Monthly Investment Report for July 2022

B. Consider ratification/approval of the following Board Meeting Minutes:

1. 07/20/2022 Budget Committee Meeting
2. 07/20/2022 Board Meeting

C. Consider ratification/approval of the following grant awards:

1. **Approval of grant application to Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 to support School-Based Therapy Services' training on The Art and Science of Handwriting Intervention. The training is scheduled for November 9, 2022 and will serve over 160 occupational therapists, and general and special education teachers.**
2. **Approval of CASE for Kids Division partnership application with Houston Food Bank for the Child and Adult Care Program (CACFP) to provide meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner and/or snacks) to comprehensive programs participating in the 21st CCLC Texas ACE Cycle 11 Year 2 grant for the 2022-2023 school year. The comprehensive programs are administered by Harris County Department of Education and the following school districts and charter systems: AAMA (Charter), Alief ISD, BakerRipley (Charter), Clear Creek ISD, Houston ISD, Galena Park ISD, and Humble ISD.**

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- D. Consider ratification/approval of the following Interlocal Contracts:
1. **Ratification of Interlocal (revenue) contracts for FY 2023 for Therapy Services in the aggregate amount of \$22,760 with School-Based Therapy Services and the following districts:** Royal ISD (6 students served in FY21) in the amount of \$12,960; Avondale House (0 students served in FY21) in the amount of \$9,800 for the period 08/16/2022 through 08/15/2023.
 2. **Ratification and Approval of Interlocal (revenue) contracts for FY 2022 and FY 2023 in the aggregate amount of \$508,673 between Academic and Behavior School West with the following districts:** Houston ISD to increase the amount from \$438,490 to \$443,768 (an increase of \$5,278) for one (1) additional unit for FY2022 Extended School Year Services (ESY) Summer School (in-county \$5,278 each) for the time period of 06/07/2022 through 07/14/2022; and FY 2023 Waller ISD for three (3) in-county annual contracts in the amount of \$64,905 (\$21,635 each) for the contract period of 08/22/2022 through 06/05/2023.
 3. **Ratification and Approval of Interlocal (revenue) contract amendment for FY 2022 and FY 2023 contracts in the aggregate amount of \$82,291 with Academic and Behavior School East with the following districts:** Pearland ISD to decrease from four (4) out-of-county units for an aggregate amount of \$21,112 (\$5,806 each) to two (2) in-county units for an aggregate amount of \$10,556 (in-county \$5,278 each) for the period of 06/07/2022 through 07/14/2022; and FY 2023 Cleveland ISD for two (2) out-of-county annual contracts in the amount of \$50,100 (\$25,050 each); and Sheldon ISD for one (1) in-county annual contract in the amount of \$21,635 (\$21,635 each) for the contract period of 08/22/2022 through 06/05/2023.
 4. **Approval of Interlocal (revenue) contract for FY 2023 in the aggregate amount of \$62,100 with Highpoint School East with the following district:** Spring Branch ISD for six (6) in-county annual contracts in the amount of \$62,100 (\$10,350 each) for the period of 08/22/2022 through 06/05/2023.
 5. **Approval of Interlocal (revenue) contract for FY 2023 for Therapy Services in the aggregate amount of \$75,460 with School-Based Therapy Services and the following district:** Huffman ISD (0 students served in FY21) in the amount of \$75,460 for the period of 08/16/2022 through 08/15/2023.
 6. **Ratification and Approval of Interlocal (revenue) contract Amendment #1 for FY22 contract and for FY 2023 contracts for Fortis Academy in the aggregate amount of \$68,750 with the following districts:** Aldine ISD to increase the original amount of \$12,500 by \$31,250 for five (5) additional in-county units (\$6,250 each) to a total of \$43,750 for the contract period of 08/23/2021 through 06/03/2022; and FY 2023 Channelview ISD (3) in-county annual contracts in the amount of \$18,750 (\$6,250 each); Sheldon ISD for one (1) in-county annual contract in the amount of \$6,250 (\$6,250 each) for the contract period of 08/22/2022 through 06/05/2023.
 7. **Ratification and Approval of three Interlocal (Revenue) contracts in the aggregate amount of \$92,640 between Center for Safe and Secure Schools and Lamar CISD for Safety Audits from:** Summer – 07/11/2022 to 06/30/2023; Fall – 09/01/2022 to 06/30/2023; and Fall/Spring – 09/01/2022 to 06/30/2023 in an amount not to exceed \$4,950 (Summer – 2

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sites), \$45,900 (Fall – 30 sites) and \$41,790 (Fall/Spring – 18 sites).

8. **Approval of Interlocal (revenue) contracts for FY 2023 for Therapy Services in the aggregate amount of \$5,825,465 with School-Based Therapy Services and the following districts:** Pearland ISD (45 students served in FY21) in the amount of \$91,140; Houston Independent School District (1714 students served in FY21) in the amount of \$2,657,725; Cypress-Fairbanks ISD (1672 students served in FY21) in the amount of \$2,970,220; Greater Gulf Coast Cooperative (1 student served in FY21) in the amount of \$106,380, for FY23.
 9. **Approval of Interlocal (revenue) contract for FY 2023 in the aggregate amount of \$324,525 with Academic and Behavior School East with the following district:** Houston ISD for fifteen (15) in-county annual contracts in the amount of \$324,525 (\$21,635 each); for the contract period of 08/22/2022 through 06/05/2023.
 10. **Approval of Interlocal (revenue) contract for FY 2023 in the aggregate amount of \$1,189,925 with Academic and Behavior School West with the following districts:** Alief ISD for thirty-five (35) in-county annual contract in the amount of \$757,225 (\$21,635 each); and Houston ISD for twenty (20) in-county contracts in the amount of \$432,700 (\$21,635 each) for the contract period of 08/22/2022 through 06/05/2023.
 11. **Approval of Interlocal (revenue) contract for FY 2023 in the aggregate amount of \$103,500 with Highpoint School East with the following district:** Galena Park ISD for ten (10) in-county annual contracts in the amount of \$103,500 (\$10,350 each) for the period of 08/22/2022 through 06/05/2023.
 13. **Approval of Interlocal (revenue) Agreement with the Center for Educator Success (CES) with Spring ISD for Certification and Support Program in an aggregate amount of \$225,000 (for 3 cohorts and 45 candidates) over a 5 year period, beginning FY 22-23 through FY 26-27.**
 14. **Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Sheriff Office to provide law enforcement services (7 deputies) for the period beginning 10/02/2022 to 09/30/2023 in the amount of \$543,200 for Special Schools.**
- E. Consider ratification/approval of the following items for the HCDE Choice Partners Cooperative:
1. **Approval of Services Agreement for job no. 18/034MR for Choice Contracted Services with the following vendor:** Ann Marie Harbour not to exceed \$110,000 including reimbursable expenses for the period of 09/01/2022 through 08/31/2023.
 2. **Approval of the Contract Award for job no. 22/038SG Educational Materials and Related Items with the following vendors:** Mav Holding Corporation dba Achieve 3000, Inc (22/038SG-01); Gregory Dale Laufer dba Adventures in Learning, LLC (22/038SG-02); Alba Educational Consulting, LLC dba Alba Math (22/038SG-03); All In Learning (22/038SG-04); Omega Labs Inc. dba Boom Learning (22/038SG-05); Brainchild Unlimited Inc dba Brainchild (22/038SG-06); CEV Multimedia, LLC (22/038SG-07); Advance Books LLC dba Children Bilingual Books (22/038SG-08); Matthew Friedland dba Crafty Contraptions LLC (22/038SG-09); Eric Armin Inc. dba EAI Education (22/038SG-10); eDynamic Holdings LP

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dba eDynamic LP (22/038SG-11); Frog Street Press, LLC (22/038SG-12); hand2mind, Inc (22/038SG-13); Houston A+ Challenge (22/038SG-14); KAMICO Instructional Media, Inc. (22/038SG-15); Kaplan Early Learning Company (22/038SG-16); Lab Resources, Inc. (22/038SG-17); Lakeshore Parent, LLC dba Lakeshore Learning Materials, LLC (22/038SG-18); No Tears Learning Inc dba Learning Without Tears (22/038SG-19); Legends of Learning, Inc. (22/038SG-20); Virtual Education Station, LLC dba Little Stem Academy (22/038SG-21); Peoples Education, Inc. dba Mastery Education (22/038SG-22); Mav Holding Corporation dba McGraw Hill LLC (22/038SG-23); Nasco Education LLC (22/038SG-24); The W. Oscar Neuhaus Memorial Foundation dba Neuhaus Education Center (22/038SG-25); NWEA (22/038SG-26); OTC Brands, Inc. dba Oriental Trading Company (22/038SG-27); Pitsco Education, LLC (22/038SG-28); Real OT Solutions, Inc. (22/038SG-29); Community Products LLC dba Rifton Equipment (22/038SG-30); S&S Worldwide, Inc (22/038SG-31); School Specialty, LLC (22/038SG-32); Sirius Education Solutions LLC dba Sirius Education Solutions (22/038SG-33); Studies Weekly, Inc. (22/038SG-34); Sundance Newbridge, LLC dba Sundance Newbridge Publishing (22/038SG-35); Teacher Created Materials, Inc. (22/038SG-36); Scholastic Network Partners, LLC dba The Scholastic Network (22/038SG-37); Cox Subscriptions, Inc. dba W.T. Cox Information Services (22/38SG-38); Chicks with Class dba Youth Enrichments (22/038SG-39) for the period of 08/17/2022 through 08/16/2023.

3. **Approval of the Contract Award for job no. 22/041KN Networking, Telecommunication, and WiFi Equipment with the following vendors:** Datavox, Inc. (22/041KN-01); Waypoint Business Solutions, LLC (22/041KN-02), and Wyebot, Inc. (22/041KN-03) for the period of 08/17/2022 through 08/16/2023.
4. **Approval of the Contract Award for job no. 22/042KN Technology Training and Services with the following vendors:** Aspire HR, Inc. (22/042KN-01); Birch Cline Technologies dba Birch Cline Cybersecurity (22/042KN-02); TopTalent Learning LLC dba New Horizons Dallas (22/042KN-03) for the period of 08/17/2022 through 08/16/2023.
5. **Approval of the Contract Award for job no. 22/043KN Technology, Equipment, Products, and Supplies with the following vendors:** Coast to Coast Computer Products, Inc. (22/043KN-01); Dowley Security System, Inc. (22/043KN-02); Encore Data Products, Inc. (22/043KN-03); Howard Industries, Inc. dba Howard Technology Solutions (22/043KN-04); iBenzer, Inc. (22/043KN-05); ImageNet Consulting, LLC (22/043KN-06); Insight Investments Holdings, LLC dba Insight Investments, LLC (22/043KN-07); IT Recycling Group dba ITRG Secure (22/043KN-08); KeyWarden Systems Partners, LLP (22/043KN-09); Mark III Systems, Inc. (22/043KN-10); Preferred Technologies, LLC (22/043KN-11); Scott Electric (22/043KN-12); PCCare, Inc. dba Square3 IT (22/043KN-13) for the period of 08/17/2022 through 08/16/2023.
6. **Approval of the Contract Award for job no. 22/044KN Technology Software with the following vendors:** Burlington English, Inc. (22/044KN-01); Learn21: A Flexible Learning Collaborative dba Learn21 (22/044KN-02); Nearpod, Inc. (22/044KN-03); Nutri-Link Technologies, Inc. (22/044KN-04); EduProject ELL, LLC dba Project Education (22/044KN-05); Smartest Edu, Inc. dba Formative (22/044KN-06); Smarty Symbols, LLC (22/044KN-07); TCASE Services, Inc. c/o Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education (22/044KN-08); Scholastic Network Partners, LLC dba The Scholastic Network (22/044KN-09); Upbrainery Technology, LLC (22/044KN-10) for the period of 08/17/2022 through 08/16/2023.

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7. **Approval of the Contract Award for job no. 22/045KN Online Marketplace for Products with the following vendors: Amazon.com Sales, Inc. dba Amazon.com Services LLC (22/045KN-01) and Butler Business Products LLC (22/045KN-02) for the period of 08/17/2022 through 08/16/2023.**
8. **Approval of the Contract Award for job no. 22/051MR Modular Buildings and Related Items (JOC) with the following vendors: Aries Building Systems, LLC (22/051MR-01); E Contractors, LLC (22/051MR-02), and Dura Pier Facilities Services, LTD dba Facilities Sources (22/051MR-03) for the period of 08/17/2022 through 08/16/2023.**
9. **Approval of HCDE Interlocal Agreements with: Freeman Health Systems, Joplin, MO and The Devereux Foundation, Villanova, PA.**

F. Consider ratification/approval of the following Revenue Agreements:

1. **Ratification of CASE for Kids (revenue) Agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the period of 09/01/2022 to 08/31/2024 in the amount up to \$58,140 for the Engaging Diverse Communities in the Conservation project in collaboration with Bayou Preservation Association, Bayou Land Conservancy, Armand Bayou Nature Center, and Katy Prairie Conservancy.**
2. **Ratification of (revenue) Service Agreement with Stafford MSD in the amount of \$75,000 from 05/09/2022 to 08/31/2022 for business services.**

7. **ACTION ITEMS - NON-CONSENSUS**

6.D.12. Approval of Interlocal (revenue) Agreement between the HCDE CASE for Kids Division and the City of Houston for the period of date of countersignature by the City Controller through 06/30/2023 in the amount up to \$770,000 for CASE for Kids to provide after-school programs and/or out-of-school activities and projects.

Motion made by Eric Dick, seconded by Amy Hinojosa, to approve the Interlocal (revenue) Agreement between the HCDE CASE for Kids Division and the City of Houston for the period of date of countersignature by the City Controller through 06/30/2023 in the amount up to \$770,000 for CASE for Kids to provide after-school programs and/or out-of-school activities and projects, and delegate authority to the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement.

Motion passes with 5-0 voting to approve and delegate authority.

- A. **Pursuant to Board Policy FO (Legal), consider approval of the HCDE Schools Division - Student Code of Conduct for school year 2022-2023.**

Motion made by Eric Dick, seconded by Amy Hinojosa, pursuant to Board Policy FO (Legal), to approve the HCDE Schools Division – Student Code of Conduct for school year 2022-2023.

Motion passes with 5-0 voting to approve.

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- B. Consider selection of Cre8 Architects, Inc. based on demonstrated competence and qualifications for the completion of the HCDE Administration Building Interior Renovation Project pursuant to RFQ #20/043IA for the fair and reasonable price not to exceed \$820,000, and delegate authority to the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate, finalize, and execute the contract. This project will be funded through capital improvement project bond and maintenance notes.**

Motion made by Amy Hinojosa, seconded by Eric Dick, to select Cre8 Architects, Inc. based on demonstrated competence and qualifications for the completion of the HCDE Administration Building Interior Renovation Project pursuant to RFQ #20/043IA for the fair and reasonable price not to exceed \$820,000, and delegate authority to the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate, finalize, and execute the contract. This project will be funded through capital improvement project bond and maintenance notes.

Motion passes with 5-0 voting to select Cre8 Architects, Inc. and delegate authority.

- C. Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding between HCDE and the Education Foundation of Harris County for the Partners in Education Project, providing \$400,000 for grants, scholarships, and sponsorship activities; the Tools for Teachers Program, providing \$200,000 for educators' supplies; and \$100,000 for the Focal Point Initiative to be used for the purchase of transportation, food, and professional development activities during the term of this MOU.**

Motion made by Amy Hinojosa, seconded by Eric Dick, to approve Memorandum of Understanding between HCDE and the Education Foundation of Harris County for the Partners in Education Project, providing \$400,000 for grants, scholarships, and sponsorship activities; the Tools for Teachers Program, providing \$200,000 for educators' supplies; and \$100,000 for the Focal Point Initiative to be used for the purchase of transportation, food, and professional development activities during the term of this MOU.

Motion passes with 5-0 voting to approve.

- D. Consider approval to purchase a new truck, 2023 MV607 SBA (MV607) International truck from Santex Truck Center, LTD (HGACBuy Contract No. HT06-20), in the total amount of \$98,644 for the Records Management Division.**

Motion made by Amy Hinojosa, seconded by Eric Dick, to approve the purchase of a new truck, 2023 MV607 SBA (MV607) International truck from Santex Truck Center, LTD (HGACBuy Contract No. HT06-20), in the total amount of \$98,644 for the Records Management Division.

Motion passes with 5-0 voting to approve.

- E. Consider ratification of the continuation/renewal of the contract between Adult Education and Houston-Galveston Area Council in the amount of \$4,650,000 for the provision of the Adult Education and Literacy services in Harris and Liberty counties for the period of 07/01/2022 through 06/30/2023.**

Motion made by Amy Hinojosa, seconded by Eric Dick, to ratify the continuation/renewal of the contract between Adult Education and Houston-Galveston Area Council in the

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amount of \$4,650,000 for the provision of the Adult Education and Literacy services in Harris and Liberty counties for the period of 07/01/2022 through 06/30/2023.

Motion passes with 5-0 voting to ratify.

- F. Consider approval of resolution regarding Child Care Relief Funding Incentives for Head Start staff.** This item is fully funded by Head Start Child Care Relief funds.

Motion made by Amy Hinojosa, seconded by Eric Dick, to approve a resolution regarding Child Care Relief Funding Incentives for Head Start staff. This item is fully funded by Head Start Child Care Relief funds.

Motion passes with 5-0 voting to approve.

- G. Consider acceptance of the Notice of Award (NOA) from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Head Start (OHS) for the Head Start Division (06CH011535-03-02) in the amount of \$336,365 for the period of 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022.** (This action awards funds for the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) and Quality Improvement increases for program operations).

Motion made by David Brown, seconded by Amy Hinojosa, to accept the Notice of Award (NOA) from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Head Start (OHS) for the Head Start Division (06CH011535-03-02) in the amount of \$336,365 for the period of 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022. (This action awards funds for the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) and Quality Improvement increases for program operations).

Motion passes with 5-0 voting to accept.

- H. Consider approval of estimated reserved fund balances for non-spendable, restricted, committed assigned and unassigned under the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 54.** (This is an annual requirement to project HCDE's end-of-the-year fund balance to meet GASB accounting standards. Once the audit is completed, the final fund balances will be reported at the January Board Meeting).

Motion made by Amy Hinojosa, seconded by Erica Davis, to approve estimated reserved fund balances for non-spendable, restricted, committed assigned and unassigned under the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 54. (This is an annual requirement to project HCDE's end-of-the-year fund balance to meet GASB accounting standards. Once the audit is completed, the final fund balances will be reported at the January Board Meeting).

Motion passes with 5-0 voting to approve.

- I. Consider approval of: (1) certification of the anticipated tax collection rate, (2) the anticipated debt collection rate for excess debt collections, and (3) calculation of the no-new-revenue rate and voter-approved rates by the Harris County Tax Assessor/Collector (4) 2022 Certified Property Values and the submission of the no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate using the certified estimate of taxable value and (5) a plan to adopt tax rate of \$.004800 for Tax Year 2022 in accordance with the Truth in Taxation laws codified in Chapter 26 and amended by the 87th**

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Legislature.

Motion made by Eric Dick, seconded by Erica Davis, to approve: (1) certification of the anticipated tax collection rate, (2) the anticipated debt collection rate for excess debt collections, and (3) calculation of the no-new-revenue rate and voter-approved rates by the Harris County Tax Assessor/Collector, (4) 2022 Certified Property Values and the submission of the no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate using the certified estimate of taxable value, and (5) a plan to adopt tax rate of \$.004800 for Tax Year 2022 in accordance with the Truth in Taxation laws codified in Chapter 26 and amended by the 87th Legislature.

Motion made by Eric Dick, seconded by Erica Davis to approve.

Friendly amendment to the motion was amended to approve all except Item (4), which will be voted on at the September 21, 2022 Board Meeting.

Motion passes with 5-0 voting to approve items (1), (2), (3), and (5).

The Board entered into Executive Session at 2:12 p.m.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** Under the Texas Government Code pursuant to any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.001-551.084, including, but not limited to: 551.071; 551.074
 - A. **Deliberate** the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline and/or dismissal of HCDE employees.
 - B. **Deliberate** the purchase, exchange, sale and/or value of real propert(ies) and obtain legal advice regarding the same.

The Board entered into Open Session at 3:41 p.m.

9. **RECONVENE** for possible action on items discussed in executive session

10. **Discussion and possible action regarding future agenda items**

None.

11. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. **Human Resources**

1. Personnel
2. Employee Count

- B. **Submission of grant proposal to CenterPoint Energy Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 via the Education Foundation of Harris County to support CASE for Kids' All-Earth Ecobot Challenge. Requested funds will support a robotics project for 350 students in the**

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4th-8th-grades.

- C. **Submission of grant proposal to Texas Education Agency in the amount of \$1.5 million to support CASE for Kids' 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant, Cycle 10** Year 5 continuation application. Requested funds will provide academic and enrichment services for 975 students and 400 family members.
- D. **Submission of grant proposal to Texas Education Agency in the amount of \$1.7 million to support CASE for Kids' 21st Century Community Learning Centers Cycle 11, Year 2** continuation application. Requested funds will provide academic and enrichment services for 1,046 students and 400 family members.
- E. **A school district that enters into a purchasing contract valued at \$25,000 or more under Education Code 44.031(a) (5) (interlocal contract), under Local Government Code Chapter 271, Subchapter F (cooperative purchasing program), or under any other cooperative purchasing program authorized for school districts by law shall document any contract-related fee, including any management fee, and the purpose of each fee under the contract.**

The amount, purpose, and disposition of any fee described above must be presented in a written report and submitted annually in an open meeting of the board. The written report must appear as an agenda item.

HCDE paid fees to the Cooperative purchasing programs listed below; the cooperative, the fees, and the purpose and disposition of the fees are listed below.

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (TPASS) \$100 Annual Membership Fee

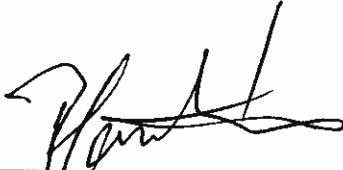
This is a presentation only; no action is necessary.

- 12. **ADJOURN** - Next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.


Motion made by Erica Davis, seconded by David Brown, to adjourn.

Motion passes with 5-0 voting to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.



Richard Cantu
Board President



Andrea Duhon
Board First Vice President