

Houston Public Schools

Minutes of the Board of Education in regular closed session May 14, 2024.

Closed Session A closed session meeting of the Board of Education Houston R-I School District of Texas County, Missouri was convened at 7:55 p.m. with the following members present: Darren Ice, Dustin Hartman, Jeff Gettys, Tressie Neugebauer, Marty Merckling, and Jennifer Scheets. Charlie Malam attended by Zoom.

Approve Agenda A motion was made by Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Marty Merckling to approve the closed agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes A motion was made by Dustin Hartman and seconded by Jeff Gettys to approve the minutes from the previous closed board meeting. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

Resignations A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman to approve the resignation of Sarah Williams, Elementary Teacher, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Dustin Hartman and seconded by Jeff Gettys to approve the resignation of Alexis Hunter, Paraprofessional, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Marty Merckling to approve the resignation of Rebekah Wann, Elementary Teacher, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman to approve the resignation of Melanie Foreman, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, Assistant Cross Country Coach, Middle School Softball Coach, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Dustin Hartman and seconded by Darren Ice to approve the resignation of Jeff Richardson, Middle School PE Teacher and TDA Director, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman to

approve the resignation of Adam Vandiver, Assistant Scholar Bowl Sponsor, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Darren Ice to approve the resignation of Chellsy Hicks, Preschool Teacher, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Tressie Neugebauer to approve the resignation of Alexander Carpenter, Custodian. Mr. Carpenter's last day will be June 30, 2024. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Marty Merckling to approve the resignation of Rebecca Helm, High School English Teacher and National Honor Society sponsor at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

Employment

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Tressie Neugebauer to employ Brett Rawlings as Middle School Head Football Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Darren Ice to employ Rodney Preheim as Middle School Assistant Football Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Dustin Hartman and seconded by Tressie Neugebauer to employ Todd McKinney as High School Football Assistant Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Dustin Hartman and seconded by Tressie Neugebauer to employ Michael Tottingham as High School Football Assistant Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 6-0-1. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys abstain, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Jeff Gettys to employ Jessica Meier as Elementary Yearbook Sponsor for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty

Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Marty Merckling to employ Sarah Shelton as Custodian for immediate employment, pending background check. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Dustin Hartman and seconded by Jeff Gettys to employ Eric Brown as Custodian for immediate employment, pending background check. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Darren Ice to employ Anita Ellis as CRT Trainer at the Exceptional Child Cooperative for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Charlie Malam to employ Greg Huffman as High School Part-time Mathematics Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman to employ Jason Pounds as High School Pep Club Sponsor for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman to employ John Jordan as Diagnostician at the Exceptional Child Cooperative for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 6-1. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Darren Ice to employ Zachary Venn as Custodian for the 2024-2025 school year, pending background check. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Darren Ice to employ Kirsten Romines as Middle School Career/Technology Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, pending background check. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman to employ Kailie Kinder as SLP-A at the Exceptional Child Cooperative for the 2024-2025 school year, pending background check. Motion carried 7-

0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Marty Merckling to increase Sarah Mead's FTE from 0.4 to 0.6 as COTA at the Exceptional Child Cooperative for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, Jennifer Scheets yea.

Closed session adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Secretary

President