

Houston Public Schools

Minutes of the Board of Education in regular closed session December 10, 2024.

Closed Session A closed session meeting of the Board of Education Houston R-I School District of Texas County, Missouri was convened at 6:53 p.m. with the following members present: Dustin Hartman, Charlie Malam, Jeff Gettys, Tressie Neugebauer, Marty Merckling, and Jennifer Scheets.

Darren Ice attended by FaceTime.

Approve Agenda A motion was made by Dustin Hartman and seconded by Tressie Neugebauer to approve the closed agenda as presented. 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.

Minutes A motion was made by Jeff Gettys and seconded by Dustin Hartman 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 Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Charlie Malam to approve the resignation of Deborah Dorman, Food Service, Ms. Dorman's last day of work was November 19, 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 Dustin Hartman and seconded by Charlie Malam to approve the resignation of Savanna Wofford, Exceptional Child Cooperative Paraprofessional, Ms. Wofford's last day of work was November 18, 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 Tressie Neugebauer to approve the retirement/resignation of Julie Allen, Elementary Art Teacher, at the end of 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 Charlie Malam and seconded by Dustin Hartman to approve the retirement/resignation of Gaylord Ragain, Custodian. Mr. Ragain's last day of work is January 20, 2025. 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 Charlie Malam and seconded by Dustin Hartman to employ Laura Twyford as food service 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 Marty Merckling to employ Robbie Mortenson as Middle School Head Baseball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year, pending background check. Motion carried 6-0-1. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman abstain, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling yea, and Jennifer Scheets yea.

A motion was made by Charlie Malam and seconded by Tressie Neugebauer to employ Destiny Wallander, as Assistant Scholar Bowl Coach 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 Charlie Malam to employ Chrystal Michelle Long, as Paraprofessional 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 Charlie Malam and seconded by Jeff Gettys to reimburse the Licking School District as billed for a .5 FTE for ECSE Paraprofessional services. 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 Jeff Gettys to employ Dave Rust as Transportation Director. Motion carried 6-1. Darren Ice yea, Dustin Hartman yea, Charlie Malam yea, Jeff Gettys yea, Tressie Neugebauer yea, Marty Merckling nay, and Jennifer Scheets yea

Adjournment

A motion was made by Tressie Neugebauer and seconded by Jeff Gettys to adjourn. 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.

Closed session adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Secretary

President