

Called Meeting
Tuesday, September 5, 2023 6:30 PM

Third Floor Training Room
285 Uptown Blvd.
Cedar Hill, Texas 75104

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS - Announcement by the Board President whether a quorum is present, and that the notice of the meeting has been duly called, and posted in the time and manner required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.
2. CLOSED SESSION
Recess to Executive Session, pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section:

551.071) Private consultation with the board's attorney,
 - Consultation with District legal counsel regarding pending litigation in TEA Docket No. 286-SE-0523 and Possible Settlement of Same.
 - Consultation with District legal counsel regarding pending litigation in TEA Docket No. 327-SE-0623 and Possible Settlement of Same.
3. 551.074) To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee
551.082) Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.
 - Deliberations regarding pending litigation in TEA Docket No. 286-SE-0523 and Possible Settlement of Same.
 - Deliberations regarding pending litigation in TEA Docket No. 327-SE-0623 and Possible Settlement of Same.
4. If, during the course of the meeting, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed session is required, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section listed above.

The Board will vote on matters in Open Session considered in Closed Session or matters considered if the Board enters into a Closed meeting during the meeting, if applicable.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
The Board encourages comments about the District from members of the public. Anyone who has signed up to speak in advance of the meeting in accordance with procedures may do so at this time. Each participant should address the Board from the podium microphone, stating their name and address before speaking. The Board asks that each participant's comments pertain to District business and be no longer than three (3) minutes. Copies of presentations should be made available to all Trustees and the Superintendent.
6. LONE STAR GOVERNANCE
Lone Star Governance (LSG) is a continuous-improvement model for governing teams—boards in collaboration with their superintendents—who choose to focus

intensely on only one primary objective: Improving student outcomes. Lone Star Governance accomplishes this intense focus through tailored coaching aligned to the five pillars of the Texas Framework for School Board Development: Vision, Accountability, Structure, Advocacy, and Unity.

6.A. 2022 STAAR/EOC Data Report

Presenter: Mrs. Shemeka Milner

**Cedar Hill Independent School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Meeting Date: September 5 ,2023

Presented by: Dr. Gerald Hudson, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: STAAR/EOC 2023

Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Information regarding Spring 20223 STAAR/EOC Results for Cedar Hill ISD and comparative data for surrounding districts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Information Only

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

None

POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

None

CONTACT PERSON:

Shemeka Millner, Asst. Superintendent of Academics

FUNDING SOURCE:

None

ENCLOSURES:

STAAR/EOC 2023 Data Presentation

7. INFORMATION

These items are presented to the Board for information only. No presentations will be made unless specifically requested by the Board.

7.A. TASB Policy Update 121

Presenter: Mrs. Shemeka Milner

**Cedar Hill Independent School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Meeting Date: September 5, 2023

Presented by: Dr. Gerald Hudson, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: TASB Update 121

Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Update 121 includes policy recommendations to address changes from legislative updates that occurred during special sessions. Recommended changes to legal policies only.

RECOMMENDATION:

n/a

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

n/a

POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

None

CONTACT PERSON:

Shemeka Millner, Asst. Superintendent of Academics

FUNDING SOURCE:

None

ENCLOSURES:

Annotated Policy Reference Manual Update 121

7.B. CHEF Annual Presentation

Presenter: Ms. Denise Root and Ms. Tierney Tinnin

**Cedar Hill Independent School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Meeting Date: September 5, 2023

Presented by: Dr. Gerald Hudson, Superintendent

Subject: Cedar Hill Education Foundation Annual Presentation

Information Item

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Founded in 2002, the Cedar Hill ISD Education Foundation (CHEF) is an independent non-profit organization. Since its founding, CHEF has disbursed and pledged more than \$1 million to support CHISD scholars, staff and programs since its inception. This annual presentation will update the Board of fundraising, support and giving completed in the last year.

RECOMMENDATION:

None

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

None

POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

None

CONTACT PERSON:

Denise Root, Executive Director of the Cedar Hill Education Foundation
Tierney Tinnin, Chief of Communications & Marketing

FUNDING SOURCE:

N/A

ENCLOSURES

CHEF 2023 Annual Report Presentation

7.C. Gear Up College Tour Field Trip
Presenter: Ms. Angele Hodges

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Meeting Date: September 5, 2023

Presented by: Dr. Gerald Hudson, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: GEAR Up Washington DC College Tour

Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

GEAR UP has planned a college tour in the Washington D. C. area in an effort to expose our scholars to new places, new people, and new ideas that they may not otherwise experience. This tour will provide each scholar with a realistic academic and career plan for the next four years. At the completion of this tour they not only will have raised their career goals and expectations, but they will be able to demonstrate goal setting, analytical and critical decision-making skills necessary to adapt their plan as they mature into young adults.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

N/A

POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

N/A

CONTACT PERSON:

Angele Hodges, GEAR Up Director

FUNDING SOURCE:

GEAR UP Grant funds: 274 E 11 6412 03 999 3 24 000

ENCLOSURES:

GEAR Up Washington DC Area College Tour Presentation
Booking Contract
Tentative Itinerary

7.D. Efficiency Audit

Presenter: Mrs. Paula McBride

Cedar Hill Independent School District BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Date: September 5, 2023

Presented by: Dr. Gerald Hudson, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Efficiency Audit

Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

House Bill 3, Eighty-sixth Legislature, 2019, requires the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) to establish guidelines for a school district's efficiency audit. The legislation added Texas Education Code, Section 11.184, which requires the board of trustees of a school district to conduct an efficiency audit before seeking voter approval to adopt a tax rate for the maintenance and operations (M&O) of the district. Statute defines an efficiency audit as an investigation of the operations of a school district to examine fiscal management, efficiency, and utilization of resources.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

N/A

POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

Texas Education Code, Section 11.184

CONTACT PERSON(S):

Carla Settle, Chief Financial Officer
Paula McBride, Executive Director of Finance

FUNDING SOURCE:

General Fund (199)

8. ACTION

8.A. Good Cause Exception - HB3

Presenter: Chief James Hawthorne

Cedar Hill Independent School District BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Date: September 5, 2023

Presented by: Dr. Gerald B. Hudson, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Good Cause Exception- HB 3

Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

House Bill 3 (HB 3), effective September 1, 2023, adds new Texas Education Code section 37.0814. This new law requires each school board to determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each district campus and, absent a good cause exception, ensure at least one armed security officer—specifically, a commissioned peace officer—is present during regular school hours at each campus. A school board can claim a good cause exception to this requirement due to lack of funding or qualified personnel. If the board claims a good cause exception, the board must provide an alternative standard that may include reliance on a school marshal or an employee or contracted individual who has completed the handgun safety course required for handgun license holders and is authorized to carry a firearm by the district (often called a “guardian” in school board policy). Each district must create and maintain documentation of its compliance with this section.

RECOMMENDATION:

CHISD administration recommends the board approve the Good Cause Exception Plan to HB 3 for the 2023-2024 school year.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

Yes

POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

Texas Education Code 37.0814

CONTACT PERSON:

Chief James Hawthorne, Chief of Police Cedar Hill I.S.D.

FUNDING SOURCE:

199

ENCLOSURES:

Resolution- Good Cause Exception

8.B. Consider and take possible action on TEA Docket No. 286-SE-0523 and 327-SE-0623.

Presenter: Dr. Gerald Hudson

9. ADJOURN