

AGENDA

for the

Special Meeting

of the

Board of Trustees



**Administration Building, Room B-1, 1319 New Sunnybrook
Drive, Tyler, TX**

**April 1, 2008
4:00 PM**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
TYLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, the Board of Trustees of the Tyler Independent School District will hold a Special meeting at 4:00 PM at the Administration Building, Room B-1, 1319 New Sunnybrook Drive, Tyler, TX. The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda which is attached to and made a part of this Notice.

Individuals with disabilities are entitled to have access to and participate in public meetings. An individual requiring an accommodation for access to the meeting must notify the Tyler Independent School District by informing Dr. Karen Raney, the district's ADA coordinator, in writing 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting of the necessity of an accommodation. Upon receipt of this request, the district will furnish appropriate auxiliary aides and services when necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in and enjoy the benefits of the board meeting as nonhandicapped individuals enjoy.

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the School Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the School Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act.

Texas Government Code Section:

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| 551.071 | Private consultation with the board's attorney. |
| 551.072 | Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. |
| 551.073 | Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations. |
| 551.074 | Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel. |
| 551.076 | Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices. |
| 551.082 | Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel. |
| 551.083 | Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups. |
| 551.084 | Excluding witnesses from a hearing. |

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting, then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or
- (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.

**TYLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, April 1, 2008 4:00 PM

Administration Building, Room B-1, 1319 New Sunnybrook Drive, Tyler, TX

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. First Order of Business -- Announcement by the Chairman as to the presence of a quorum, that the meeting has been duly called and that notice of the meeting has been posted in the time and manner required.
- III. Action Items
 - A. Consider approval of Certification of Unopposed Candidate 5
 - B. Consider approval of an Order Declaring Cancellation of Trustee Election and Election of Unopposed Candidate 7
 - C. Consider approval of Reduction in Force due to the Program Change/Elimination of Courses in Career and Technical Education (CTE) 9
- IV. Discussion Item
 - A. Bond Workshop
- V. Executive Session will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071 et seq. concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act.
 - A. Texas Government Code Section 551.071 For the purpose of a private consultation with the board's attorney on all subjects or matter authorized by law.
 - I. When the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or
 - II. On a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.
 - III. Consider legal advice regarding personnel and related action items.
 - IV. Consider legal advice regarding the purchase and sale agreement for the purchase of land and related action items.
 - B. Texas Government Code Section 551.074 For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
 - I. Consider hiring and accepting resignations of professional personnel.
 - II. Consider renewals, non-renewals and terminations of contracts for professional personnel. (To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, and contracts of employees.) 10
- VI. Reconvene from Executive Session
- VII. Consider action on items discussed in Executive Session
 - A. Consider board approval of hiring, accepting resignations, and/or terminations of professional personnel.
 - B. Consider renewals, non-renewals and terminations of contracts for professional personnel.

VIII. Adjournment

Subject: Certification of Unopposed Candidate

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the January 24, 2008, Board Meeting, Trustees approved an Order to Call an Election for May 10, 2008, to fill trustee positions for Single Member Districts 2 and 4. The three-year terms of office will expire in May. Orenthia Mason is the current trustee for Single Member District 2. Single Member District 4 was held by Kristen Baldwin until she resigned on June 25, 2007. The seat has remained vacant.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Texas Election Code, Chapter 2, Subsection C, Section 2.052 allows a school district not to conduct an election in a single member district where a candidate is unopposed. March 10th was the filing deadline for a position on the ballot. March 17th was the filing deadline for write-in candidates. Orenthia Mason is unopposed in Single Member District 2. An election will be held for Single Member District 4.

In accordance with the Texas Election Code, Section 2.051-2.053, the governing body must meet and accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidate (see following page) and issue an order or ordinance declaring the election cancelled and the unopposed candidate elected.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Trustees approve the attached Certification of Unopposed Candidate for Single Member District 2.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

CONTACT PERSON

Randy Reid, Ed. D.

04-01-08

CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE

To: Lewis B. Spradlin, President of the Tyler Independent School District Board of Trustees

As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, I hereby certify that the following candidate is unopposed for election to the office of Board of Trustees. The election is scheduled to be held on Saturday, May, 10, 2008.

Single Member District 2

Orenthia Mason



Signature

Gina Orr

Printed Name

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Title

3/27/08

Date of Signing

(Seal)

Subject: Order Declaring Cancellation of Trustee Election and Election of Unopposed Candidate

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the attached Order of Cancellation of Election and certify the election of Orenthia Mason as trustee for Single Member District 2 for a term of three years effective May 2008.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

CONTACT PERSON

Randy Reid, Ed. D.

04-01-08

ORDER OF CANCELLATION

The Tyler Independent School District hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2008, in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidate has been certified as unopposed and is hereby elected as follows:

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tyler por la presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el sabado 10 de mayo, 2008 de conformidad, con la Seccion 2.053(a) delCodigo de Elecciones de Texas. El siguiente candidato ha sido certificado como candidato unico y por la presente queda elegido como se halla indicado a continuacion:

Candidate (Candidato)

Office Sought (Cargo al que presenta candidatura)

Orenthia Mason

Single Member District 2

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El Dia de las Elecciones se exhibira una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la eleccion.

President (Presidente)

Secretary (Secretario)

(Seal) (sello)

Date of adoption (Fecha de adopcion)

Subject: Consider Approval of Reduction in Force due to the Program Change/Elimination of Courses in Career and Technical Education (CTE)

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

For the 2008-2009 school year, the Computer Application course will not be offered at the high school level. The Computer Maintenance Technician courses will not be offered due to insufficient student course requests.

The following positions are recommended for elimination as a result of the reduction in force of courses in the CTE program:

Computer Application Class at the high school level

Computer Maintenance Technician

ACTION REQUIRED

The administration recommends approval by the Board.

CONTACT PERSON(S)

Randy Reid, Ed. D.
Sharon Roy
Karen Raney

04-01-08

Subject: Personnel Actions

BACKGROUND

Personnel actions are as indicated.

ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERATION

Personnel appointments recommended for confirmation have met the employment prerequisites of the Tyler Independent School District. The candidates either hold valid certificates or such alternatives as specified by the Board.

Recommendations for new appointments are based on interviews, references, adequacy of preparation, performance records and the Superintendent's approval.

The appointments, resignations, retirements, and non-renewals are subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

RECOMMENDATION

The confirmation of personnel actions as indicated.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board approval

CONTACT PERSON

Randy Reid, Ed. D.
Sharon Roy

04-01-08