

## Board Meeting Summary For the Meeting: March 12, 2020

## Regular Board Meeting 3/12/20

The HISD Board met for their regular meeting last Thursday, with only trustee Santos absent. Trustees held items A.2, D.1, H.3, and I.3 for discussion. Item A.2, the board monitoring update, was postponed. The other discussion items were voted on separately from the consent agenda, but were not actually discussed in light of the district's decision to close schools and limit large gatherings. All votes were unanimous and the meeting ended after 30 minutes.

## **Budget Workshop**

3/5/20

The Board participated in their first budget proposal update for the 2020-2021 school year at their agenda review meeting. The administration presented a balanced budget, with \$11 million set aside to maintain employee health insurance rates and \$24 million for employee salaries. HISD will have to pay \$60 million in excess revenue (formerly called recapture) and the only increase to the Per Unit Allocation (PUA) will be to cover salary increases from last year. Excess revenue is projected to increase over the next several years, reaching over \$150 million by the 2023-2024 school year. For more details, see the Houston Chronicle overview.

## **Notes:**

- Trustee Flynn Vilaseca Ocampo demonstrated a commitment to leadership by asking about how the board could work to set priorities for the budget in addition to their goals/theory of action work.
- Trustees Cruz and Flynn Vilaseca Ocampo demonstrated a commitment to equity when they asked administration about community outreach efforts as part of the budget process.
- Trustee Sung demonstrated a commitment to Impact when she asked if the budget is aligned with the stretch version of the board goals the trustees are working to develop.
- Trustee Deigaard demonstrated a commitment to stewardship by asking the administration if the budget includes recommendations provided by the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) performance audit.