

COUNTY OF HOWARD

The Board of Trustees of the Howard County Junior College District met for a special meeting in the Fireplace Room in the Student Union Building on the Big Spring site and by telephone conference call on Monday, December 21, 2020.

The following members of the Board and District Administration were present:

Dr. John Freeman, Chairman
Maxwell Barr, Vice-Chairman
Adrian Calvio, Secretary by phone
Patricia Bennett
Michael Flores
Mark Morgan by phone
Ben Zeichick

Cheryl T. Sparks, Ed.D., President
Amy Burchett, Ed.D., Vice-President Academic and Student Affairs
Pam Callan, Administrative Dean for Instruction and Student Services, San Angelo by phone
Brenda Claxton, Chief Fiscal Officer/Controller by phone
Terry Hansen, Chief Athletic and Special Projects Officer
Fabian Serrano, Chief Operations and Safety/Security Officer by phone
Steve Smith, Chief Business Officer/Internal Auditor by phone

Others present were:

Julie Bailey, Assistant to the President
Lee Bryant, Security
Shane Clark, Director Facilities and Fleet Maintenance, BS/District HVAC Specialist
Amanda Duforant, *Big Spring Herald* by phone
Eric Hansen, Dean Information Technology Systems by phone
Rhonda Kernick, Director Human Resources by phone
Rusty Reeves, Trane Representative by phone
Cindy Smith, Director Information and Marketing

Dr. Sparks explained procedures of the telephonic meeting. Chairman John Freeman called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m. in accordance with Texas Government Section, 551.045 with Adrian Calvio and Mark Morgan positioned in remote connection and Dr. Freeman, Maxwell Barr, Patricia Bennett, Michael Flores and Ben Zeichick located in the Fireplace Room in the SUB on the Big Spring campus. Roll call was taken by voice response. Based on the suspended proceedings of the Open Meetings Act in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the meeting was open to the public through remote connection utilizing a toll-free number for audio purposes and visual presentation available on the website. The public was also entitled to participate and address the Board onsite. The meeting was recorded and will be available on the website.

Next, the public was given the opportunity to communicate with the board. There were no comments.

Trustees considered purchasing related to the boiler installation for the Big Spring campus based on unforeseen failure of four of the six boiler units. Dr. Sparks gave an overview on options available. After some discussion of three bids secured for equipment and associated warranties, Mrs. Bennett made the motion to approve the purchase of six boilers from Trane for \$265,748 (see proposal attached). Mr. Flores seconded the motion. All Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

Lastly, Dr. Sparks shared that a grant for \$250,000 had been received from the G.C. Broughton, Jr. Foundation for Big Spring nursing program scholarships for current students to complete their studies as well as equipment.

There being no other business, Trustees adjourned at 2:28 p.m.



Dr. John Freeman, Chairman



Adrian Calvio, Secretary
By Julie Bailey