

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 13, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 7:11 p.m. in the Central Media Center located at 1409 E. Harrison, Harlingen, Texas. Lee Means, Board President, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Lee Means, Cesar Maldonado, George McShan, Gerry Fleuriet, Verna Young, Omar Cano and Javier De Leon

**MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

None

**OTHERS
PRESENT:**

Dr. Linda Wade, Tricia Morrow, Art Cavazos, Ramiro Flores, Julio Cavazos, Chipper Zamora, John Arellano and Sonia Brown

**AWARDS AND
RECOGNITIONS:**

The following students were recognized for having been selected as Texas "All-State" musicians during the recent Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio: Cordero Salazar, Allison Brady, Tanya Cain, Nicholas Garza, Anneka Quellhorst, Cara Peyton, Moises Cruz, Angel Elizondo, Modesto Morales, Josh Posler, Daniel Quintana, Vanessa Valdez, Paula Villarreal and Darleen Yanez.

**PRINCIPALS'
REPORTS:**

Alex Gonzalez, Principal at Memorial Middle School, presented an overview of the technology advances in mathematics that are being offered on his campus. Mr. Gonzalez presented a PowerPoint presentation featuring students using state of the art graphing calculators, Interwrite Pads, Elmo Projectors and the Compass Learning Lab. Mr. Gonzalez was proud to inform the Board that Memorial was a TEA recognized campus and the recipient of five gold performance awards.

Yvonne Montemayor, Principal at Zavala Elementary, reported that exciting things are happening in their science lab. Kindergarten students entertained the Board with a song about what they have learned about the water cycle. A PowerPoint presentation was presented featuring students participating in several stimulating science activities. A video presentation was shown explaining how students learned about the phases of the moon. Student council members shared their reflections about their individual science projects.

**ARCHITECT'S
REPORT:**

Ramiro Flores reported on the following construction projects: **Central Administration Building** – Finish coat is being applied to interior walls. Flooring is being installed. Door frames are in place and painted. Above ceiling inspection is complete and ceiling tiles are being installed. Fixture installation is complete in restrooms. Site work is nearing completion. Acoustic sound panels are being installed. Exterior flatwork is complete and brick veneer is complete. MEP finishes are complete and A/C is up and running. Stage is complete pending carpet and millwork. **Milam** – Re-roofing is complete. Exterior brick veneer on new building is complete. Roofing is complete on new building. MEP rough-in is complete in new building. Contractor is ready to move into next wing to begin A/C work. New canopy is not yet complete. **HHS-South** – Project is complete. Hardware for sound proof doors are scheduled to arrive by Feb. 16. Descon Construction will install the hardware as soon as it arrives. There are drainage issues at the baseball and softball fields. Descon will begin rectifying these issues as

soon as the weather permits. Landscaping and irrigation is complete. Descon continues to correct warranty issues as they occur. **Boggus Stadium** – American Contracting USA has begun the foundation work and the bus parking lot on the east side of Boggus Stadium (on 77 Sunshine Strip). The contractor has also met with the structural consultant to discuss the progress of the concrete spalling repairs. Contractor has mobilized and fenced off the construction area. Site work has begun on the east side of the stadium. Demolition of west side is complete. Contractor is working with HCISD on safely routing children to Memorial and Vernon. **New Elementary School** – The design team met with the district’s administrators and principals for an on-site design session where the new elementary school’s program was reviewed and a preliminary schematic design was generated. **Bonham** – Scoggins will begin work on canopies for the campus and kitchen as soon as weather permits. HCISD staff and the principal have met and reviewed landscaping and irrigation plans with the landscape architect. Changes were made and plans will be returned for final approval this week. The plans will then be given to Scoggins who will hire the landscape and irrigation sub-contractor. Bus drop and student drop off areas are being discussed. Warranty issues are being addressed. **Long** – HCISD staff and the principal have met and reviewed landscaping and irrigation plans with the landscape architect. Changes were made and plans will be returned for final approval this week. The plans will then be given to Scoggins who will hire the landscape and irrigation sub-contractor. Warranty issues are being addressed. **HHS** – The girls’ trainers and boys basketball areas east wing dressing area work is complete and the area has been punched out by the architect. Wing 9 – Unit F is complete and occupied by staff and students. Millwork locks will soon be installed by PCI. HCISD food service staff has begun to occupy. Landscaping is scheduled to begin. Work on restrooms in Building V is complete. Unit O is awaiting decision on cost proposal.

**CONSENT
AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Approval of Proclamations as follows: a) Texas Public Schools Week as March 5-9, 2007, and b) Educational Diagnosticians’ Week as March 5-9, 2007.
- b. Minutes of the January 16, 2007 Regular Board Meeting as written.
- c. Budget Amendments as recommended by the Administration.
- d. Award of Proposals as follows: 1) Local Arts and Crafts Shelf/Catalog Term Bid, 2) General Hardware/Tool Catalog Term Bid, 3) Weight Room Equipment Catalog Term Bid, 4) Graduation Items Catalog Term Bid, 5) Closed Circuit Security Camera System Catalog Term Bid, 6) Football Helmet Reconditioning and Recertification, 7) Grease Traps and Septic System Cleanout Term Bid, 8) Band, Choir, Orchestra and Elementary Music Equipment Line Item Term Bid, 9) Band, Choir, Orchestra & Elementary Music Equipment Catalog Term Bid, and 10) Music Material Catalog Term Bid.
- e. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Alliance as presented by Tony Gracia and recommended by the Administration.
- f. Approval of the legal policies in Board Policy Manual Update 79 on 1st reading and to postpone approving the local policies.
- g. Approval of revision to Board Policy GBAA (Exhibit) on 2nd reading as recommended by the Administration.

- h. Approval of Revision to Board Policy CI (Local) on 2nd reading as recommended by the Administration.
- i. Approval of Date Change of March Regular Board Meeting from March 13, 2007 to March 20, 2007.

Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Proclamations, Budget Amendments, Award of Proposals, and Interlocal Agreement for US Communities Cooperative Purchasing Alliance are filed with these minutes.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRIP FOR HHS-SOUTH BAND: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the out-of-state trip for the HHS-South Band to travel to Los Angeles, California on May 3-7, 2007. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE PROPOSALS FOR HHS: A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the change proposals for Harlingen High School and accompanying budget amendment in the amount of \$71,000.00 as presented by Ramiro Flores. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ACOUSTICAL MATERIAL FOR HHS-SOUTH: A motion was made to approve additional acoustical material for HHS-South and accompanying budget amendment in the amount of \$13,000.00 as presented by Ramiro Flores. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT ELECTION WITH CITY: A motion was made by George McShan to approve the Inter-local agreement for joint election between the City of Harlingen and Harlingen CISD as presented by Julio Cavazos. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **Interlocal Agreement for Joint Election with City is filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF EARLY VOTING CLERK: A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to approve the appointment of Lupita Cruz as the Early Voting Clerk for the Board of Trustees election on May 12, 2007 as presented by Julio Cavazos. George McShan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PRE-CLEARANCE LETTER TO U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE TO CHANGE VOTING LOCATION: A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the submittal of a pre-clearance letter to the U.S. Department of Justice to change early voting location as presented by Julio Cavazos. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Pre-clearance letter is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
ELECTION
ORDER AND
NOTICE OF
ELECTION:**

A motion was made by George McShan to approve the Election Order and Notice of Trustee Election as presented by Julio Cavazos. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Election Order and Notice of Trustee Election is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
CLASS SIZE
WAIVER:**

A motion was made by Verna Young to approve a class size waiver request and current compliance plan to be submitted to the Texas Education Agency State Waiver Unit for Spring 2007 as presented by Tricia Morrow. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Class size waiver request is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
2007-2008 SCHOOL
CALENDAR:**

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve Calendar 1 for the 2007-2008 school calendar as selected by campus-based personnel. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Calendar 1 is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
BOARD POLICY
DK (LOCAL):**

A motion was made and amended by Cesar Maldonado to request that staff have the proposed amended wording for Board Policy DK (Local) be evaluated by the District's lawyers. Javier De Leon seconded the motion and the amendment. The motion and amendment carried unanimously.

**MUSIC DEPT.
UPDATE:**

Roger Harms, Director of Music Education, provided the Board members with a complete HCISD Music Department Update. Mr. Harms stated that there are currently 2,431 students enrolled in the secondary music program. Mr. Harms highlighted all of the monthly music activities performed throughout the year. Mr. Harms presented statistical information indicating that students involved in the music programs received higher scores on their TAKS tests. The school district currently has 15 concert bands, 9 jazz ensembles, 18 choirs, 9 string orchestras, and 2 mariachi groups who perform a minimum of 212 public performances each school year.

**TEXAS
EDUCATOR
EXCELLENCE
AWARD:**

Tricia Morrow, Asst. Supt. for Elementary Education, reported that in accordance with the Texas Education Code §21.652, the Governor's Educator Excellence Award Program - Texas Educator Excellence Award is established as an annual grant program under which a district or open-enrollment charter school may receive a grant on behalf of an eligible campus as an award for student achievement. Mrs. Morrow stated that Bonham Elementary has been identified as eligible to submit an incentive plan.

**BOARD MEMBER
CONTINUING
EDUCATION
REPORT:**

Board President Lee Means announced that all board members had completed all continuing education credit requirements for the year.

**FORMATIVE
EVALUATIONS
OF CAMPUS
IMPROVEMENT
PLANS:**

Tricia Morrow and Art Cavazos presented Formative Evaluations of Campus Improvement Plans and Formative Evaluation of District Improvement Plan for the Board's review.

**MONTHLY TAX
COLLECTION
INFORMATION:**

Julio Cavazos provided monthly tax collection information for the Board's review. **(Monthly Tax Collection Information is filed with these minutes.)**

SPECIAL

REVENUE FUNDS INFORMATION: Julio Cavazos provided Special Revenue Funds Information for the Board's review. (Special Revenue Funds Information is filed with these minutes.)

MONTHLY FINANCIALS REPORT:

Julio Cavazos provided a Monthly Financials Report for the Board's review. (Monthly Financials Report is filed with these minutes.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Board President Lee Means called for an Executive Session at 10:40 p.m. in accordance with Sections 551.071, 551.074, and 551.082, the Texas Government Code (The Texas Open Meetings Act) to discuss:

- a. Discuss Employment of Teachers and Other Professional Staff
- b. Discuss Employment of Athletic Coordinator/Head Football Coach at HHS-South
- c. Discuss Administrators' Contract Recommendations for the 2007-2008 School Year
- d. Discuss Superintendent's Evaluation & Contract

OPEN SESSION:

The meeting reconvened into Open Session on February 14, 2007 at 12:45 a.m.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS:

A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve the employment of the following teachers and other professional staff for the 2006-2007 as follows: Teresa Heatherman and Jennifer Law. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT OF ATHLETIC COORDINATOR AT SOUTH:

No action was taken on the employment of the Athletic Coordinator/Head Football Coach position at HHS-South.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT RECOMMENDATIONS:

A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to approve the administrators' contract recommendations for the 2007-2008 school year as discussed in Executive Session. George McShan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (List of Administrators' Contract Recommendations is filed with these minutes.)

CONSIDER SUPT'S EVAL. & CONTRACT:

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the Superintendent's evaluation and contract as discussed in Executive Session. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12:46 a.m. on February 14, 2007.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE