

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MAY 9, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Central Media Center located at 1409 E. Harrison, Harlingen, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Verna Young, Lee Means, Cesar Maldonado, Gerry Fleuriet, George McShan, Omar Cano and Javier DeLeon

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Linda Wade, Tricia Morrow, Dr. Chris Garcia, Art Cavazos, Ramiro Flores, Julio Cavazos, Chipper Zamora and Sonia Brown

RECOGNITION OF VERNA YOUNG: Verna Young was recognized by the Board and Administrative Staff for having served as Board President for the 2005-2006 school year. An honor plaque was presented to Mrs. Young in appreciation for her dedicated service.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS: Mandy Key, Executive Coordinator for Harlingen Proud, was present to recognize the following campuses who were winners of the 2006 Telephone Book Recycling Campaign: 1st Place – Wilson Elementary, 2nd Place – Coakley Middle School and Stuart Place Elementary, and 3rd Place – Rodriguez Elementary and Treasure Hills Elementary. Wilson will receive \$300, Coakley and Stuart Place will receive \$200 each and Rodriguez and Treasure Hills will receive \$100 each.

Mandy Key also recognized Ray Arispe, Stuart Place Elementary School student, who received 1st Place in the Arbor Day Poster Contest. Ray will receive a check for \$100.00.

The following GT scholarship recipients were honored by the Board: Juan Maldonado, Rodriguez Elementary student; Ashlee Winters, Coakley Middle School student; Cassandra Lee Gonzalez, HHS student; and Patti Ross, teacher at Coakley Middle School. Each recipient received a \$500 scholarship.

ARCHITECTS' REPORTS: Ramiro Flores, Asst. Supt. for District Operations reported on the following construction projects: **Milam** – Bids were received and opened on April 25, 2006. A recommendation was made during the Board Meeting. **New Administration Building** – Bids were received on May 2, 2006. The estimated start date is June 1, 2006. Completion date is estimated for November 28, 2006. **HHS-South** – The drama seating has been installed in the new Fine Arts Building. Final touch-up is being complete. Construction work has begun on the front entry tower. Completion of the entire project is July 28, 2006. Work in progress includes Wing 1100 finishes of 2nd half of classrooms, Wing 2100 demo of 2nd half of classrooms, Wing 700 demo and rough-in work, Dixieland baseball practice fields, girls' dressing/shower areas, and main gym a/c units being replaced. **Boggus Stadium** – The architect projects completion of documents by end of May 2006. **Vela** – Pending issues include landscaping closeout and practice field. Miscellaneous warranty work will proceed until July-August, 2006. **Bonham** – The three-classroom addition is complete and the students and staff are now occupying the building. The existing kitchen has been raised in order to begin work on the new kitchen.

Work has begun on new kitchen, rough in MEP and foundation are complete. Temporary serving lines are up and running in the existing cafeteria and kitchen staff continue to serve from there. **HHS** – Interior work is in progress on Wing 9. Wing 2 is complete. The corridor bathroom in Wing C is almost ready. Work continues in Drama area. Interior work is in progress in the vocation building Health Professions Classroom and lab. **Long** – Interior finishes are complete on Phase I. Staff and students have occupied the newly completed classrooms. Renovation work has begun on Phase II. The new library and music rooms are nearing completion. The brick work is complete. Roofing work continues on the entire building. Electrical changeover is complete. **Zavala** – Areas B, C, D, E, F and G are complete and occupied by HCISD staff and students. Work is complete on the chiller. Renovation work is complete on wing G. The work in the main building will begin as soon as school is out. The District has asked the contractor to wait until school is out to finish the remainder of the project.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS:**

Kevin Brackmeyer, Principal at Coakley Middle School, was proud to announce that for the 30th year in a row, Coakley students won the UIL District Championship.

**CONSENT
AGENDA:**

A motion was made by George McShan to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of the April 11, 2006 Regular Board Meeting and the April 18, 2006 Special Board Meeting as written.
- b. Budget Amendments as recommended by the Administration.
- c. Approval to write-off a portion of tax account number 98-4300-0030-0500-00 in the amount of \$405.83 as presented by Julio Cavazos.
- d. Award of Proposals for 1) Locksmith Catalog Term Bid, 2) Paint/Coating and Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 3) Athletic High School Boys Basketball Supplies Line Items Bid, 4) Athletic High School Boys Basketball Supplies Catalog Bid, 5) Athletic High School Girls Basketball Supplies Line Items Bid, 6) Athletic High School Girls Basketball Supplies Catalog Bid, 7) Athletic Middle School Boys Basketball Supplies Line Items Bid, 8) Athletic Middle School Boys Basketball Supplies Catalog Bid, 9) Athletic Middle School Girls Basketball Supplies Line Items Bid, 10) Athletic Middle School Girls Basketball Supplies Catalog Bid, 11) Athletic Golf Supplies Line Items Bid, 12) Athletic Golf Supplies Catalog Bid, 13) Athletic Tennis Supplies Line Items Bid, 14) Athletic Tennis Supplies Catalog Bid, 15) Telescoping Gym Bleachers for Harlingen High School Gym.
- e. Approval of revisions to Board Policy CV (Local) on 2nd Reading.
- f. Approval of Board Policy FFA (Local) on 2nd reading.

Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Budget Amendments, Award of Proposals, Board Policy CV (Local) and Board Policy FFA (Local) are filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
OUT-OF-STATE
TRIP FOR SOUTH:**

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve an out-of-state trip for HHS-South students to attend Skills USA National Competition in Kansas City, Missouri on June 18-24, 2006. Lee Means seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MODIFIED/TAKS TESTING DAYS WAIVER: A motion was made by Lee Mean to approve the submittal of a Modified Schedule/TAKS Testing Days Waiver to TEA. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Modified Schedule/TAKS Testing Days Waiver is filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF INCREASE OF ATHLETIC TICKET PRICES: A motion was made by George McShan to approve the increase of athletic ticket prices as follows: The price for football tickets will be \$6.00 adults and \$2.00 for students. The price for 9th/JV games for all high schools volleyball, basketball and baseball games will be \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Middle School football and basketball games will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AMMEND COCA COLA CONTRACT: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the amendment of the Coca Cola Contract by reducing the annual contribution from \$50,000 to \$35,000 and keeping the commissions at 40% throughout the term of the contract. George McShan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AWARD OF PROPOSALS - MILAM: A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to award the proposals for Milam Elementary additions and renovation bid to Peacock General Contracts as presented by Ramiro Flores. Lee Means seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Bid tabulations are filed with these minutes.)**

AWARD OF PROPOSALS - CENTRAL ADMIN. BLDG.: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to award the proposals for the renovation of the Central Administration Building to Scoggins Construction including Alternates 1, 2, 3, 4 5 and 8 as presented by Ramiro Flores. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Bid tabulations are filed with these minutes.)**

AWARD OF PROPOSALS FOR WILSON RE-ROOFING: A motion was made by Omar Cano to award the proposals for the Wilson Elementary re-roofing work to Rio Roofing including the alternate as presented by Tony Gracia. Lee Means seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Bid tabulations are filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN HHS CONTRACT: A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve an increase in the Harlingen High School construction contract as recommended by the Administration. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE: Thelma Reynolds, Grant Writer, presented a Grants Projects Update. Mrs. Reynolds reported that the Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Cycle 2, Year 3, Grant in the amount of \$874,856 has been awarded for after-school and summer school programming and activities for students and their families at Vernon, Memorial, Coakley, Gutierrez, Vela and Dishman. Grant applications that have been submitted are: the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Grant in the amount of \$22,461, the Advanced Placement Incentive Grant in the amount of \$1,258,502, and the First Lady's Family Literacy Initiative for Texas Grant in the amount of \$25,000. Grants not awarded were the Family Literacy Program Grant and the Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Cycle 4 Grant.

DISCUSS CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY DEPT. REPORT: James Percy, Director of Technology, presented a report regarding the Campus Technology Standards achieved during the 2005-2006 school year. Mr. Percy also presented a report regarding 2006-2007 Technician Staffing. **(HCISD Technology Department Report is filed with these minutes.)**

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT: Harlan Howell, Director of Research and Evaluation, presented a High School Academic Performance Report for the 2005-2006 school year. **(High School Academic Performance Report is filed with these minutes.)**

DISCUSS HIGH SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS: Art Cavazos, Asst. Supt. for Secondary Education, conducted a discussion regarding High School Resource Officers. Mr. Cavazos stated that the Harlingen Police Chief had approached him requesting that the high school resource officers be allowed to wear tazer stun guns as part of their standard uniform. Board members expressed their concerns and discussed the pros and cons of the officers having tazers on campus. The Board asked the Administration to find out from the Harlingen Police Department what their guidelines are for the use of the tazer stun guns and report back to them with their findings.

MONTHLY TAX COLLECTION INFORMATION: Julio Cavazos, Asst. Supt for Business Services, provided Monthly Tax Collection Information for the Board's review. **(Monthly Tax Collection Information is filed with these minutes.)**

SPECIAL REVENUES FUNDS INFO: Julio Cavazos provided Special Revenue Funds Information for the Board's review. **(Special Revenues Funds Information is filed with these minutes.)**

MONTHLY FINANCIALS REPORT: Julio Cavazos provided a Monthly Financials Report for the Board review. **(Monthly Financials Report is filed with these minutes.)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Board President Verna Young called for an Executive Session at 9:21 p.m. in accordance with Sections 551.071, 551.074 and 551.082 (the Open Meetings Act) to discuss:

- a. Discuss Pending Litigation Regarding JDS Construction vs. Harlingen CISD
- b. Discuss Proposed Non-Renewal Regarding M. McKee
- c. Discuss Employment of Teachers
- d. Discuss Purchase of Land

OPEN SESSION: The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 10:00 p.m.

CONSIDER PENDING LITIGATION REGARDING JDS CONST.: No action was taken regarding pending litigation regarding JDS Construction vs. Harlingen CISD.

**CONSIDER
PROPOSED
NON-RENEWAL
REGARDING**

M. MCKEE: No action was taken regarding the proposed non-renewal regarding M. McKee.

**EMPLOYMENT
OF TEACHERS:**

A motion was made by Omar Cano to employ the following teachers for the 2006-2007 school year: Jessica Cortina, Lisa M. Euvino, Julia J. Funk, Sandra Gonzales, David Gonzalez, Alfonso Guillen, Patricia K. Hofheinz, Maud Maria Jidestig, Elizabeth Kruse, Martha Madrigal, Robert H. Ochoa, Caroline Pitts, Elvia Salazar, Ryan Elizabeth Startz, John Velez, and Stephanie Womack. Javier DeLeon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER
PURCHASE OF
LAND:**

A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a price for the purchase of land as discussed in Executive Session. Javier DeLeon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE