

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOVEMBER 8, 2005**

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 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, Ramiro Flores, Julio Cavazos, and Sonia Brown

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:** The Board of Trustees recognized the following students: Commended **Students in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program** – Stephen Gonzalez, Katie Leibert, Kyle Wyant, Natalie Baker, David Blackwell, Crystal Canales, Susan Graham, and Elizabeth Reagan. **Finalist in the 2006 National Achievement Scholarship Program** - Sheena Knights. **Finalist in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program** – Sheena Knights. **Scholar Finalists in the 2005-2006 National Hispanic Recognition Program** – Stephen Gonzalez, Francisco Marin, Monica Ortiz, Jennifer Valencia, Ashley Moreno, Jessica Plata, Brenda Rubio, Crystal Canales, Christyne Cantu, Joshua Flores, and Kristen Maynard. **Honorable Mention Finalist in the 2005-2006 National Hispanic Recognition Program** – Thomas Dominguez. **AP Scholars** – Robert Campos, Liezet Cepeda, Claudia Duncan, Laura Garza, Stephen Gonzalez, Laura Hayes, Mallory Laurel, Delyssa Martinez, Jancie Phillipus, Jonathan Torrez, Colby Paterson and Elizabeth Reagan. **AP Scholars with Honor** – Francisco Marin and Charles Lewis. **AP Scholar with Distinction** – Juan Flores.

The Board of Trustees recognized the following campuses that received Gold Performance Acknowledgements: **Attendance Gold Performance Acknowledgement** – Dishman, Jefferson and Lamar. **Recommended High School Program/Distinguished Achievement Program Gold Performance Acknowledgement** – Harlingen High School and Harlingen High School South. **Commended Performance Reading/ELA Gold Performance Acknowledgements** – Coakley, Memorial, Gutierrez, Austin, Bonham, Bowie, Lamar, Stuart Place and Treasure Hills. **Commended Performance Mathematics Gold Performance Acknowledgements** – Gutierrez, Bonham, Bowie, Jefferson, Lamar, Stuart Place and Treasure Hills. **Commended Performance Writing Gold Performance Acknowledgements** – Coakley, Memorial, Gutierrez, Austin, Bonham, Dishman, Jefferson, Lamar, Milam, and Treasure Hills. **Commended Performance Science Gold Performance Acknowledgements** – Crockett, Dishman, Jefferson, Lamar, Long and Treasure Hills. **Comparable Improvement Reading/ELA Gold Performance Acknowledgements** – Coakley and Vernon. **Comparable Improvement Mathematics Gold Performance Acknowledgements** – Vernon, Gutierrez, Bonham and Lamar.

**PRINCIPALS’  
REPORTS:**

Rosie Cobarrubias, Principal at Milam Elementary School, and Vivian Bauer, Principal at Stuart Place Elementary School, presented a joint report about the great things happening on their campuses to enhance student success. To showcase their knowledge of technology, teacher Todd Childers, portrayed a game show host for a game entitled “Know Your Schools.” Students from Milam and Stuart Place challenged Board Members and Administrators with questions about the school district using an interactive wireless infrared system. Mr. Childers explained that using this system helps teachers assess students in a paperless environment and allows even the shyest students to become involved in the classroom. Milam students placed first in the competition.

**ARCHITECTS’  
REPORTS:**

District architects reported on the following construction projects: **Bonham** – Scoggins Construction has mobilized. The contractor is in the final stages of dirt work. Recent rains have caused delays in the project. Plumbing and storm sewer work is currently being installed. **HHS** – Buildings and exterior work substantially complete include: all parking lots and drainage systems, ½ roof fire alarm and PA system, athletics field house, football and baseball practice fields, performing arts building, concession stand, masonry building, wings 1, 3 and 6 classrooms, and wing 5 library. Work in progress includes: gym basketball court, new girls dressing area and library classrooms. Pending issues include: drama area, old choir building, PE gym, demolition of old gym chiller lines, library lab, a/c at new field house, landscaping, bleacher repairs and replacing of light fixtures for wing 9. **Long** – MEP rough-in work continues in Phase I. Slabs for library and music room are complete and block work has begun. Rough-in electric and plumbing is in progress. Door and window frames are in place. Structural steel for roofing is on site. **Treasure Hills** - Canopy work is complete on area “B.” The cafeteria and music room are now occupied by HCISD. Stage in area “E” is complete. Exterior finish on area “E” is complete. Interior finishes are nearing completion in area “A.” Both areas “A” and “E” are critically behind schedule. HCISD occupied the kitchen on October 10, but has not yet occupied area “A.” **Wilson** – The following projects are complete: library addition, classroom addition, music building addition, multi-purpose building, kitchen addition Unit “D” classroom remodel, Corridor 3, 4, and 5 classroom remodeled, special education and HOST remodeled, Halls A, B and C remodeled. Work is being done to resolve existing roof issues. **Zavala** – Areas F & G are now dried in and interior work has begun. Roofing work has begun on the outside restroom adjacent to area F. Exterior brick is in route and installation will begin as soon as it arrives. Chilled water and electrical infrastructure are complete and in place. **Stuart Place** – The main building has been completed and is currently occupied by HCISD. Scoggins Construction has begun demolition work in building B and the community restrooms. Contractor has begun to work on the final phase of the project. **Vela** – Work in progress includes: delivery of spare parts and materials by contractor, replacement of kitchen ceiling tile, and landscaping and exteriors. Pending issues include: clean kitchen floor quarry tile for sealing as requested by health inspector, replacement of defective VCT in band and athletics, Palm Blvd. west half of road, and locks at overhead doors in kitchen. **Milam** – Bid opening was held August 11, 2005. Bids were rejected by staff. The architect will review engineer plans and specs for modification for rebid of the project. **HHS-South** – The new field house, new fine arts building and new track and field should be completed this month. New bleachers and the new choir addition are complete. **Rodriguez** – Contractor continues to eliminate punch items. Contractor continues to slowly correct issues at site. HCISD continues to closely monitor contractor’s progress. Landscaping and dirt work has begun. Exterior signage has been approved and ordered.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA:**

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

- a. Minutes of the October 11, 2005 Regular Board Meeting and the October 18, 2005 Joint Board/City Commissioners' Meeting as written.
- b. Approval of Proclamations proclaiming Parental Involvement Day – November 10, 2005; American Education Teamwork Week – November 14-18, 2005; and National Children's Book Week – November 14-18, 2005.
- c. Approval of Audit Plan for the 2005-2006 fiscal year as presented by Ramiro Lopez, Internal Auditor.
- d. Award of Proposals for a) Grounds Material Line Item Term Bid, b) Portable Radios Catalog Term Bid, c) Special Education Materials & Equipment Catalog Term Bid, d) Instructional Supplies & Equipment for Gifted and Talented & Advanced Placement Program Catalog Term Bid, e) Custodial Equipment and Supplies Line Items Term Bid, f) Custodial Equipment and Supplies Catalog Term Bid, g) Electronic Security and Security and Fire Detection Term Bid, h) Physical Education Equipment and Supplies Catalog Term Bid, and i) Science Equipment & Supplies Catalog Term Bid as recommended by the Administration.
- e. Budget Amendments as recommended by the Administration.
- f. Tax Refunds as recommended by the Administration.
- g. Approval of the list of Investment Broker/Dealers as presented by Julio Cavazos.
- h. Approval of a Resolution for participation in MBIA Municipal Investors Services Corporation as presented by Julio Cavazos.
- i. Approval of Board Policy Update 76 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Proclamations, Audit Plan, Award of Proposals, Budget Amendments, Tax Refunds, List of Investment Brokers/Dealers/ Resolution for Participating in MBIA Investment Services and Update 76 notes are filed with these minutes.)**

**PUBLIC  
COMMENTS:**

Pat Keltner, Coakley Librarian, invited the Board to attend a Veteran's Day Ceremony at Coakley Middle School on Friday, November 11, at 8:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF  
RANKING  
CRITERIA:**

A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve the revised ranking criteria as presented by Ramiro Flores along with the changes recommended by the Board during the meeting. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Revised Ranking Criteria is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF  
JOINT USE  
AGREEMENT  
WITH CITY:**

A motion was made by George McShan to approve the Joint Use Agreement for Facilities with the City of Harlingen as presented by Dr. Linda Wade. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Joint Use Agreement for Facilities with the City of Harlingen is filed with these minutes.)**

**GRANT  
PROJECTS  
UPDATE:**

Thelma Reynolds, Grant Writer, presented a grant projects update. Mrs. Reynolds informed the Board that the GEAR UP grant in the amount of \$69,347.00 has been awarded to Vernon Middle School. Other grants that have been awarded are the Arts in Education and Texas Early Education Model (TEEM). Pending applications are the Toolbox for Education, and Family Literacy Program. Mrs. Reynolds updated the Board on the following ongoing grants: "Remember Me" Rose School Garden Award, Texas 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, Texas Grants to Reduce Academic Dropouts, and Texas High School Completion and Success Grant.

- AP/DUAL ENROLLMENT ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR PROGRAMS:** Judy Nading, Director of AP/College Admissions/GT, provided a report analyzing the Advanced Placement Dual Enrollment and Adjunct Instructor Programs for HCISD from 1994-2005. Mrs. Nading stated that the programs continue to grow. HCISD is continuously working to align the Pre-AP and AP curriculum and teaching strategies for grades 6-12. Vertical alignment workshops are scheduled for all of the four core disciplines during the month of March. Mrs. Nading reported that money is budgeted for the 2005-2006 school year to continue high quality training for the Pre-AP and AP teachers. **(AP/Dual Enrollment and Adjunct Instructor Program report is filed with these minutes.)**
- PSAT REPORT:** Judy Nading presented a PSAT Final Report. Mrs. Nading reported stated that 1,395 high school and middle school students were tested in 2005, compared to 1,050 in 2004 and 909 in 2003. **(PSAT Report is filed with these minutes.)**
- INTERNAL AUDIT QTLY. REPORT:** Ramiro Lopez, Internal Auditor, presented an Internal Audit Quarterly Report. Mr. Lopez reported on the following audits: Test Count Procedures on Physical Inventories – Maintenance, Transportation and Food Service Departments; Special Audit: Activity Funds – Gutierrez Middle School; Special Audit: Activity Funds – Sam Houston Elementary School; Special Audit: Activity Funds – Bonham Elementary School; Special Audit: Activity Funds – Coakley Middle School; and Audit of Activity Funds for FY 2004-2005. **(Internal Audit Quarterly Report is filed with these minutes.)**
- PEAKS MIDDLE SOCCER PROG.:** Dr. Linda Wade reported on the PEAKS Middle School Soccer Program. **(PEAKS Middle School Soccer Program information is filed with these minutes.)**
- 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 REV. FUNDS INFO.:** Julio Cavazos provided Special Revenue Funds Information for the Board's review. **(Special Revenue Funds Information is filed with these minutes.)**
- MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:** 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 9:50 p.m. in accordance with Sections 551.071, 551.074 and 551.082 (The Open Meetings Act) to discuss:**
- a. Discuss Employment of Teachers, Lead Student Liaison Officer and Counselor**
- OPEN SESSION** **The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 9:58 p.m.**
- APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS:** A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the employment of the following Teachers, Counselor, and Lead Student Liaison Officer for the 2005-2006 school year: Jessica Clark, Leticia Garcia, Sylvia Gonzalez, Priscilla Martinez, Loretta Sanchez, and Jeremiah Walker. Lee Means seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

**READ AND APPROVED:**

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**PRESIDING OFFICER**

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**DATE**