

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
DECEMBER 9, 2008**

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Harlingen CISD Administration Building located at 407 N. 77 Sunshine Strip, Harlingen, Texas. George McShan, Board President, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

George McShan, Javier De Leon, Verna Young, Omar Cano, Gerry Fleuriet, Lyle Garza and *Dr. Cesar Maldonado

**MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

None

**OTHERS
PRESENT:**

Dr. Steve Flores, Art Cavazos, Ramiro Flores, Julio Cavazos, Rosalinda Vargas, Allen Aleshire and Sonia Brown

**PRINCIPAL'S
REPORT:**

Linda Krabill, Principal at Treasure Hills Elementary School, introduced a group of her fifth grade students who performed a rap song for the Board regarding the "Essential 55" and how those components play a big part at Treasure Hills Elementary.

***Dr. Cesar Maldonado arrived at 7:35 p.m.**

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS:**

Retired USAF Captain A. V. Perez, Vice President of the Air Force Association, presented a U.S. flag, which was flown over the U.S. Capitol, to the HHS-South AFJROTC in appreciation of their outstanding flag ceremonies they make throughout the year.

Maggie Inglett, TSTA President, provided the Board with information about TSTA.

Rosie Elizarde Cavazos expressed her concerns regarding the lack of accessibility for the handicapped at out-of-town football games. Ms. Cavazos also stated that an ambulance should always be on site during the games. Ms. Cavazos complimented the Harlingen School District for the service the District extends to the handicapped.

**CONSENT
AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of the November 11, 2008 Regular Board Meeting, and November 20, 2008 Special Board Meeting as written.
- b. Budget Amendments as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration
- c. Tax Refunds as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration.
- d. Award of Proposals as follows: 1) Motor Fuel #FUEL1103 Extension Five (5) Line item Bid, 2) Science Equipment & Supplies Catalog Term Bid #CSCI1106 Extension Two, 3) Custodial Paper Supplies Line Item and Catalog Term Bid Extension One, 4) Art Supplies Catalog Term Bid #CART1007 Extension One, 5) Class Instructional Supplies Term Bid #CINS1007 Extension One, 6) Metal Supplies Line Items and Catalog Term Bid #MMSP1007 Extension One, and Portable Radios Line Item and Catalog Term Bid Extension One as presented by Tony Gracia and as recommended by the Administration.

Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Budget Amendments, Tax Refunds and Awards of Proposals are filed with these minutes.)**

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

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve an out-of-state trip for the HHS-South Speech/Drama/Debate Team to compete at the Columbia University National Speech Tournament in New York City, NY on January 22-27, 2009 as recommended by the Administration. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve an out-of-state trip for the HHS-South Speech/Drama/Debate Team to compete at the Harvard University National Speech Tournament in Cambridge, MA on February 13-17, 2009 as recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
PLAQUE AT
HHS-SOUTH:**

A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to approve the placement of a plaque at HHS-South honoring Maria Pantoja. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
2007-2008
INDEPENDENT
AUDIT:**

A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to approve the 2007-2008 Independent Audit as presented by Quentin Anderson, a representative with Long Chilton, and as recommended by the Administration. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(2007-2008 Independent Audit if filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
OPTION 4 FOR
HHS SCIENCE
LABS:**

A motion was made by Lyle Garza to approve Option 4 for the Harlingen High School Science labs as presented by Ramiro Flores and as recommended by the Administration. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**FACILITIES
COMMITTEE
REPORT:**

Ramiro Flores presented a Facilities Committee Report on the following construction projects: **Means Elementary** – Substantial completion is expected by December 15, 2008. The contractor reported that the City of Harlingen will be performing an inspection to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy. Students should be reporting to the campus on January 5, 2009. Cafeteria and Multi-Purpose – Furrdowns in cafeteria have been completed and are ready for paint. The multi-purpose building's exterior has been painted as well as the canopy connecting to it from Classroom Wing E. Classroom Wings – installation of the aluminum sunshades has begun. Classroom finishes have been installed. Central Corridor – painting of the main corridor has begun. General Site – Metal panel installation is complete. The site is pending general cleanup. The landscaping will begin next week. **HHS Tennis Court** – Teni Trak has poured the concrete slab and installed the fence posts. The center drain installation is currently in progress. Substantial completion of this project is scheduled for the end of December. **HHS-South Tennis Court** – Windscreens were installed. Substantial completion walk through was performed on November 25, 2008, and keys have been turned over to the District. Pending is a training session for the sports lighting. Students began using the tennis court on Mon., Dec. 1. **HHS Science Lab** – Different options have been reviewed and the board has recommended that Option 4 be taken to the Board Meeting for approval. **Service Center Parking Lot** – Due to lack of construction funds, this project will not be completed. **Other Items Discussed** - a review of the ranking criteria, municipal auditorium and criteria for district building plaque.

DISCRETIONARY

GRANTS UPDATE: Connie Saenz, Grant Writer, presented a Discretionary Grants Update for the Board's review. **(Discretionary Grants Update is filed with these minutes.)**

OVERVIEW OF NSBA TECH. CONFERENCE: Allen Aleshire, Director of Public Information, and Cindy Sadler, Staff Development Technology Specialist, presented an overview of the NSBA Technology and Learning Conference they recently attended.

SCHOOL BOARD

CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORT: Board President George McShan reported that all Board members have completed all required training for the period ending December 9, 2008.

MONTHLY TAX

COLLECTION INFORMATION: Julio Cavazos provided Monthly Tax Collection Information for the Board's review. **(A copy of 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.)**

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT:

Julio Cavazos provided a Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending November 30, 2008. Mr. Cavazos reported that all of the District's funds have been invested in legally authorized and adequately secured funds. The objective of the District's investment program has been to match the maturity of the investments with the cash flow needs of the District. The District's investment portfolio indicates that the weighted average maturity of all its investments is 181 days and that the weighted average yield is 3.00%. Funds are invested as follows: Local Maintenance \$43,226,602.42 (46% in CDs and 54% in Pools), Food Service \$43,343.07 (100% in Pools), Employee Benefits \$971,683.83 (100% in Pools), Workers' Compensation \$1,497,832.93 (100% in Pools), Interest & Sinking \$3,569,192.74 (100% in Pools), and Capital Projects \$316,466.45 (100% in Pools). Funds are invested in TexSTAR, MBIA, LoneSTAR and TexPool which have no maturity date. The monthly average yield is 1.57% for TexSTAR, 1.82% for TexPool, 1.62% for LoneStar and 1.68% for MBIA.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE