

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
JANUARY 15, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Harlingen CISD Administration Building located at 407 N. 77 Sunshine Strip, Harlingen, Texas. Cesar Maldonado, Board President, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cesar Maldonado, George McShan, Javier De Leon, Gerry Fleuriet, Verna Young, Omar Cano and Lyle Garza

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Linda Wade, Tricia Morrow, Art Cavazos, Ramiro Flores, Julio Cavazos, Rosalinda Vargas, Randy Cretors, Allen Aleshire and Sonia Brown

RECOGNITION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Dr. Linda Wade stated that Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2008 as School Board Recognition Month in order to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in society. The Board was honored for their commitment and service to the Harlingen CISD.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS: Dr. Mary Brower, Principal at New Pathways Center, presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the philosophies and activities on her campus. Dr. Brower stated that New Pathways Center was established to work with students with disciplinary problems in grades 1st through 5th. Staff members work with students on a one to one basis to help improve their behavior problems.

Dr. Marsha Gramley, Principal at Gutierrez Middle School, presented a PowerPoint presentation focusing on many academic and athletic achievements occurring on her campus. Dr. Gramley was proud to report that Gutierrez achieved "recognized" status and received Gold Performance Awards for Commended Performance in Reading and Writing. The Gutierrez varsity choir performed for the Board's enjoyment.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS: The following students were recognized by the Board for having been named 2007 Exemplary Migrant Students: Anette Aguilar, Roxana De Los Santos, Erik Garza, Roberto Carlos Reyna, and Ilce Vergara.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The following spokespersons appeared before the Board to speak on behalf of their nominees for the naming of the new elementary school:

1. Cher'rie Lynn Yoss on behalf of Annie Webb Blanton
2. Bricy Casas on behalf of Gloria Chavez Casas
3. Joe J. Garza, Jr. on behalf of Joe J. Garza
4. Mary Jo Vela on behalf of Lee H. Means
5. Jack Ayoub on behalf of Juan Seguin
6. Regina Shipp on behalf of Darrell W. Shipp
7. Michael Urrutia on behalf of Abel Toscano, Jr.

**SELECTION OF
NAME FOR NEW
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL:**

A motion was made by George McShan to name the new elementary school the Lee H. Means Elementary School. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ARCHITECT'S
REPORT:**

Ramiro Flores reported on the following construction projects: **HHS Band Hall** – Demolition Phase 1 has been completed. Peacock Construction is awaiting materials to proceed with the installation of new finishes. **Lee H. Means Elementary** – The concrete foundation has been poured and CMU construction has begun in the kitchen area. Scoggins Construction has also formed the pad and set the reinforcing steel in place at Classroom Wing B in preparation for pouring of the foundation. Construction of the building pad for Wings C & D and the main corridor has also begun. The front parking lot, the front drop off lane and the bus area have been cut out. Regular meetings have been held to discuss progress.

**APPROVAL OF
OUT-OF-STATE
FOR HHS-SOUTH
SPEECH TEAM:**

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve an out-of-state trip for the Harlingen High School South Speech Drama Debate Team to attend the Harvard National Tournament in Boston, Massachusetts on February 15-18, 2008 as recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT
AGENDA:**

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

- a. Minutes of the December 10, 2007 Board Workshop, December 10, 2007 Team Building Workshop, December 11, 2007 Public Hearing and December 11, 2007 Regular Board Meeting as written.
- b. Proclamations proclaiming National School Counselor's Week as February 4-8, 2008 and Career & Technology Education Week as February 11-15, 2008
- c. Budget Amendments as presented by Julio Cavazos and recommended by the Administration.
- d. Award of Proposals as follows: 1) Class Instructional Supplies Catalog Term Bid – Addendum, 2) Criminal Background Check Software Line Item Term Bid, and 3) Criminal Background Check Software Catalog Term Bid.
- e. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Harlingen CISD and Teach for America as presented by Dr. Linda Wade.

Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Proclamations, Budget Amendment, Award of Proposals and MOU between HCISD and Teach for America are filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
CAREER & TECH.
INNOVATIVE
COURSES:**

A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve the Career and Technology Education innovative courses as presented by Gil Tello, CTE Director. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Career & Technology Education Innovative Courses are filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
SENATE BILL IX
COST
REQUIREMENTS:**

A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve that the District cover the ongoing costs associated with fingerprinting requirements for non-certified employees hired after January 1, 2008 as presented by Rosalinda Vargas. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF

BUDGET AMEND. A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of **FOR FIRE ALARM \$99,000** for the purchase of a fire alarm system for Vernon Middle School as presented **SYSTEM AT** by Julio Cavazos. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **VERNON:** **(Budget Amendment is filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL TO
SUBMIT PRE-
CLEARANCE
LETTER TO U.S.
DEPT. OF
JUSTICE:

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 and to have a joint election with the City of Primera as presented by Julio Cavazos. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Pre-clearance letter to the U.S. Dept. of Justice is filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF
BOARD POLICY
GKD (LOCAL)
1ST READING:

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the revisions to Board Policy GKD (Local) on 1st reading as presented by Dr. Linda Wade. George McShan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF
EASEMENT TO
AEP FOR NEW
ELEMENTARY:

A motion was made by Verna Young to approve an easement to AEP at the new elementary school as presented by Ramiro Flores. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Easement to AEP for new elementary school 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.)**

MONTHLY
FINANCIALS
REPORT:

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

ANNUAL
INVESTMENT
REPORT:

Julio Cavazos presented an Annual Investment Report for the period ending August 31, 2007. 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 99 days and that the weighted average yield is 5.33%. In comparison on August 31, 2007, the Treasury Bill Yields for 30 days are 3.96%, 60 days are 3.90%, and 90 days are 4.00%. Funds are invested in TexSTAR, TexPool and LoneStar Investment Pool which have no maturity date. Funds can be invested or withdrawn on a daily basis. The monthly average yield is 5.25% for TexSTAR, 5.25% for TexPool and 5.19% for LoneStar Investment Pool and 5.55% for MBIA. The investment program continues to provide significant revenue for the District. The interested earned by the District during 2006-2007 was \$2,908,586.00 compared to \$2,818,778.00 in 2005-2006.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

Presiding Officer Cesar Maldonado called for an executive Session at 9:46 p.m. in accordance with Sections 551.071, 551.074 and 551.082, the Texas Open Government Code (The Texas Open Meetings Act) to discuss:

- a. Discuss Employment of Principal for New Elementary School**
- b. Discuss Employment of Assistant Principal at Harlingen High School**
- c. Discuss Employment of Assistant Principal at HHS-South**
- d. Discuss Employment of Teachers and Other Professional Staff**

OPEN SESSION:

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 10:40 p.m.

**EMPLOYMENT
OF PRINCIPAL
AT NEW ELEM.:**

A motion was made by George McShan to employ Elizabeth Maldonado as principal at Lee H. Means Elementary School. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried with Cesar Maldonado abstaining.

**EMPLOYMENT
OF ASST. PRIN.
AT HHS:**

A motion was made by Lyle Garza to approve the employment of Imelda Munivez as assistant principal at Harlingen High School. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**EMPLOYMENT
OF ASST. PRIN.
AT SOUTH:**

A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the employment of Robert S. Strubhart as assistant principal at HHS-South. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**EMPLOYMENT
OF TEACHERS &
OTHER PROF.
STAFF:**

A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve the employment of the following teachers and other professional staff: Alma Castillo and Vanessa De La Cruz. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE