

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 7:26 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

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS: The following students were recognized by the Board for having been selected as Texas "All-State" Musicians: Paula Villarreal, Miranda Marquette, Rogelio Montez, Angel Elizondo, Modesto Morales, Melanie Munoz, Krystal Garcia, Cara Peyton, Tanya Cain, Kaycee Zuniga, Nicholas Garza, Ernest Silva, Samantha Lucio, Jennifer Guevara, Jason Whitney, Anthony Dominguez, Ethan Sanchez, and Cordero Salazar.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS: Yolanda Gutierrez, Principal at KEYS Academy, stated that her campus is an educational facility for all ages and one that touches many lives. Mrs. Gutierrez and Brenda Saenz, Teen Parenting Program Coordinator, presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting all the programs KEYS has to offer for students, babies and adults. Randy Cruz, student, spoke on how KEYS Academy has helped him to achieve his educational goals.

Kevin Brackmeyer, Principal at Coakley Middle School, with the assistance of 7th grade student, Soumya Gogia, presented a video featuring a day at Coakley Middle School. Soumya conducted a video tour of the campus and interviewed teachers and students about the programs and activities they participate in throughout the school day. Teachers and students truly believe that Coakley is "Simply the Best!"

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ARCHITECT'S REPORT: Ramiro Flores reported on the following construction projects: **HHS Band Hall Improvements** – Peacock Construction is progressing with the installation of the new furr downs and relocation of electrical, fire alarm, and security systems. Walls have been primed and door frames have been ordered. The contractor has received District-approved color selections. **Lee Means Elementary** – CMU Construction progresses quite well at Areas A, B, C, and E. Installation of roof structure in Area B will begin early next week and will move onto Area C upon completion. Area F foundation is scheduled to be poured this week, concluding the foundation phase. Work on the new water line along Loop 499 is to begin next week. The design team has met with the City of Harlingen Fire Marshal to discuss partial occupancy in August.

**CONSENT
AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Approval of proclamations proclaiming: a) Educational Diagnosticians' Week as March 3-8, 2008, and b) Texas Public Schools Week as March 10-14, 2008.
- b. Minutes of the January 15, 2008 Regular Board Meeting and the January 26, 2008 Special Board Meeting as written.
- c. Award of Proposals as follows: 1) Graduation Items Catalog Term Bid, 2) Football Helmet Reconditioning and Recertification, 3) Closed Circuit Security Camera System Catalog Term Bid, 4) Grease Traps and Septic System Cleanout Term Bid, and 5) Substitute Teacher Finder Software Solutions.
- d. Budget Amendments as recommended by the Administration.
- e. Tax refunds as recommended by the Administration.
- f. Approval of revision to Board Policy GKD (Local) on 2nd reading as recommended by the Administration.
- g. Approval to add the Youth Symphony Orchestra to the approved sanctioned organization list as presented by Art Cavazos.

Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Proclamations, Award of Proposals, Budget Amendments, Tax Refunds Board Policy GKD (Local) and Sanctioned Organizational List is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPOINTMENT
OF EARLY
VOTING CLERK:**

A motion was made by George McShan to approve the appointment of Lupita Cruz as the Early Voting Clerk for the Board of Trustees election to be held on May 10, 2008 as presented by Julio Cavazos. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by George McShan to approve an 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.)**

**COMPLIANCE
WITH CLASS
SIZE
REQUIREMENTS:**

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve a class size waiver request and current compliance plan to be submitted to the Texas Education Agency State Waiver Unit as presented by Tricia Morrow. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
2008-2009
CALENDAR:**

A motion was made by Verna Young to approve Option 1 for the 2008-2009 school calendar. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Option 1 is filed with these minutes.)**

**QUARTERLY
INTERNAL
AUDIT REPORT:**

Nellie Ledesma presented a Quarterly Internal Auditor's Report regarding Athletic Ticket Sales and Receipts and Activity Funds Annual Audit .for the Board's review. **(Quarterly Internal Auditor's Report is filed with these minutes.)**

**DISCUSSION OF
MEANS ELEM.
OPTIONS:**

Tricia Morrow provided options for the Board's consideration in the event that Lee Means Elementary School is not complete and ready for occupancy in August.

BOARD

MEMBER

**CONTINUING
ED. REPORT:**

Dr. Linda Wade presented a Board Member Continuing Education Report. All Board members are in compliance and have exceeded the required hours. **(Board Members Continuing Education Report is filed with these minutes.)**

FORMATIVE

EVALUATION

**OF CAMPUS AND
DIST. PLANS:**

Tricia Morrow and Art Cavazos presented Formative Evaluation of Campus Plans and District 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.)**

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:

Presiding Officer Cesar Maldonado called for an Executive Session at 9:21 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. **Discussion Regarding Flores v. Harlingen CISD, Civil Action No. B-07-121**
- b. **Discuss Employment of Teachers and Other Professional Staff**
- c. **Discuss Employment of Transportation Director**
- d. **Discuss Administrators' Contract Recommendations for the 2008-2009 School Year**
- e. **Discuss Superintendent's Evaluation & Contract**

OPEN SESSION:

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 11:28 p.m.

CONSIDER

RESOLUTION

OF FLORES

LITIGATION:

A motion was made by George McShan to authorize the resolution of Flores v. Harlingen CISD Civil Action No. B-07-121 as discussed in Executive Session. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT

OF TEACHERS

& OTHER

PROFESSIONAL

STAFF:

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the employment of the following teachers and other professional staff for the 2007-2008 school year: Joy Ann Barslow, Melissa A. DeLaRosa, Spencer Gantt, Alma Cynthia Lara, Robert J. Mendoza, and Cynthia Vargas. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT

OF TRANSPOR-

TATION DIR.:

A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve the employment of Rodney Gomez as the Transportation Director. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMIN.

CONTRACT

RECOMMEND.:

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the Administrators' Contract recommendations for the 2008-2009 school year. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Administrators' Contract Recommendations are filed with these minutes.)**

CONSIDER SUPT'S EVAL. & CONTRACT: A motion was made by Lyle Garza to approve the Superintendent's evaluation and contract as discussed in Executive Session. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE