

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007**

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 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 and Lyle Garza

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Omar Cano

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Linda Wade, Tricia Morrow, Art Cavazos, Ramiro Flores, Julio Cavazos, Rosie Vargas, and Sonia Brown

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:** Bonham and Bowie Elementary Schools were recognized by the Board for having made the Texas Business and Education Coalition (TBEC) Honor Roll for 2007. The TBEC Honor Roll is the most prestigious award for sustained, academic excellence in Texas. It recognizes schools that have demonstrated three years of consistent, high performance in all subjects compared to other schools serving similar student populations.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Ms. Rosie Cavazos and Mr. & Mrs. Elizalde appeared before the Board to express their appreciation for how the District has organized the handicapped parking area for disabled people who attend the local football games.

**PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:** Dr. Alicia Noyola, Principal at Vela Middle School, reported that they have much to celebrate at Vela. Dr. Noyola reported that they are proud to represent HCISD as a recognized campus. Dr. Noyola presented a video which focused on Vela's mathematic department and how this department is meeting the challenge.

Mr. Lee Roy Zepeda, Principal at Harlingen High School, stated that their focus is on building a culture of caring and excellence for all students. Mr. Zepeda and staff presented a video showing a glimpse of classroom activities pertaining to advanced placement courses. Mr. Zepeda stated that HHS is a great place to learn.

**ARCHITECTS' REPORTS:** Ramiro Flores reported on the following construction projects: **Boggus Stadium** – American Contracting has acquired a temporary certificate of occupancy for the stadium. Women's restrooms are nearly complete and men's and family restrooms are right behind. Drop off lane issues have been resolved and the contractor is working on completing all items within a couple of weeks. **New Elementary School** – Scoggins Construction has mobilized onto the new elementary site and has begun removing dirt at the new footprint. The recent rains have limited the amount of work possible at the site.

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

- a. Minutes of the August 14, 2007 Regular Board Meeting, August 27, 2007 Public Hearing, and August 27, 2007 Special Board meeting as written.
- b. Approval of Proclamation proclaiming National 4-H Week as October 1-5, 2007 and Fire Prevention Week as October 8-12, 2007.

- c. September tax refunds as recommended by the Administration.
- d. Award of Proposals as follows: 1) Maintenance Fencing Material Supplies Term Bid, 2) Maintenance Fencing Material Supplies Catalog Bid, 3) Maintenance Portable Building Parts, 4) Charter Bus Services, 5) Ceiling/Floor Tile Material & Building Line Item Term Bid, 6) Ceiling/Floor Tile Material & Building Catalog Bid, 7) Lawn, Fertilizer & Conditioning Supplies Line Item, 8) Lawn, Fertilizer & Conditioning Supplies Catalog Bid, 9) Paint/Coating Supplies Line Items Term Bid, 10) Paint/Coating Supplies Catalog Bid, 11) Window & Door Glass Supplies Line Items Term Bid, 12) Window & Door Glass Supplies Catalog Bid, 13) Computer & Printer Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 14) Office Supplies Catalog Term Bid.
- e. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Harlingen CISD and Texas State Technical College for the Upward Bound Program as recommended by the Administration.
- f. Revision of Board Policy BQA (Local) on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as recommended by the Administration.
- g. Revision of Board Policy FNA (Local) on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as recommended by the Administration.

Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Proclamation, Tax Refunds, Award of Proposals, Interlocal Agreement with TSTC, Board Policy BQA (Local) and Board Policy FNA (Local) are filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TAX RATE:**

A motion was made by George McShan to approve a Resolution to Adopt the Tax Rate for 2007 at \$1.04 per \$100 valuation for the maintenance operating fund and \$0.085 per \$100 valuation for the interest and sinking fund for a total tax rate of \$1.125. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Resolution to Adopt the Tax Rate is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVE THE CHARGES TO NEW ELEM. SCHOOL COMM.:**

A motion was made by Lyle Garza to table the approval of the charges to the Elementary School Campus Identity Committee and Staff Relocation Committee while moving forward with the advertisement soliciting nominations from the community. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF JJAEP MOU:**

A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding for Cameron County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program as presented by Mr. Art Cavazos. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(JJAEP MOU is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF SUPT'S PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:**

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the prioritization of the Superintendent's Performance Objectives for 2007-2008 as compiled by the matrix information that was completed and submitted by Board members. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF LANDSCAPING PROPOSALS:**

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the landscaping proposals for the Central Administration Building in the amount of \$86,900 and Milam Elementary School in the amount of \$24,091 as recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**SPRING ASSESSMENT DATA ANALYSIS:** Harlan Howell, Director of Research/Evaluation and Computer Services, presented the 2007 Spring Assessment Data Analysis. Under the State Accountability, this year twelve campuses were recognized compared to fifteen last year. All other campuses were acceptable and the District was acceptable. Under Federal Accountability, the District did not meet AYP in the Graduation Rate. Harlingen High School did not meet AYP in Math Performance in the subgroup Economically Disadvantaged and the Graduation Rate. The Graduation Rate for the District and the Graduation Rate for Harlingen High School are being appealed. Campuses will need to continue improving in skill areas science and math. Limited English proficient students and students in special education are subgroups that will need monitoring. **(2007 Spring Assessment Data Analysis is filed with these minutes.)**

**REPORT ON MANDATORY ISD JOINT ELECTIONS:** Julio Cavazos reported that pursuant to Section 11.0581 of the Education Code, independent school districts are required to conduct their general election for trustees jointly with either a city within the ISD boundaries or with a county in November of even-numbered years. Section 11.0581 did not impact most school districts until their 2007 and 2008 elections. Mr. Cavazos stated that it will impact Harlingen CISD in the May 2008 election. Mr. Cavazos presented several options on how to comply with the new law.

**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.)**

**QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT:** Julio Cavazos presented a Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending August 31, 2007. 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 1 day and that the weighted average yield is 5.33%. In comparison on June 30, 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 as follows: Local Maintenance \$21,109,589.52 (100% in Pools), Food Service \$1,226,912.34 (100% in Pools), Interest & Sinking \$490,608.60 (100% in Pools), and Capital Projects \$2,209,194.97 (100% in Pools). Funds are invested in TexSTAR, MBIA, LoneSTAR and TexPool which have no maturity date. The monthly average yield is 5.25% for TexSTAR, 5.25% for TexPool, 5.19% for LoneSTAR and 5.55% for MBIA.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** **Presiding Officer Cesar Maldonado called for an Executive Session at 8:50 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. **Consultation with Attorney to Seek Legal Advice Regarding Settlement of Contract with Sam Corp.**
- b. **Discuss Level IV Appeal – F. Eguia**
- c. **Discuss Employment of Teachers and Other Professional Staff**

- d. **Discuss Employment of Coordinator for Federal Programs**
- e. **Discuss Employment of Risk Management and Benefits Coordinator**

**OPEN SESSION:** The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 12:00 a.m. on September 12, 2007.

**AUTHORIZE**

**SUPT. TO**

**NEGOTIATE**

**SETTLEMENT**

**WITH SAM CORP.:**

A motion was made by Javier De Leon to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate settlement of contract with Sam Corp. as discussed in Executive Session. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER**

**LEVEL IV**

**APPEAL -**

**F. EGUIA:**

A motion was made by George McShan to approve the Level IV appeal brought forth by F. Eguia. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried with Cesar Maldonado, George McShan, Javier De Leon and Lyle Garza voting in favor of the motion, and Gerry Fleuriet and Verna Young voting against the motion.

**CONSIDER**

**EMPLOYMENT**

**OF TEACHERS**

**AND OTHER**

**PROFESSIONAL**

**STAFF:**

A motion was made by George McShan to approve the employment of the following teachers and other professional staff for the 2007-2008 school year: Irma Alaniz, Sylvia Avalos, Jennifer Barnard, Mary Braumuller, Maria C. Cano, Christine Claudio, Erika Garcia, Diana Garza, Sulema Garza, Todd Jackson Hall, Caleb Johnson, Michelle S. Kyril, Josue David Luna, Dina Martinez, Hilda McClain, Linda Noell, Michael Nunnery, Rene Rodea, Margarita A. Ruiz, Nancy Russell, Jerry Michael Templeton. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER**

**EMPLOYMENT**

**COORD. - FED.**

**PROGRAMS:**

A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve the employment of Robert Floyd to fill the position of Coordinator for Federal Programs. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER**

**EMPLOYMENT**

**COORD. - RISK**

**MANAGEMENT/**

**BENEFITS:**

A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the employment of Rachel Cortez to fill the position of Risk Management/Benefits Coordinator. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried with Cesar Maldonado, George McShan, Verna Young, Gerry Fleuriet and Javier De Leon voting in favor of the motion, and Lyle Garza voting against the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m. on September 12, 2007.

**READ AND APPROVED:**

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**PRESIDING OFFICER**

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**DATE**