

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MARCH 20, 2007**

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Media Center located at 1409 E. Harrison, Harlingen, Texas. Cesar Maldonado, Vice President, called the meeting to order.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lee Means

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

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:** Dr. Linda Wade informed the Board that the Public Information Office/KHGN and Webservices staff submitted eleven entries for recognition at the recent Texas Schools Public Relations Association (TSPRA) state meeting. They competed against districts, regional service centers and private schools with total student populations between 10,000-30,000. Dr. Wade was proud to announce that Harlingen received seven gold medals, one silver medal and the Crystal Commendation Award. The Board recognized Allen Aleshire, Chad Bender, Gus Valencia, Amanda Schultz and Charlene Rodriguez for a job well done.

**PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:** Mary Atkinson, Principal at Crockett Elementary School, reported that their theme is "Reflecting, Celebrating, and Planning for an Even Brighter Future." Mrs. Atkinson presented a video that highlighted ongoing programs at Crockett. Mrs. Atkinson stated that Crockett is participating in the National Bilingual Random 4 Year Study to prevent reading disabilities in LEP students. Crockett has also initiated a beautification project to develop pride and encourage good citizenship skills throughout the school and community through role-modeling. Mrs. Atkinson stated that at Crockett, they are teaming up for success....1 team, 1 goal, Exemplary!

Guadalupe Nava, Principal at HHS-South, introduced speech and debate team students, Stephanie Villarreal and Natalie Groves, who presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting all the successes and accomplishments at South. The motto at South is "Striving to achieve – soaring to succeed."

**ARCHITECTS' REPORTS:** Ramiro Flores reported on the following construction projects: **Central Administration Building** – Finish coat has been applied to interior walls. Flooring is installed. Door frames are in place and painted. Above ceiling inspection is complete and ceiling tiles are installed. Fixture installation is complete in restrooms. Site work is complete. Acoustic sound panels are installed. Exterior flatwork is complete and brick veneer is complete. MEP finishes are complete and A/C is up and running. Stage with millwork is complete pending carpet. Time Warner and AT&T are installed in the building. Specialty equipment installation is scheduled to begin this week. **Milam** – New classroom building is nearing completion. Roofing is complete on new building. Interior finishes are being applied in new classroom building. Flooring has begun on new

classroom building. Flatwork around new building is nearing completion. **HHS-South** – Project is complete. Landscaping and irrigation is complete. Pending issues include: 1) Hardware for sound proof doors will be installed as soon as it is received. 2) There are drainage issues at the baseball and softball fields. Descon will begin rectifying these issues as soon as the weather permits. Descon continues to correct warranty issues as they occur. **Boggus Stadium** – American Contracting USA has demolished the existing restrooms underneath the homeside stands, and the contractor has begun the new restrooms. Demolition on the visitor side has been completed. Concrete spalling repairs continue. **Long** – Project is complete for the most part. HCISD staff and principal have met and have reviewed landscaping plans with the landscape architect. Plans are out for bid. Warranty issues are being addressed. **Bonham** – Project is complete for the most part. Scoggins will begin work on canopies for campus and kitchen over Spring Break. HCISD staff and the principal have met and reviewed landscaping and irrigation plans with the landscape architect. The plans have been given to Scoggins Construction who will hire the landscape and irrigation sub-contractor. Bus drop off area and student drop off areas are being discussed. Warranty issues are being addressed. **HHS** – Gym – Unit Q – girls trainers and boys basketball areas east wing dressing area work is complete. Wing 9 – Unit F is complete and occupied by staff and students. HCISD foodservice staff has begun to occupy food service areas. Landscaping has begun. Work on restrooms in Building V is complete.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENTS:**

None

**CONSENT  
AGENDA:**

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

- a. Approval of local textbook adoption as presented by Mr. Tom Hopkins.
- b. Minutes of the February 13, 2007 Public Hearing and February 13, 2007 Regular Board Meeting as written.
- c. Budget Amendments as recommended by the Administration.
- d. March tax refunds as recommended by the Administration.
- e. Award of Proposals as follows: 1) Athletic High School Football Supplies Line Items Term Bid, 2) Athletic High School Football Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 3) Athletic Middle School Football Supplies Line Items Term Bid, 4) Athletic Middle School Football Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 5) Athletic Shoe Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 6) Athletic Trainer Supplies Line Items Term Bid, 7) Athletic Trainer Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 8) Awards Line Item Term Bid, 9) Awards Catalog Term Bid, 10) HVAC Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 11) Front Flow Stray Booth Term Bid, 12) Front Flow Stray Booth Term Bid, m) Cheerleading, Choir and Drill Team Uniform Catalog Term Bid
- f. Approval of the legal policies in Board Policy Manual Update 79 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.
- g. Revision to Board Policy BDD (Local) on 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Local Textbook Adoption, Budget Amendments, Tax Refunds, Award of Proposals, and BDD (Local) are filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY PLAN:** A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the Harlingen CISD 2007-2010 Technology Plan as presented by James Percy, Director of Technology. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **Technology Plan is filed with these minutes.**

**APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES:** A motion was made by George McShan to appoint election judges and alternative judges as presented by Julio Cavazos. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Appointment of Election Judges and Alternative Judges is filed with these minutes.**

**REVISION OF BOARD POLICY DK (LOCAL):** A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to revise Board Policy DK (Local) on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF DISTRICT GOALS:** A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve the 2007-2008 District Goals as presented by Dr. Linda Wade. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(2007-2008 District Goals are filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF METHOD OF PROCURING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS:** A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve competitive sealed proposals as the method of procuring construction projects contracts as presented by Ramiro Flores. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RANKING CRITERIA:** A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve the ranking criteria to be used for the award of the new elementary construction contract as presented by Ramiro Flores. George McShan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY UPDATE 79 LOCAL POLICIES:** A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to table the approval of Board Policy Update 79 Local Policies until the next regular board meeting. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**REGION ONE BOARD ELECTIONS:** Region One ESC election ballots were distributed to the Board for voting.

**REPORT ON ATTENDANCE ZONE ALTERNATIVES:** Tricia Morrow presented a report on the alternative attendance zone possibilities for the new elementary school and Travis Elementary.

**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 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 Board's review. **(Quarterly Investment Report is filed with these minutes.)**

**PROPERTY  
INSURANCE  
OPTIONS:**

Julio Cavazos presented property insurance options for the Board's review. **(Property Insurance Options are filed with these minutes.)**

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

**Presiding Officer Cesar Maldonado called for an Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. in accordance with Sections 551.071, 551.074, and 551.082, the Texas Government Code (The Texas Open Meetings Act) to discuss:**

- a. Discuss Employment of Teachers and Other Professional Staff**
- b. Discuss Recommendations Regarding Employment, Including Renewal and Proposed Nonrenewal of Educator(s) and Professional Contracts for Probationary, Term and Other Contract Employment**

**OPEN SESSION:**

**The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 9:30 p.m.**

**CONSIDER  
EMPLOYMENT  
OF TEACHERS:**

A motion was made by George McShan to employ the following teachers and other professional staff for the 2006-2007 as follows: Cynthia G. Misenhimer and Maria G. Muniz. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**RENEWAL OF  
PROBATIONARY  
CONTRACT FOR  
TEACHERS:**

A motion was made by Verna Young to renew the probationary contract of teachers as recommended by the administration for one-year probationary contracts for the succeeding 2007-2008 school year and to authorize the Board President to execute employment contracts to the employees accepting this offer. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**TERMINATION  
PROBATIONARY  
CONTRACT:**

A motion was made by George McShan to terminate the probationary contract employment of Mario Banda at the end of his current contract period and to authorize the Superintendent to provide the employee with timely written notice of the Board's action. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**TERMINATION  
PROBATIONARY  
CONTRACT:**

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to terminate the probationary contract employment of America Cavazos at the end of her current contract period, and to authorize the Superintendent to provide the employee with timely written notice of the Board's action. George McShan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**EMPLOYMENT  
OF TEACHERS  
UNDER 1-YEAR  
CONTRACTS:**

A motion was made by Omar Cano to employ teachers as recommended by the administration under one-year contracts for the 2007-2008 school year and to authorize the Board President to execute employment contracts to the employees accepting this offer. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXTENSION OF MULTI-YEAR TERM CONTRACTS:** A motion was made by Javier De Leon to extend the multi-year term contracts of teachers as recommended by the administration for an additional year through the end of the 2008-2009 school year, and to authorize the Board President to execute employment contracts to the employees accepting this offer. George McShan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**RE-ISSUE 1-YEAR NON-CHAPTER 21 CONTRACTS:** A motion was made by George McShan to re-issue the one-year non-Chapter 21 professional contracts of employees as recommended by the administration for the 2007-2008 school year, and to authorize the Board President to execute employment contracts to the employees accepting this offer. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

**READ AND APPROVED:**

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**PRESIDING OFFICER**

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**DATE**