

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
OCTOBER 9, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 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: None

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

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS: Debra Valenzuela, Principal at Austin Elementary School, reported that their theme this year is "be curious and learn more." A group of Austin's Gifted and Talented students assisted Mrs. Valenzuela with her PowerPoint presentation. Using the school's name as an acronym, the students emphasized the important programs and projects ongoing on their campus. A – Attendance, U – Unified efforts to save the earth, S – Science Instruction, T – Teacher collaboration, I- Involvement of the community, and N – New playground.

Susan Salinas, Principal at Bowie Elementary School, presented a video showing how they are sailing through a new school year as a TEA recognized campus. At Bowie, they believe that long range planning is the key to student learning. Everyone at Bowie embraces the concept that no child will be left behind. Under the direction of music teacher, Donna Fee, sailor clad 4th and 5th grade students, entertained the Board with an enthusiastic song.

ARCHITECTS' REPORTS: Ramiro Flores reported on the following construction projects: **Boggus Stadium** –The contractor has requested a substantially complete walk-thru. The asphalt was laid last week. Restrooms and visitor side are nearly complete. Still pending is landscape and walk-thru items. **New Elementary** – Scoggins Construction continues with dirt work on the building's footprint. The cafeteria and kitchen are the starting point and the classroom wings radiating will follow. Recent rains continue to stagnate progress on site.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

- a. Minutes of the September 11, 2007 Regular Board Meeting as written.
- b. Approval of Local Textbook Adoption Committee as presented by Tom Hopkins.
- c. Approval of Proclamations proclaiming National Educational Office Professionals Career Awareness Week as October 14-20, 2007, Nation School Lunch Week as Oct. 15-19, 2007, Red Ribbon/Good Character Week as Oct. 22-26, 2007, National School Bus Safety Week as Oct. 22-26, 2007 and the Month of the Young Adolescent as October 2007.

- d. Budget Amendments as recommended by the Administration.
- e. October tax refunds as recommended by the Administration.
- f. Approval of Resolution with regards to reviewing Investment Policy CDA (Local) and CDA (Legal) as presented by Julio Cavazos.
- g. Award of Proposals as follows: 1) Local Groceries & Miscellaneous Products, 2) Electronic Security and Security Fire Detection Term Bid, 3) Relocation of Portable Buildings, 4) Custodial Light Bulbs Line Item Term Bid, 5) Custodial Light Bulbs Catalog Term Bid, 6) Reading/Video Material Catalog Term Bid, 7) TAKS Material Catalog Term Bid, 8) Maintenance Electrical Supplies Line Items, 9) Maintenance Electrical Supplies Catalog Term, 10) Maintenance Plumbing Supplies Line Items 11), Maintenance Plumbing Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 12) Armored Car Service, 13) OMR Scanner Line Item Term Bid, 14) OMR Scanner Catalog Term Bid, 15) Audio Visual Line Item Term Bid, 16) Audio Visual Line Item Term Bid, 17) Award Jacket and Award Recognitions Line Item Term Bid, 18) Award Jacket and Award Recognitions Catalog Term Bid, 19) Furniture Supplies Line Item Term Bid, and 20) Furniture Supplies Catalog Term Bid.
- h. Revision of Board Policy CW (Exhibit) on 2nd reading as recommended by the Administration.

Javier de Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Proclamations, Budget Amendments, Tax Refunds, Resolution with Regards to Reviewing Investment Policy, and Award of Proposals are filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL CONTRACT WITH HARRIS COUNTY: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the adoption of the School District Master Service Interlocal Contract, Addendum One, and Resolution authorizing Harlingen CISD to register and participate in the Harris County Department of Education/Choice Facility Partner Division as presented by Tony Gracia. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIST. IMPROVEMENT PLAN: A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the District Improvement Plan & Campus Action Plans as presented by Tricia Morrow and Art Cavazos. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

APPROVAL OF REVISION OF POLICY FD (LOCAL): A motion was made by George McShan to approve the revision of Board Policy FD (Local) on 2nd reading as recommended by the Administration. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Revision of Board Policy FD (Local) is filed with these minutes.)**

RE-APPT. OF CAMERON APPRAISAL DIST. DIRECTOR: A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve a Resolution reappointing Jesse Villarreal to serve on the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors. George McShan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Resolution 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.)**

**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.)**

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

Presiding Officer Cesar Maldonado called for an Executive Session at 8:00 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 Teachers and Other Professional Staff

OPEN SESSION:

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 8:09 p.m.

**EMPLOYMENT
OF TEACHERS:**

A motion was made by Verna Young to employ the following teachers and other professional staff for the 2007-2008 school year: Leticia Alfaro, Nancy Barrera, Arlene Cantu, Magda Chavez, Reynaldo Robles, Lucia Swartz, and Celeste Tello. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE