

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
DECEMBER 11, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 7:15 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dr. Nina Torkelson appeared before the Board to provide information regarding the Teach for America School Board Fellowship Program.

ARCHITECT'S REPORT: Ramiro Flores reported on the following construction projects: **Boggus Stadium** – American Contracting has begun installing the landscape. The parking lot, restroom and ticket booths have been completed. The drop off lane in front of Vernon Middle School has also been completed, and several small flatwork areas are scheduled for completion. The construction of the drop off lanes in front of Memorial Middle School is currently in progress. Mr. Mujica reported that it has been communicated to American Contracting by certified letter that the District will assess liquidated damages to this project. **New Elementary** – Scoggins Construction has completed fill dirt for about 95% of the building. Area A has been formed, trenched, and is scheduled to be poured early next week. Area E and part of Area F have also been formed. Plumbing rough-ins are in progress in these areas, with the installation of the underground electrical rough-ins. The storm drain inlets have also been set in place. The contractor has placed a construction trailer on site. A new electrician has been hired which might impact the project by three weeks. Mr. Mujica reported that during the next progress meeting, they will review with the contractor their commitment of completing this project by August 2008, or what areas would be ready by this date, so the District can decide and prepare for the opening date of the new school. **HHS Band Hall** – Peacock General Contractor was awarded the project. The asbestos abatement has been completed, and a pre-construction meeting was held on December 6 with contractor, architect and district staff to discuss the schedule and process of this project.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS: Vivian Bauer, Principal at Stuart Place Elementary School, presented a video highlighting two programs which have been implemented on her campus - the Inclusion Program and the Star Fish Mentoring Program. Under the direction of music teacher Gracie Bradwell, Stuart Place students using tone bars performed a Christmas song and sang a Christmas carol for the Board's enjoyment.

Ann McLelland, Principal at Secondary Alternative Center, proudly introduced former student Lauro Guajardo who stated that he was able to turn his life around with the guidance and help he received from the staff during his time spent at the Alternative Center. In addition, Mrs. McLelland thanked her staff for being her unsung heroes.

**CONSENT
AGENDA:**

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

- a. Minutes of the November 13, 2007 Regular Board Meeting as written.
- b. Budget Amendments as presented by Julio Cavazos and recommended by the Administration.
- c. List of investment brokers/dealers as presented by Julio Cavazos and recommended by the Administration.
- d. Award of Proposals as follows: 1) Motor Fuel, 2) Science Equipment & Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 3) Wax and Stripping Materials Line Item Term Bid, 4) Wax and Stripping Materials Catalog Term Bid, 5) Microfilming Service Bid, 6) Art Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 7) Class Instructional Supplies Term Bid, 8) Custodial Equipment Line Item Term Bid, 9) Custodial Equipment Line Item Term Bid, 10) Fire Extinguisher Supplies, Services and Inspections, 11) Grounds Material Line Items Term Bid, 12) Metal Supplies Line Item Term Bid, 13) Metal Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 14) Portable Radios Line Item Term Bid, 15) Portable Radios Catalog Term Bid
- e. Approval of an additional PDAS Appraiser as presented by Rosalinda Vargas and recommended by the Administration.
- f. Approval of Board Policy Manual Update 81 on 2nd reading as presented by Dr. Linda Wade and recommended by the Administration.
- g. Revision of Board Policy EIC (Local) on 2nd reading as presented by Art Cavazos and recommended by the Administration.

Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Budget Amendment, List of Investment Brokers/Dealers, and Award of Proposals are filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
OUT-OF-STATE
TRIP FOR SOUTH:**

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 travel to attend the Columbia University National Tournament in New York City on January 17-22, 2008 as presented by Art Cavazos and recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION TO
TAX TANGIBLE
PERSONAL
PROPERTY IN
TRANSIT:**

A motion was made by George McShan to approve a resolution to tax tangible personal property in transit which would otherwise be exempt pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Section 11.253 as presented by Julio Cavazos and recommended by the Administration. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Resolution to tax tangible personal property in transit is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
2006-2007
INDEPENDENT
AUDIT:**

A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the 2006-2007 Independent Audit as presented by Julio Cavazos and Quentin Anderson and recommended by the Administration. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(2006-2007 Independent Audit is filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF JOINT ELECTION WITH CITY OF PRIMERA: A motion was made by George McShan to approve an interlocal agreement for a joint election between the City of Primera and the Harlingen CISD as presented by Julio Cavazos and recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve a declaration of emergency for the replacement of Vernon Middle School fire alarm system as recommended by the Administration. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REPORT ON COOPERATIVE FEES: A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve a report on cooperative fees paid by Harlingen CISD as presented by Tony Gracia and recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION REDUCTION PLAN RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve an Energy Consumption Reduction Plan Resolution as presented by Julio Cavazos and recommended by the Administration. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO PAY IMPACT FEES: A motion was made by Omar Cano to deny payment of impact fees under Chapter 395 of the Local Government Code as presented by Dr. Linda Wade and recommended by the Administration. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL 9 REQUIREMENTS: Rosalinda Vargas presented a report regarding Senate Bill 9 requirements pertaining to fingerprinting procedures.

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 presented a Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending November 30, 2007. Mr. Cavazos reported that all of the District's funds have been invested in legally authorized and adequately secured funds. The District's investment portfolio indicates that the weighted average maturity of all its investments is one day and that the weighted average yield is 4.77%. Funds are invested as follows: Local Maintenance \$49,912,778.03 (100% in Pools), Food Service \$1,620,509.02 (100% in Pools), Employee Benefits \$1,326,363.81 (100% in Pools), Workers' Compensation \$1,303,461.17 (100% in Pools), Interest & Sinking \$3,501,258.19 (100% in Pools), and Capital Projects \$1,650,582.13 (100% in Pools). Funds are invested in TexSTAR, MBIA, LoneSTAR and TexPool which have no maturity date.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE