

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JANUARY 13, 2009**

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Harlingen CISD Administration Building located at 407 N. 77 Sunshine Strip, Harlingen, Texas. George McShan, Board President, called the meeting to order.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Steve Flores, Art Cavazos, Tricia Morrow, Ramiro Flores, Julio Cavazos, Rosalinda Vargas, Allen Aleshire and Sonia Brown

**RECOGNITION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Governor Rick Perry proclaimed January 2009 as School Board Recognition Month in order to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education member plays in our society. Staff and students were present to take part in the statewide recognition honoring our outstanding Board members.

**PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:** Yvonne Montemayor, Principal at Zavala Elementary School, presented a Principal's Report highlighting students, staff and campus events.

Juan Manuel Garcia, Principal at Crockett Elementary School, presented a Principal's Report highlighting students, staff and campus events.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:** The Board recognized Mrs. Fela Castillo for being the recipient of the Migrant Education Program Service Award.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Felix M. Rodriguez and Mr. Mark Winchester, appeared before the Board to inform them of the 2009 Veterans Salute scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sgt. Tomas Garces Texas Army National Guard Armory located at 1100 Vo-tech Drive in Weslaco, Texas.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** A motion was made by Dr. Cesar Maldonado to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Proclamations proclaiming National School Counselors' Week as February 2-6, 2009 and Career and Technology Education Week as February 13-19, 2009.
- b. Minutes of the December 9, 2008 Regular Board Meeting, and December 19, 2008 Special Board Meeting/Board Workshop as written.
- c. Budget Amendments as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration
- d. Tax Refunds as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration.
- e. Approval of Board Policy Manual Update 84 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading as presented by the Administration.

Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Proclamations, Budget Amendments, and Tax Refunds are file with these minutes.)**

- APPROVAL OF BIDS RECEIVED AT TAX RESALE:** A motion was made by Omar Cano to take action on bids received at the November 4, 2008 tax resale for properties struck off to Cameron County for itself and other taxing jurisdictions as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Bids received at the November 4, 2008 tax resale are filed with these minutes.)**
- APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ON BIDS RECEIVED ON TAX RESALE PROPERTIES:** A motion was made by Omar Cano to take action on Resolutions approving bids received on tax resale properties on November 4, 2008 as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Resolutions are filed with these minutes.)**
- FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT:** Ramiro Flores presented a Facilities Committee Report on the following construction projects: **Means Elementary** – School opened up for students on January 5, 2009. **Early College High Schools** – Ferguson Construction has mobilized and has begun demolition. Other issues discussed were status of baseball field projects and the Harlingen Municipal Auditorium.
- 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.)**
- 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.)**
- ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT:** Julio Cavazos presented an Annual Investment Report providing the portfolio position of Harlingen CISD as of August 31, 2008. Mr. Cavazos reported that all of the District’s funds have been invested in legally authorized and adequately secured funds. Funds are invested in TexSTAR, TexPool, and LoneStar Investment Pool which have no maturity date. Funds can be invested or withdrawn on a daily basis. The monthly average yield is 2.21% for TexSTAR, 2.32% for TexPool and 2.49% for Lonestar Investment Pool and 2.51% for MBIA. As of August 31, 2008, funds are invested as follows: Local Maintenance \$24,460,204.40 (100% in Pools), Food Service \$1,705,234.15 (100% in Pools), Employee Benefits \$966,751.91 (100% in Pools), Workers’ Compensation \$1,739,669.07 (100% in Pools), Interest & Sinking \$647,243.07 (100% in Pools), and Capital Projects \$539,228.17 (100% in Pools). The investment continues to provide significant revenue for the District. The interest earned by the District during 2007-2008 was \$2,128,307.42 compared to \$2,908,586.00 in 2006-2007.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION:** **Board President George McShan called for an Executive Session at 8:35 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 of Case #B-08-cv-404 – B. Ulloa v. Harlingen CISD
- b. Discuss Employment of Athletic Coordinator/Head Football Coach at HHS-South
- c. Discuss Employment of Teachers and Other Professional Staff

**OPEN SESSION:** The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 10:01 p.m.

**CONSIDER  
ACTION ON CASE  
#B-08-CV-404**

**ULLOA V. HCISD:** No action was taken on Case #B-08-cv-404 – B. Ulloa v. Harlingen CISD

**EMPLOYMENT  
OF AC/HEAD  
FOOTBALL  
COACH AT  
HHS-SOUTH:**

A motion was made by Omar Cano to employ Gilbert Leal as the Athletic Coordinator/Head Football Coach at HHS-South. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**EMPLOYMENT  
OF TEACHERS &  
PROFESSIONAL  
STAFF:**

A motion was made by Verna Young to employ the following teachers and other professional staff for the 2008-2009 school year: Anabel Rodriguez and Emma Trevino. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

**READ AND APPROVED:**

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**PRESIDING OFFICER**

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**DATE**