

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 11, 2008**

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 7:10 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, Allen Aleshire and Sonia Brown

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS: Cathy Silstorf, Principal at Bonham Elementary School, reported that everyone at Bonham is racing for an exemplary rating. Mrs. Silstorf introduced members of the Bonham 900, 5th grade students dressed up as race car drivers, who explained how they were going to accomplish their goal of becoming an exemplary school.

Gracie Gutierrez, Principal at Vernon Middle School, presented a video regarding their 212 degree theme. Ms. Gutierrez explained that 212 degrees is the boiling point for water and how much one degree can make a difference. Ms. Gutierrez stated that this new concept at Vernon has inspired students and staff to go the extra mile to succeed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ARCHITECT'S REPORT: Ramiro Flores reported on the following construction projects: **HHS Band Hall Improvements** – The large rehearsal hall is progressing well. The furr down has been constructed, floated, and primed. Mechanical duct re-routing is complete. Ceiling grid and light fixtures are in place. Walls have been textured and primed. Peacock Construction awaits the arrival of door frames and acoustical wall panels. Flooring is also pending installation. **Means Elementary** – CMU construction is complete in areas B, C, D, and E. The roof structure and metal deck are in progress in Area B and is to continue in Areas A, C, D, and E. Scoggins Construction has erected pre-engineered structure and CMU has begun in Area F. Bus drop lane has been cut and base has been installed. The faculty and visitor parking lot base has also been installed. The water line along Loop 499 is near completion. The concrete columns have been cast in the main corridor of Area G. All roof structure members are on site.

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 Tom Hopkins.
- b. Approval of Textbook Waiver for AP Art History as presented by Tom Hopkins.
- c. Minutes of the February 12, 2008 Public Hearing, February 12, 2008 Regular Board Meeting and the February 23, 2008 Special Board Meeting as written.
- d. Budget Amendments as recommended by the Administration.

- e. Award of Proposals as follows: 1) Athletic Shoes Catalog Term Bid, 2) Cheerleading, Choir and Drill Team Uniforms, 3) Athletic High School Football Supplies Line Item Term Bid, 4) Athletic High School Football Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 5) Athletic Middle School Football Supplies Line Item Term Bid, 6) Athletic Middle School Football Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 7) Band, Choir, Orchestra & Elementary Music Equipment Line Item Term Bid, 8) Band, Choir, Orchestra & Elementary Music Equipment Catalog Term Bid, 9) Local Arts & Crafts Shelf/Catalog Recap, 10) Kitchen Fire Suppression System Upgrades and System Inspections, 11) Music Materials Catalog Term Bid, 12) Awards Line Item Term Bid, 13) Awards Catalog Term Bid, 14) Medical Supplies for Nurses and Trainers Line Item Term Bid, and 15) Medical Supplies for Nurses and Trainers Catalog Term Bid.
- f. Approval of Board Policy Manual Update 82 on 1st reading as recommended by the Administration.

Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Local Textbook Adoption, Textbook Waiver, Budget Amendments, Award of Proposals, and Board Policy Manual Update 82 are filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF METHOD OF PROCURING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES:

A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve the method of procuring construction services for tennis court and baseball/softball renovation construction projects as presented by Tony Gracia. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RANKING CRITERIA:

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the ranking criteria and delegation of authority to the evaluation committee for the tennis court improvement and renovations and the softball/baseball field improvements and renovations construction proposals as presented by Tony Gracia. Javier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY PROFICIENCY STANDARDS:

A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the 2008-2009 Technology Proficiency Standards as presented by James Percy, Deb Fitting and Cindy Sadler. George McShan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(2008-2009 Technology Proficiency Standards are filed with these minutes.)**

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES & ALT. JUDGES:

A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve the appointment of election judges and alternate judges as presented by Julio Cavazos. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(List of Election Judges and Alternate Judges is filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT GOALS:

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the 2008-2009 District Goals as presented by Dr. Linda Wade. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(2008-2009 District Goals are filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF MOU FOR RESOURCE OFFICERS:

A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Resource Officers as presented by Art Cavazos. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Memorandum of Understanding for Resource Officers is filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF STAFF DEV. & EARLY RELEASE WAIVER: A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve a Staff Development and Early Release Days Waiver as presented by Art Cavazos. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Staff Development and Early Release Days Waiver is filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF MOU FOR ECHS & TSTC: A motion was made by George McShan to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Early College High School with Texas State Technical College as presented by Art Cavazos. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried with George McShan, Javier De Leon, Gerry Fleuriet, Verna Young, Omar Cano and Lyle Garza voting in favor of the motion, and Cesar Maldonado abstaining.

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.)**

DISCUSS PROPERTY INS. OPTIONS: Julio Cavazos presented a discussion on Property Insurance Options.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **Presiding Officer Cesar Maldonado called for an Executive Session at 8:30 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**
- b. **Discuss Recommendations Regarding Employment, Including Renewal and Proposed Nonrenewal of Educator(s) and Professional Contracts for Probationary, Term and Other Contract Employment**
- c. **Discuss Employment of Director of Transportation**
- d. **Discuss Employment of Staff Accountant**
- e. **Discussion of Superintendent's Evaluation**

OPEN SESSION: **The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 9:40 p.m.**

EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHER: A motion was made by Omar Cano to employ the following teacher for the 2007-2008 school year: Arnold Juarez. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PROBATIONARY CONTRACT RENEWAL: A motion was made by Lyle Garza to renew the probationary contract of teachers and other professionals as recommended by the administration for one-year probationary contracts for the succeeding 2008-2009 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.

TERM CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to employ teachers and other professionals as recommended by the administration under one-year term contracts for the 2008-2009 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.

TWO YEAR MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSIONS: A motion was made by George McShan to extend the multi-year term contracts of teachers and other professionals as recommended by the administration for an additional year through the end of the 2009-2010 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.

PROBATIONARY CONTRACT RENEWAL OF NON-CHAPTER 21 EMPLOYEES: A motion was made by Javier De Leon to renew the probationary contract of non-chapter 21 employees as recommended by the administration for one-year probationary contracts for the succeeding 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.

NON-CHAPTER 21 TERM CONTRACTS RENEWAL: A motion was made by Verna Young to extend the one-year non-Chapter 21 term contracts of non-Chapter 21 employees as recommended by the administration for the 2008-2009 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.

TWO YEAR MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSIONS OF NON-CHAPTER 21 EMPLOYEES: A motion was made by Omar Cano to extend the multi-year term contracts of non-Chapter 21 employees as recommended by the administration for an additional year through the end of the 2009-2010 school year, and authorize the Board President to execute employment contracts to the employees accepting this offer. George McShan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR: A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve the employment of Walter Raye as the Transportation Director. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF ACCOUNTANT: A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve the employment of Ida Ambriz as the Staff Accountant. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER SUPT'S EVAL.: A motion was made by George McShan to approve the Superintendent's evaluation as discussed in Executive Session. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE