

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 10, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Media Center located at 1409 E. Harrison, Harlingen, Texas. Lee Means, Board President, called the meeting to order.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS: The following students were recognized by the Board for their participation as ambassadors for Autism and Child Find Awareness Month: Manny Mac (Manuel) Vela, Abraham Ponce, Andree Garcia, Gabriel Garcia, Joshua Wellington, Allison Brady, Vincent Rodriguez, and Jaime Rodriguez, Jr.

Kevin Brackmeyer, Principal at Coakley Middle School, proudly introduced the following students who received 1st place at the recent National Chess Competition in Sacramento, California: Christopher Chapa, Albert Chung, Justin Cornett, Troy Davis, Refugio Garduno, Joshua Gonzales, Logan Gonzalez, Luke Lively, Hayden Matz, and Robert McMackins.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS: Manuel Olivo, Principal at Jefferson Elementary School, stated that Jefferson continues to get better every year and always score well on TAKS. Students, Gloria Perez and Stephanie Medrano, appeared in a video entitled "The Adventures of Super Student." The students highlighted all the exciting events and activities happening at Jefferson.

Rosie Cobarrubias, Principal at Milam Elementary School, reported that her campus is a safe haven for students. Several Milam students thrilled the Board with their dance version of the song "Thriller." Other students wore costumes representing all the important holidays and events throughout the year.

ARCHITECT'S REPORT: Ramiro Flores reported on the following construction projects: Milam – The new classroom building is complete and occupied by students and staff. Flatwork around the new building is complete. The contractor has moved to the final phase of the project which is installing the new A/C units in the last classroom wing. **Central Administration Building** – The building is almost complete. The Board room is the only room not entirely complete. Specialty items are not yet complete. A partial C.O. has been issued and HCISD staff will begin to occupy on Tuesday, April 10. Total completion is scheduled for the week of the 16th. **Bogus Stadium** – Site work continues on east side of stadium. Paving of east side is nearing completion. Spalling repair and grouting is nearing completion. Rerouting 4" water line around east side of parking area is complete. Rerouting drain pipe around restroom area on west side has begun.

Contractor has poured footing for new wall on west side. **HHS** – Landscaping work continues. Work on restrooms in Building V is complete. Work continues on Building O. The contractor has begun to hang drywall.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS:**

None

**CONSENT
AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of the March 8, 2007 Special Board Meeting and March 20, 2007 Regular Board Meeting as written.
- b. Budget Amendments as recommended by the Administration.
- c. Approval of Proclamations as followed: 1) Autism Awareness Month – April 2007; 2) National Library Week – April 15-21, 2007; 3) Public School Volunteer Week – April 15-21, 2007; 4) Texas School Psychology Week – April 23-27, 2007; 5) School Nurse Week – May 6-12, 2007; 6) Teacher Appreciation Week – May 7-11, 2007; and 7) Better Hearing and Speech Month/Speech-Language Pathologists Week – May 14-18, 2007.
- d. April tax refunds as recommended by the Administration.
- e. Award of Proposals as follows: 1) Transparencies for Plain Paper Copier/Laser Printer Line Item Term Bid, 2) Transparencies for Plain Paper Copier/Laser Printer Catalog Bid, 3) Maintenance Mower Tractor Line Item Term Bid, 4) Maintenance Mower Tractor Catalog Term Bid, 5) Athletic Cross Country Supplies Line Item Term Bid, 6) Athletic Cross Country Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 7) Athletic Swimming Supplies Line Item Term Bid, 8) Athletic Swimming Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 9) Athletic Volleyball Supplies Line Item Term Bid, 10) Athletic Volleyball Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 11) Custodial Vacuum Cleaner Parts Line Items Term Bid, 12) Custodial Vacuum Parts Cleaner Catalog Term Bid.
- f. Revision of Update 79 Local Policies as revised on 2nd reading.
- g. Revision to Board Policy BDD (Local) on 2nd reading
- h. Revision to Board Policy DK (Local) on 2nd reading

Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Proclamations, Budget Amendments, Tax Refunds, Award of Proposals are filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
OUT-OF-STATE
TRIP OR
COAKLEY CHESS
TEAM:**

A motion was made by George McShan to approve an out-of-state trip for Coakley Middle School Chess Team to attend a National Competition in Sacramento, California on March 16-18, 2007. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve an out-of-state trip for a HHS-South student to attend the DECA International Competition in Orlando, Florida on April 28-May 1, 2007. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
OUT-OF-STATE
TRIP FOR SOUTH
FBLA CONF.:**

A motion was made by George McShan to approve an out-of-state trip for a HHS-South student to attend National Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Conference Chicago, Illinois on June 28-July 1, 2007. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MOU WITH TSTC FOR ECHS: A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with TSTC and Harlingen CISD for the creation of the Early College High School as presented by Veronica Kortan. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(MOU with TSTC is filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF ELECTION WORKERS AND OFFICIALS: A motion was made by George McShan to approve the election workers and officials as presented by Julio Cavazos. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR ELECTION WORKERS: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the compensation schedule for election workers as presented by Julio Cavazos. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BIDS RECEIVED AT TAX RESALE: A motion was made by George McShan to approve the bids received at the March 6, 2007 tax resale for properties struck off to Cameron County for itself and other taxing jurisdictions. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX RESALE: A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve a Resolution approving the bid received on the tax resale property on March 6, 2007. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Resolution is filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF BID FOR SOFTWARE & BUDGET AMEND.: A motion was made by George McShan to approve the award of bid for new student software to Sungard Pentamation and approval of accompanying budget amendment. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Bid tabulations and Budget Amendment are filed with these minutes.)**

MIGRANT ED. PROGRAM UPDATE: Thelma Reynolds, Federal Programs Director, and Lee Hernandez, Federal Program Planner/Evaluator provided an update on Harlingen CISD's Migrant Education Program.

STAFF DEV. UPDATE: Deborah Fitting, Director of Staff Development, presented a summary of trainings and initiatives coordinated through her office. Highlights included ways in which technology assists the department in organizing and presenting.

INTERNAL AUDIT QUARTERLY REPORT: Nellie Ledesma, Internal Auditor, presented an Internal Audit Quarterly Report on Activity Funds Annual Audit 2005-2006, HELP Program investigation from 9-1-05 through 11-14-06 at Stuart Place Elementary and textbook warehouse inventory audit and related textbook procedures. **(Internal Audit Quarterly Report 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.)**

**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:**

Board President Leet Means called for an Executive Session at 9:30 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 Harlingen CISD Athletic Director**
- b. Discuss Employment of Assistant Principal at Vela Middle School**
- c. Discuss Employment of Teachers and Middle School Instructional Facilitators**

OPEN SESSION:

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 9:55 p.m.

**EMPLOYMENT
DIRECTOR OF
ATHLETICS:**

A motion was made by George McShan to employ Randy Cretors to fill the position of Director of Athletics. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**EMPLOYMENT
ASST. PRIN. AT
VELA:**

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the employment of Ruben Guajardo to fill the position of Assistant Principal at Vela Middle School. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**EMPLOYMENT
OF TEACHERS
& OTHER PROF.
STAFF:**

A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to approve the employment of teachers and other professional staff for the 2007-2008 school year as follows: Sandra Achtsam, Meredith Brownell, and Bettie J. Cooley. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE