

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 14, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 7:05 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, and Lyle Garza

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Cesar Maldonado

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

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS: Paula Long, Special Education Director, informed the Board that April is Child Find and Autism Awareness Month. The following students ambassadors were recognized by the Board: Abigail Campos, Bonifacio Sandoval, Damiano Galvan, Noah Martinez, Jazmine Prado, Dorothy Reyna, Ian Bassett, and Robert Campo

The Board of Trustees recognized the following Milam Elementary School students who participated in the National Chess Competition in Nashville, Tennessee: Stephanie Torres, Yvette Martinez, Kaitlynn De La Fuente, Michael Perez, Aaron Moria, Valeria Lerma, Yolanda Flores, Sanders Gutierrez, and Oscar Cano.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS: Susan Salinas, Principal at Bowie Elementary School, presented a Principal's Report highlighting students, staff, parents and campus events.

Elizabeth Maldonado, Principal at Means Elementary School, presented a Principal's Report highlighting students, staff, parents and campus events.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of the March 10, 2009 Regular Board Meeting as written.
- b. Approval of the following Proclamations: 1) Autism Awareness Month – April 2009, 2) National Library Week – April 12-18, 2009, 3) Public School Volunteer Week – April 19-25, 2009, 4) Teacher Appreciation Week – May 4-8, 2009, and 5) Nurse's Week – May 6-12, 2009
- 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. Award of Proposals as follows: 1) Kitchen Fire Suppression System, 2) Athletic MS Football Supplies, 3) Athletic MS Football Supplies, 4) Athletic MS Uniforms, 5) Athletic Golf Supplies, 6) Athletic Swimming Supplies, 7) Athletic Tennis Supplies,

8) Emergency Security Gate Materials, 9) Photo ID Supplies, 10) Canopy Installation for Various Campuses, 11) Marquee Signs for Various Campuses, 12) Relocation of Portable Buildings, 13) Graduation Items as presented by Tony Gracia and as recommended by the Administration.

- f. Revision of Board Policy FC (Local) on 1st reading as presented by Tricia Morrow and as recommended by the Administration.
- g. Revision of Board Policy EKB (Local) on 2nd reading as presented by Arturo Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration.

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

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRIP FOR MILAM CHESS TEAM: A motion was made by Lyle Garza to approve an out-of-state trip for the Milam Elementary Chess Team to participate in the Super Nationals Chess Tournament in Nashville, Tennessee on April 3-5, 2009 as recommended by the Administration. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRIP FOR MIGRANT STUDENTS: A motion was made by Verna Young to approve an out-of-state trip for two Harlingen CISD middle school migrant students to attend the "Experience in Democracy Bert Corona Leadership Institute" in Washington, D.C. on June 7-13, 2009 as recommended by the Administration. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AWARD OF RE-BID FOR BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to award the re-bid for the 2009 HCISD baseball/softball field improvements to Peacock Construction Company as recommended by the Administration. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF PROPERTY INSURANCE: A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the renewal of the District's property insurance with Shepard, Walton & King for an additional year as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Omar Cano seconded. The motion carried with Verna Young, Omar Cano, Gerry Fleuriet, George McShan and Javier De Leon voting in favor of the motion, and Lyle Garza voting against the motion.

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED STATUS: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the acceptance of certification of unopposed status as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF CANCELLATION: A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve an Order of Cancellation declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANTS UPDATE: Connie Saenz, Grant Writer, presented a Grants Update for the Board's review.

- FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING:** Ramiro Flores reported that the Facilities Committee met on April 9, 2009. Mr. Flores stated that agenda items discussed at the meeting included: Construction Reports, status of HHS Science Labs, status of baseball field projects, building plaque procedures, and an update on Crickett Communications' request to lease one light tower at Boggus Stadium for the placement of an antenna.
- 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 INFORMATION:** Julio Cavazos provided a Monthly Financials Report for the Board's review. **(Monthly Financials Report is filed with these minutes.)**
- EXECUTIVE SESSION:** **Board President George McShan called for an Executive Session at 9:30 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 & Other Professional Staff**
 - B. Discuss Approval of Recommendations Regarding Employment of Proposed Nonrenewal of Educator(s) and Proposed Terminations of Professional Contracts for Probationary, Term, and Other Contract Employment**
 - C. Discuss Recommendation to Rescind the Termination of S.M.**
- OPEN SESSION:** **The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 10:45 p.m.**
- EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS & OTHER PROF. STAFF:** A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve the employment of the following teachers and professional staff for the 2008-2009 school year: Cynthia Alexander, Magdalena Lopez, and Michael Salinas. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF PROBATIONARY CONTRACTS:** 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 2009-2010 school year, and further authorized the Board President to execute employment contracts to the employees accepting this offer. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- EXTEND MULTI-YEAR TERM CONTRACTS:** A motion was made by Verna Young 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 2010-2011 school year, and to further authorize the Board President to execute employment contracts to the employees accepting this offer. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- APPROVAL TO RESCIND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:** A motion was made by Javier De Leon to accept the recommendation that the Board rescind the termination of the probationary contract of Steven Maples at the end of his current probationary contract period, and authorize the Superintendent to enter into the Separation Agreement and Release as discussed in executive session. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE