

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MAY 12, 2009**

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 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, Gerry Fleuriet, Omar Cano, 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 GEORGE MCSHAN: The Board of Trustees and administrative staff recognized Mr. George McShan for having served as Board President for the 2008-2009 school year.

ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION: Board President George McShan issued Certificates of Election to Omar Cano, Dr. Cesar Maldonado and George McShan.

OATH OF OFFICE: District Judge Migdalia Lopez administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Cesar Maldonado and George McShan. Ruben Pena administered the Oath of Office to Omar Cano.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD: Presiding Officer George McShan called for nomination to name the new Board President for the 2009-2010 school year. A motion was made by Omar Cano to appoint Javier De Leon as the President of the Board of Trustees. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Newly named Board President Javier De Leon called for nominations to name the new Vice-President of the Board for the 2009-2010 school year. A motion was made by Dr. Cesar Maldonado to appoint Verna Young as the Vice-President of the Board of Trustees. George McShan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board President Javier De Leon called for nominations to name the new Secretary of the Board for the 2009-2010 school year. A motion was made by Omar Cano to appoint Lyle Garza as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER TO SIGN CHECKS: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to authorize George McShan and Julio Cavazos to sign checks for the District until a new signature plate can be obtained with the appropriate signatures. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS: The following members of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board were recognized by the Board of Trustees: Priscilla Treto, John Murphy, Kristen Nicole Resendez, Lila Katherine Simmons, Lyca Intal, Klarissa Hernandez, Soumya Gogia, Jill Quinsenberg, Katie Garcia, Katheryn Perkins, and Omar Hunter.

The following GT scholarship recipients were honored by the Board: Benjamin Gonzalez - Treasure Hills Elementary; Juan Maldonado - Gutierrez Middle School; Alejos Salazar III - Vela Middle School; elementary teacher Beula Rangel - Rodriguez Elementary, and secondary teacher Patricia Marroquin - Vela Middle School.

The following students were recognized for having qualified for State recognition in the 2008-2009 Duke University Talent Identification Program: Juan Maldonado – Gutierrez Middle School; Julio Beatriz – Memorial Middle School; Tomas Catellanos – Memorial Middle School; William Wright – Memorial Middle School; Tristan Barrera – Coakley Middle School; and Rajadhar Reddy – Coakley Middle School. Rajadhar Reddy was also recognized for having received grand recognition.

The Board recognized the following HHS-South students who were named Future Business Leaders of America State winners: Marrah Moreland, Katherine Benavides, Anh Mai, Alyssa Adams, Steven Hinojosa, Erika Gutierrez, Hannah Smally, Astyn Maturey, Megan Shed, and Tony Garza.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

- a. Minutes of the April 14, 2009 Regular Board Meeting as written.
- b. Award of Proposals as follows: 1) Auctioneer Services, 2) Student Athletic Insurance Coverage, 3) HVAC Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 4) Athletic High School Boys Basketball Supplies, 5) Athletic High School Girls Basketball Supplies, 6) Athletic Middle School Boys Basketball Supplies, 7) Athletic Middle School Girls Basketball Supplies, 8) AV Ceiling Mounted Projectors & Installation, and 9) Maintenance Mowers.
- c. Budget Amendments as recommended by the Administration.
- d. Tax Refunds as recommended by the Administration.
- e. Approval of revision to Board Policy FC (Local) on 2nd reading as presented by Tricia Morrow and as recommended by the Administration.
- f. Approval of the following Proclamation: Better Hearing and Speech Month/Speech-Language Pathologists Month – May 2009.

Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Award of Proposals, Budget Amendments, and Tax Refunds 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 and funding for HHS-South students to attend the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California on June 23-30, 2009 as presented by Sandra McGarraugh and as recommended by the Administration. Dr. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AWARD OF 2009 HVAC UPGRADES AT COAKLEY: A motion was made by Lyle Garza to approve the award of 2009 HVAC upgrades at Coakley Middle School to Central Air and Heat as presented by Ramiro Flores and Tony Gracia and as recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIST. WAIVER FOR MISSED INSTL. DAYS: A motion was made by George McShan to approve the submittal to TEA of a District Waiver Application for Missed Instructional Days due to the closure of schools for students on May 4-7, 2009 as a result of the H1N1 virus as presented by Art Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Copy of Waiver Application is filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF MODIFIED SCHEDULE/TAKS TESTIND DAYS WAIVER: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve a modified schedule/TAKS testing days waiver as presented by Art Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Copy of Waiver is filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF M.O.U. WITH NINOS HEAD START: A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Neighbors in Need of Assistance (NINOS) Head Start as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Dr. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(A copy of Memorandum of Understanding is filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO PAY FULL-TIME TEACHERS AND PARAS. DUE TO CLOSURE OF SCHOOL: A motion was made by Dr. Cesar Maldonado to approve a Resolution to pay full-time classroom teachers and full-time paraprofessionals due to the closure of schools as a result of the H1B1 virus as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PPRESENTATION: Ben Maddox with Teach for America presented relevant information based on early childhood education.

PROPOSED HCISD GOAL 8: Tricia Morrow and Cher'rie Yoss informed the Board that the Districtwide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) discussed areas of recycling, electricity conservation, water conservation, fuel conservation, renewable energy sources, and energy and natural resources conservation and efficiency campaign. The DEIC formed an Energy Subcommittee to make recommendations for a proposed Harlingen CISD Goal 8: Improve Environmental Quality.

UPDATE TO NSBA T & L CONFERENCE: Allen Aleshire, Director of Public Information/KGHN TV, presented an update on the specific initiatives the District has taken after having attended the NSBA Technology and Learning Conference on October 28-30, 2008. The presentation was a team effort with input and development by the Technology Center, Staff Development, and Public Information/KHGN TV/Web Services teams.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT: Ramiro Flores reported that the Facilities Committee met on May 7, 2009. Mr. Flores stated that agenda items discussed at the meeting included construction reports and discussion of construction monies. **ECHS Science Labs** – Ferguson Construction has begun installing the brick veneer and metal roof. Inside the science labs, HVAC ductwork, electrical conduit, and fire suppression system installation have begun. All of the interior CMU wall partitions have been completed. The contractor projects the roof installation to be completed by the end of the week.

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.)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **Presiding Officer Javier De Leon called for an Executive Session at 9:31 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 Recommendation of Administration Regarding Resignation of J. Lugo and to Accept Rule 11 Agreement Terms**
- b. **Discussion of CA 2008-CCL-1199-B; Olivan v. Harlingen CISD**
- c. **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**
- d. **Discuss Employment of Teachers and Other Professional Staff for the 2008-2009 School Year**
- e. **Discuss Employment of Teachers and Other Professional Staff for the 2009-2010 School Year**

OPEN SESSION: **The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 10:29 p.m.**

APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION OF J. LUGO: A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve the recommendation of the Administration regarding the resignation of J. Lugo and to accept Rule 11 agreement terms as discussed in Executive Session. Dr. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMEND. RE: B. OLIVAN: A motion was made by Lyle Garza to approve the recommendation regarding CA 2008-CCL-1199 B. Olivan vs. Harlingen CISD as discussed in Executive Session. George McShan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT NONRENEWAL OF EDUCATORS: A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the recommendations regarding employment of proposed nonrenewal of educators(s) and proposed terminations of professional contracts for probationary, term and other contract employment as discussed in Executive Session. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT TEACHERS AND PROF. STAFF: A motion was made by George McShan to approve the employment of the following teachers and professional staff for the 2008-2009 school year: Carol Ann Venable. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT TEACHERS AND OTHER PROF. STAFF: A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve the employment of the following teachers/other professional staff for the 2009-2010 school year: Elvia Aldrete, Michelle Ayala, Julio Cantu, Yvette Castillo, Amy Flores, Selene T. Flores, Veronica Garcia, Diana Garza, Delia Gutierrez, Esther Huerta, Veronica Huerta, Stephanie Leon, Sarah Levings, Nereida Luevanos, Linda G. Martinez, Michelle Moreno, Maria F. Quevedo, Blake Ramsey, Kelly Rodriguez, Ana Rodriguez-Cintron, Zulma Salas, Noemi Saucedo, Rachel Scranton, Martha Silva, and Scott Swinnea. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE