

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 8, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 7:00 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, Omar Cano and Lyle Garza

MEMBERS ABSENT: Verna Young

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

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS: The Board of Trustees recognized Harlingen High School student, Yvette Gamez, for having been selected as a 2008 Exemplary Migrant Student by the University of Texas at Austin Migrant Student Graduation Enhancement Program.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS: Lori Romero, Principal at Long Elementary School, reported that they currently have 940 students on their campus, and are proud of the fact that they are a recognized school. Mrs. Romero introduced 5th graders who paired off with the Board and Superintendent staff members to play "Are you Smarter than a 5th grader?" With the help of the students, everyone was able to answer the questions.

Joe Rodriguez, Principal at Travis Elementary School, stated that in addition to curriculum instruction, they strive to teach their students how to be well rounded individuals. Mr. Rodriguez stated that caring and learning go hand-in-hand at Travis. Mr. Rodriguez introduced student council representatives who presented highlights of their activities throughout the year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ARCHITECT'S REPORT: Ramiro Flores reported on the following construction projects: **HHS Band Hall Improvements** – VCT flooring has been installed in the corridors, and accent walls have been painted. In the large rehearsal hall, the barrel ceiling diffusers have been installed. Peacock Construction awaits the arrival of acoustical wall panels and the hollow metal door frames. Both are scheduled to be installed by the end of this week. **Means Elementary School** – CMU construction is nearly complete for all facilities. Classroom wings B, C, and D are roofed in and E is in progress. Chiller lines are being routed to classroom wings and MEP rough-in is nearly complete in all areas. Area G structure is currently being constructed. Pre-engineered structure and CMU is complete at Area F. Water line is installed and staff/visitor parking lot and drives have curb and gutter completed.

**CONSENT
AGENDA:**

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

- a. Minutes of the March 11, 2008 Board Workshop and the March 11, 2008 Regular Board Meeting as written.
- b. Approval of the following Proclamations: 1) Autism Awareness Month – April 2008, 2) National Library Week – April 13-19, 2008, 3) Public School Volunteer Week – April 20-26, 2008, 4) Texas School Psychology Week – April 21-25, 2008, 5) Teacher Appreciation Week – May 5-9, 2008, and 6) Nurse's Week – May 6-12, 2008.
- c. Budget Amendments as recommended by the Administration.
- d. April Tax Refunds as recommended by the Administration.
- e. Award of Proposals as follows: 1) Fire Sprinkler Inspections Term Bid, 2) Athletic Cross Country Supplies Line Item Term Bid, 3) Athletic Cross Country Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 4) Athletic Swimming Supplies Line Item Term Bid, 5) Athletic Swimming Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 6) Athletic Volleyball Supplies Line Item Term Bid, and 7) Athletic Volleyball Supplies Catalog Term Bid as recommended by the Administration.
- f. Approval of Board Policy Manual Update 82 on 2nd reading as recommended by the Administration.

Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Proclamations, Budget Amendments, Tax Refunds, Award of Proposals and Policy Manual Update 82 notes are filed with these minutes.)**

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

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve an out-of-state trip for a HHS-South student to attend the Tournament of Champions in Extemporaneous Speaking in Evanston, Illinois on May 8-12, 2008 as presented by Natalie Groves. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
OUT-OF-STATE
TRIP FOR
MIGRANT
STUDENTS:**

A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve an out-of-state trip to Washington DC for migrant students on June 8-14, 2008 as presented by Amalia Ochoa-Garcia and Anna Renaldi. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
MODIFIED
SCHEDULE/TAKS
TESTING DAYS
WAIVER:**

A motion was made by Lyle Garza to approve Modified Schedule/TAKS testing days waiver as presented by Art Cavazos. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Modified Schedule/TAKS testing days waiver is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
D.A.T.E GRANT:**

A motion was made by George McShan to approve the District Awards for Teacher Excellence (D.A.T.E.) Cycle I Grant as presented by Art Cavazos. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
M.O.U. WITH
SOUTHWEST
KEY:**

A motion was made by George McShan to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Southwest KEY as presented by Art Cavazos. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Memorandum of Understanding with Southwest KEY is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
REVISION TO
POLICY DH
(LOCAL):**

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the revision to Board Policy DH (Local) on 1st reading as presented by Dr. Linda Wade. George McShan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
EASEMENT FOR
AT&T:**

A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve an easement at Lee Means Elementary for AT&T, and to authorize the Superintendent to sign the easement when it is obtained as presented by Ramiro Flores. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO
DECLARE HOUSE
SURPLUS
PROPERTY:**

A motion was made by George McShan to declare a house located on District property on Wilson Road as surplus property as presented by Julio Cavazos. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
RENEWAL OF
PROPERTY
INSURANCE:**

A motion was made by George McShan to approve the renewal of the District's property insurance with Shepard, Walton King as presented by Julio Cavazos. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Renewal information is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
CERTIFICATION
OF UNOPPOSED
STATUS:**

A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve the acceptance of the Certification of Unopposed Status as presented by Julio Cavazos. George McShan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Certification of Unopposed Candidates is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
ORDER OF
CANCELLATION:**

A motion was made by Lyle Garza to approve the Order of Cancellation declaring each unopposed candidate duly elected as presented by Julio Cavazos. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Order of Cancellation is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
REVISED
EMPLOYEE
CONTRACTS:**

A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve the revised employee contracts as presented by Rosalinda Vargas. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Revised employee contracts are 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.)**

**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.)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Presiding Officer Cesar Maldonado called for an Executive Session at 9:12 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 Regarding D. D. Settlement with Harlingen CISD
- b. Discussion Regarding R. C. Settlement with Harlingen CISD
- c. Discuss Employment of Interim Assistant Principal at Memorial Middle School
- d. Discuss Employment of Teachers & Other Professional Staff

OPEN SESSION: The meeting reconvened into Open session at 9:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT WITH EMPLOYEE D. D.: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the settlement with employee D.D. as discussed in Executive Session. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT WITH EMPLOYEE R. C.: A motion was made by George McShan to grant the authority for the Superintendent to negotiate the settlement with employee R.C. as discussed in Executive Session. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF INTERIM ASST. PRIN.: A motion was made by Javier De Leon to employ Susanna Schelbert to fill the position of Interim Assistant Principal at Memorial Middle School. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF PROF. EMPLOYEE: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to employ the following professional employee for the 2007-2008 school year: Lauren Foster. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE