

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MAY 13, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 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, Verna Young and Lyle Garza

MEMBERS ABSENT: Omar Cano

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

RECOGNITION OF CESAR MALDONADO: The Board of Trustees and administrative staff recognized Mr. Cesar Maldonado for having served as Board President for the 2007-2008 school year.

ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION: Board President Cesar Maldonado issued Certificates of Election to Gerry Fleuriet and Javier De Leon.

OATH OF OFFICE District Judge Migdalia Lopez administered the Oath of Office to Gerry Fleuriet and Javier De Leon.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD: Presiding Officer Cesar Maldonado called for nominations to name the new Board President for the 2008-2009 school year. A motion was made by Javier De Leon to appoint George McShan as the President of the Board of Trustees. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Newly named Board President George McShan called for nominations to name the new Vice-President of the Board for the 2008-2009 school year. A motion was made by Verna Young to appoint Javier De Leon as the Vice-President of the Board of Trustees. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board President George McShan called for nominations to name the new Secretary of the Board for the 2008-2009 school year. A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to appoint Verna Young as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER TO SIGN CHECKS: A motion was made by Javier De Leon to authorize Cesar Maldonado and Julio Cavazos to sign checks for the District until a new signature plate can be obtained with the appropriate signatures. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS: Mandy Key, Executive Coordinator for Harlingen Proud, was present to recognize the following campuses who were winners of the 2008 Telephone Book Recycling Contest: 1st Place – Long Elementary collected 2,923 books, 2nd Place – Treasure Hills Elementary collected 1,838 books, and 3rd Place – Stuart Place Elementary collected 1,750 books.

Mandy Key and the Board also recognized Kayla Corkill, a 5th student at Stuart Place Elementary, who received 1st Place in the Arbor Day Poster Contest.

The following GT scholarship recipients were honored by the Board: Corey Flores – Travis Elementary School Student, Katheryn Perkins – Vela Middle School student, Reynaldo Garcia, Jr., - Vela Middle School student, Dawn Burbach – Bonham Elementary School teacher, and Fabiola Escalon – Vela Middle School teacher.

The following students were recognized for having qualified for State recognition in the 2007-2008 Duke University Talent Identification Program: Katheryn Perkins – Vela Middle School student, Matthew Waters – Vela Middle School student, Allexis Priestly – Gutierrez Middle School student, Isidor Camacho – Vernon Middle School student, Anjali Bhatla – Coakley Middle School student, and Soumya Gogia – Coakley Middle School student.

The Board recognized the following HHS-South students who were named Future Business Leaders of America State winners: Anh Mai, Eli Perez, Adrienne Margolies, Britney Castillo, Marrah Moreland, Verita Grannum, Carlos Valdez, Paige Russell and Adrienne Margolies

The Board recognized HHS-South student Luke Fernandez for having being named the 5A State Champion in Prose Interpretation.

ARCHITECT REPORTS:

Ramiro Flores reported on the following construction projects: **HHS Band Hall Improvements** – Peacock General Contractors are substantially complete with Phase I of the HHS Band Renovation. HCISD will begin to move in this week. The contractor is set to begin Phase II once the District has moved into Phase I and out of Phase II. **Lee Means Elementary School** – Cafeteria's exterior has been dam proofed and rigid insulation has been partially installed. CMU construction is near completion in the mezzanine and stage areas. Installation of metal roof deck in music room is near completion. Metal stud framing continues in administration area. Integral block has been installed. Wood blocking is in place prior to installation of stone sills. HVAC ducts and chiller lines are in place. Block filler is in place at the interior partitions. Walls in main corridor between Classroom Wing C and D have been primed with block filler. HVAC equipment is in place. CMU walls have been primed, and finishes are pending installation. Metal deck over high roof outside Area D has been installed. In the classrooms, installation of HVAC equipment continues. Integral block has been installed in approximately 50% of Classroom Wing E. Installation of roof metal deck has been completed inside the Science lab. CMU framing is complete at the community restrooms. Metal panels are on site ready for installation. Walls and structure has been primed and ready for paint. Installation of roof metal deck in library is complete. Hollow metal door and window frames are in place. Mezzanine floor is in place and HVAC equipment is in place.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: On behalf of TSTA/NEA, Mr. Domingo Gutierrez, President, presented an appreciation plaque to Dr. Linda Wade.

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

- a. Minutes of the April 8, 2008 Regular Board Meeting as written.
- b. Award of Proposals as follows: 1) Student Athletic Insurance Coverage, 2) Special Education Electronic Student Information System, and 3) HVAC Supplies Catalog Term Bid.
- c. Budget Amendments as recommended by the Administration
- d. Approval of revision to Board Policy BBD (Local) on 1st reading as recommended by the Administration.
- e. Approval of revision to Board Policy DH (Local) on 2nd reading as recommended by the Administration.
- f. Approval of the following Proclamation: Better Hearing and Speech Month/Speech-Language Pathologists Week – May 12-16, 2008.

Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Award of Proposals, Budget Amendments, Board Policy BBD (Local), Board Policy DH (Local) and Proclamation are filed with these minutes.)**

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRIP FOR SOUTH STUDENT: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approval an out-of-state trip and funding for a HHS-South students to attend the National Leadership Conference for Future Business Leaders of America in Atlanta, Georgia on June 26-30, 2008. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRIP FOR SOUTH STUDENTS: A motion was made by Verna Young to approve an out-of-state trip for HHS-South students to attend the National Forensic League Finals in Henderson, Nevada, on June 14-21, 2008. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TX EXCELLENCE CYCLE 3 AWARD: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the Texas Educator Excellence Cycle 3 Award as recommended by the Administration. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH ECHS MODIFICATIONS: A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to proceed with the Early College High School facility modifications as recommended by the Administration. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES MONITORING SYSTEM ACTION PLAN: Paula Long, Special Education Director, presented a report regarding Residential Facilities (RF) Monitoring System Corrective Action Plan and Compliance Monitoring Requirements.

INTERNAL AUDIT QUARTERLY REPORT: Nellie Ledesma, Internal Auditor, presented an Internal Audit Quarterly Report for the Board's review. **(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.)**

**SPECIAL
REVENUE FUND
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 George McShan 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 Candidates as Part of the Superintendent Search Process**
- b. Discuss Employment of Teachers and Other Professional Staff**
- c. Discuss Employment of Crockett Elementary Principal**
- d. Discuss Employment of Assistant Principal at Vernon Middle School**
- e. Discuss Employment of Assistant Principal at Memorial Middle School**
- f. Discuss Employment of Assistant Principal at Dishman Elementary School**
- g. Discuss Employment of Assistant Principal at Means Elementary School**
- h. Discuss Administrator's Contract Recommendations for 2008-2009**
- i. Discussion of Land Purchase**
- j. Discuss Prorata Compensation for Superintendent**

OPEN SESSION:

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 12:57 a.m. on May 14, 2008

**CONSIDER SUPT.
CANDIDATES:**

A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to continue with the Superintendent search interview process as discussed in Executive Session. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**EMPLOYMENT
OF TEACHERS
AND OTHER
PROFESSIONAL
STAFF:**

A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the employment of the following teachers and professional staff for the 2007-2008 school year: Carla Aguilar, Adriana Arellano, Jennifer Biddlecom, Heather Bothwell, Norlene Chamberlain, Cynthia Cigarroa, Rebecca Dominguez, Noelia Garcia, Eunice Gaytan, Francisca Kelly, Perla Leon, Maribel Munoz, Amy Moore, Janis Ramirez, Selma Ramirez, Vanessa Rincones, Nicole M. Romero, Monica Velasquez, and Sarah Yanez. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**EMPLOYMENT
OF ASST. PRIN.
AT CROCKETT:**

A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to employ Mr. Juan Manuel Garcia to fill the position of Principal at Crockett Elementary School. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**EMPLOYMENT
OF ASST. PRIN.
AT VERNON:**

No action was taken regarding the Employment of Assistant Principal at Vernon Middle School.

EMPLOYMENT OF ASST. PRIN. AT MEMORIAL: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to employ Ms. Laura Virginia Cecilio to fill the position of Assistant Principal at Memorial Middle School. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF ASST. PRIN. AT DISHMAN: No action was taken regarding the Employment of Assistant Principal at Dishman Elementary School.

EMPLOYMENT OF ASST. PRIN. AT MEANS: A motion was made by Javier De Leon to employ Ms. Virginia Armstrong to fill the position of Assistant Principal at Means Elementary School. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMIN. CONTRACT RECOMMEND.: A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve the administrators' contract recommendations as discussed in Executive Session. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEGOTIATE THE PURCHASE OF LAND: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate the purchase of land as discussed in Executive Session. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE PRORATA COMP FOR SUPT.: A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to approve the prorated compensation for the Superintendent as discussed in Executive Session. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:00 a.m. on May 14, 2008.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE