

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
JULY 15, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 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, Verna Young, Gerry Fleuriet, Omar Cano, Cesar Maldonado and Lyle Garza*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Javier De Leon

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Board President George McShan welcomed new Superintendent Dr. Steve Flores to the District.

Maggie Inglett and Tammy Swope, TSTA Representatives, appeared before the Board to welcome the new Superintendent and to thank the Board for their services to the District.

ARCHITECT'S REPORTS: Julio Cavazos reported on the following construction projects: **Means Elementary** – Installation of HVAC ductwork continues in the cafeteria. Installation of ceramic tile at cafeteria water coolers has been completed. Wood framing of the stage platform has begun. Integral block at exterior and installation of stone sills and headers are near completion. Installation of ceramic wall tile has been completed in community restrooms. HVAC ducts have been installed in library and at the entrance. **HHS Band Hall** – Peacock Construction is nearing completion of Phase II. VCT is installed in all areas except the rehearsal hall. AC duct and electrical revisions are in progress and finishes to rehearsal hall are to be installed in the near future. **HCISD Tennis Court** – Teni Trak has mobilized and begun demolition at HHS-South. At HHS, the chain link fence has been taken down.

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

- a. Minutes of the June 2, 2008 Special Board Meeting as corrected, June 10, 2008 Public Hearing as written, June 10, 2008 Regular Board Meeting as written, June 19, 2008 Special Board Meeting as corrected, and June 25, 2008 Special Board Meeting as written.
- b. Budget Amendments as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration
- c. Tax Refunds as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration.
- d. Award of Proposals as follows: 1) Food Service – Linen Service, 2) Food Service – Dishwashing Machines Supplies, 3) CTE-Shop Class Catalog Term Bid, 4) CTE-Vocational Programs Catalog Term Bid, and 5) ROTC Supplies and Equipment Shelf/Catalog Term Bid as presented by Tony Gracia and as recommended by the Administration.

- e. Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Harlingen CISD and the Harlingen Performing Arts Theatre Board as presented by Art Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration.
- f. Approval of Board Policy Manual Update 83 on 1st reading as recommended by the Administration.

Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Budget Amendments, Tax Refunds, Award of Proposals, Interlocal Agreement between HCISD and Harlingen Performing Arts Theatre are filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
INTERNAL
AUDIT PLAN:**

A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to approve the Internal Audit Plan for the 2008-2009 school year as presented by Nellie Ledesma and as recommended by the Administration. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Internal Audit Plan is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
RENEWAL OF
EMPLOYEE
HEALTH INS.:**

A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the renewal of employee health insurance for the 2008-2009 school year to Valley Baptist Health Plans – Proposal #1 - as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONTRACT FOR
MEDICAID
BILLING:**

A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to approve the contract for Medicaid Billing Services as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Contract for Medicaid Billing Services is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF
EMPLOYEE
DENTAL AND
VISION PLANS:**

A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the renewal of the employee dental and vision plans with Ameritas Group as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO
MODIFY SCOPE
OF WORK FOR
SCIENCE LABS
AT ECHS:**

A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve the modification of the scope of work for the science labs at Early College High School as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Gerry Fleuriet seconded the motion. The motion carried with George McShan, Verna Young, Gerry Fleuriet and Lyle Garza voting in favor of the motion, and Cesar Maldonado abstaining.

**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.)**

**DISCUSSION
REGARDING
SALARY
INCREASE FOR
EMPLOYEES AT
OR ABOVE
MAXIMUM PAY
RATE:**

Julio Cavazos presented a discussion regarding a salary increase for employees at or above the maximum pay rate as per the district pay schedule.

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT: Julio Cavazos presented a Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending May 31, 2008. Mr. Cavazos reported that funds are invested in TexSTAR, MBIA, LoneSTAR and TexPool which have no maturity date. Funds can be invested or withdrawn on a daily basis. The monthly average yield is 2.22% for TexSTAR, 2.28% for TexPool, 2.61% for LoneStar and 2.57% for MBIA. **(Quarterly Investment 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 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 George McShan called for an Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. in accordance with Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074 and 551.082, The Texas Open Government Code (The Texas Open Meetings Act) to discuss:**

- a. **Discuss Level IV Appeal by J. D. Martinez**
- b. **Discuss Employment of Teachers and Other Professional Staff**
- c. **Discussion Regarding Private Offer Received on Tax Resale Property Struck Off to Cameron County for Itself and Other Taxing Jurisdictions**

***Lyle Garza arrived at 8:05 p.m.**

OPEN SESSION: **The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 9:30 p.m.**

CONSIDER LEVEL IV APPEAL: A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to deny the Level IV appeal brought forth by J. D. Martinez. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL STAFF: A motion was made by Gerry Fleuriet to approve the employment of the following teachers and professional staff for the 2008-2009 school year: Vanessa B. Acosta, Amanda Ayala, Olivia Brady, Melissa Bujanos, America Campos, Cynthia Chairez, Ana A. Cavazos, Leticia Correa, Clayton R. Cretors, Jose A. Durant Cruz, Eleni Danelis, Nathanael L. Darger, Charles A. Eubanks, Albert Garcia, Elizabeth Garcia, Julie Garcia, Maria Elena Garcia, Vanessa Garcia, Israel Gonzalez, Jill Guerra, Kelly B. Holder, Diana Kimak, Wanda Medellin, Elizabeth C. Minto, Tony Niemeier, Corina Olivarez, Liliana Ramirez, Della Ray, Melinda Reza, Andres Rodriguez, Amanda Schulz, Phillip S. Serna, Jorge A. Torres, Oneida Trevino, Ana I. Valdez, Estella C. Wallerstein, Rebecca Zaller, and Ana Zuniga. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION
APPROVING
THE PRIVATE
OFFER ON TAX
RESALE
PROPERTY:**

A motion was made by Cesar Maldonado to approve a Resolution approving the private offer on tax resale property as discussed in Executive Session. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (**Resolution is filed with these minutes.**)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE