

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**AUGUST 12, 2008**

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 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, Omar Cano, Cesar Maldonado, Javier De Leon and Lyle Garza

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gerry Fleuriet

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Steve Flores, Art Cavazos, Tricia Morrow, Ramiro Flores, Rosalinda Vargas, Randy Cretors and Sonia Brown

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:** The Board recognized the following band directors for their exemplary level of achievement at the Texas Music Educators Association Class "CC" Middle School honor band competition: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Texas Honor Band Winners: Head Band Director Joe Figarelli and Assistant Directors Barbara Figarelli and Dennis Lester. 12<sup>th</sup> Place Winners: Head Band Director James Keltner and Assistant Directors Julissa Garcia, and James Hamel.

**ARCHITECT'S REPORT:** Ramiro Flores reported on the following construction projects: **Means Elementary** – Grading has been completed at Loop 499 drop off lane. The contractor is preparing to pour exterior flatwork throughout the campus. Integral block is currently being power washed throughout the building. The project was not set back due to Hurricane Dolly. There was no flooding and the only thing that had to be replaced was some drywall. There should be no impact on the contractor's scheduled. Completion is still scheduled for mid-November. **HHS Band Hall** – Peacock Construction is substantially complete with Phase II. Punch lists have been generated and provided to the contractor for completion. The contractor projects completion of all items before the end of the week. The contractor has received a certificate of occupancy from the City of Harlingen and the facility is ready for occupancy. **HHS Tennis Court** – Teni-Trak has installed temporary fencing around the site. Demolition and excavation continues. **HHS-South** – Teni-Track has installed and tested lime base and caliche. They have set the forms to pour concrete. Harlingen Waterworks has relocated the water lines on the north side of the tennis courts.

Juan Mujica, a representative with Gignac & Associates, presented a report on options and costs for HCISD softball/baseball field upgrades at HHS and HHS-South.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Maggie Inglett, TSTA Representative, informed the Board that their organization is offering a workshop entitled "I Can Do It" to district staff. Ms. Inglett also invited the Board to attend their social on Aug. 21 at the Java Café from 6-7:00 p.m.

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

- a. Minutes of the July 15, 2008 Regular Board Meeting and July 28, 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) Credit Recovery Curriculum Term Bid, 2) Athletic Laundry & Field Stripes Marking Paint Line Item Term Bid, 3) Athletic Laundry & Field Stripes Marking Paint Catalog Term Bid, 4) Copier Paper Products Line Item Term Bid, 5) Copier Paper Products Catalog Term Bid, 6) Library Books Catalog Term Bid, 7) Library Supplies Catalog Term Bid, 8) Periodical Term Bid, 9) AV Ceiling Mounted Projectors & Installation Term Bid, 10) AV Ceiling Mounted Projectors & Installation Catalog Term Bid, 11) End Zone Video/Camera System Line Item Term Bid, and 12) End Zone Video/Camera System Catalog Term Bid as presented by Tony Gracia and as recommended by the Administration.
- e. Approval of changes to Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Youth Commission as presented by Art Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration.
- f. Approval of 2008-2009 PDAS Appraisers as presented by Rosalinda Vargas and as recommended by the Administration.
- g. Approval of Board Policy Manual Update 83 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading excluding Board Policies FD (Local) and FNG (Local) as recommended by the Administration.

Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Budget Amendments, Tax Refunds, Award of Proposals, MOU with TYC, and PDAS Appraisers are filed with these minutes.)**

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

A motion was made by Verna Young to approve an out-of-state trip for the HHS-South choir to travel to New York City as presented by Kathleen Alvizo and Randall Ashley and as recommended by the Administration. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
DECLARATION  
OF EMERGENCY:**

A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve a declaration of emergency for replacement of the gym floor at HHS-South and the replacement of needed items and repairs at Dishman Elementary as presented by Julio Cavazos and Antonio Gracia, Jr. and as recommended by the Administration. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGREEMENT  
FOR TAX  
COLLECTION:**

A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve an agreement for tax collection services with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP, as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
WORKER'S  
COMP. INS.:**

A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve a contract with TASB for worker's compensation insurance for the 2008-2009 school year as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Bid Tabulations are filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF  
REVISION TO  
FNG (LOCAL):**

A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve the revision to Board Policy FNG (Local) on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as presented by Tricia Morrow and as recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
DELEGATE &  
ALTERNATE:  
PROCURING  
ELECTRICITY:**

A motion was made by Javier De Leon to approve designating Cesar Maldonado as delegate and Lyle Garza as alternate for the 2008 TASB Delegate Assembly. Omar Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Julio Cavazos and Antonio Gracia, Jr. presented a report regarding procuring electricity for the District. Mr. Gracia reported that last September, the District entered into a contract with GEXA ENERGY to provide the school district with electricity for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Mr. Gracia stated that the District has an option to blend and extend for an additional 1-2-3 year terms. If the District recommends to blend and extend, staff will bring forward an action item that allows the Board to give the Superintendent or designee authorization to execute a binding contract for the additional period. The District is reviewing their pricing at this point. When staff feels the pricing is most advantageous to the District, a recommendation will be made to the Superintendent to execute a contract.

**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 Financial Report is filed with these minutes.)**

**TAX  
COLLECTION  
INFORMATION:**

Julio Cavazos provided Certified Tax Roll, Certified Tax Collection Rate and Tax Collection information for the Board's review. **(Tax Collection information is filed with these minutes.)**

**VACANCY  
STATUS REPORT:**

Rosalinda Vargas presented a Vacancy Status Report for the Board's review. **(Vacancy Status Report is filed with these minutes.)**

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

**Presiding Officer George McShan called for an Executive Session at 8:39 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 Employment of Assistant Principal at Coakley Middle School**
- b. Discuss Employment of Teachers and Other Professional Staff**

**OPEN SESSION:**

**The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 8:55 p.m.**

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

A motion was made by Omar Cano to approve the employment of Arely Tamez as the Assistant Principal at Coakley Middle School. Lyle Garza seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS:** A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the employment of the following teachers and professional staff for the 2008-2009 school year: Nichole Allex, Vanessa Alvarado, Veronica Arredondo, Sandra Banda, Ricardo C. Cattaneo, Amalia Charles, Michael B. Dominguez, Robert Euvino, Hector Galvan, Beverly Gonzales, Amelia Gonzalez, Jesus Gonzalez, Roberto Gutierrez, Donald A. Heinz, Lora Jalomo, Cecilia Laffoon-Hinojosa, Colleen M. LeClair, Brenda Martinez, Ofmara Martinez, Kimberly MacDonald, Matthew I. Marnon, Susan Morrison, Dayna L. Mosher, Ruben Ochoa, Alberto Paredes, Sonia Perez, Lilibeth Reyes, Melissa G. Rodriguez, Marivel Sandoval, Joe A. Schulz, Vanessa Sepulveda, Yvette Torres, Belinda Trevino, Debbie Lynn Marie White. Javier De Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

**READ AND APPROVED:**

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**PRESIDING OFFIER**

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**DATE**