



# Board Report HISD



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees January 12, 2009

*Happy New Year!*

## **Recognitions:**

**Hallsville ISD Board of Trustees:** Mr. Wright recognized Beth Anders, Lee Gaw, Howard Hunt, Rob Key, Jay Nelson, Jason Petersen, and Robert Womack in honor of school board recognition month. Board members were given various gifts of appreciation from all campuses and the central office. A special poem of appreciation was read to the Board by Intermediate students Katie Mitchell and Kingrey Sullens.

Mr. Wright expressed his appreciation to the Board as a representative for all Hallsville employees. Mr. Wright thanked the Board for the countless hours of **personal time** each board member **volunteers** for the children of **Hallsville ISD**. He stated that the total number of years of service combined from the Board was 54.

## **Consent Items:**

Minutes from the December 8, 2008 Board meeting and personnel were approved.

**Formative Evaluation of HISD District Plan:** A formative evaluation of the Hallsville District Improvement Plan was submitted. The purpose of this formative evaluation was to measure the progress / see where we are in regard to completion of the 2008-09 plan.

**Capital Improvements:** The Board approved the capital improvement projects as presented by administration.

**Annual Audit Report:** The Board heard the audit report for the year ending August 31, 2008 from the audit firm of Knuckols, Duvall, Hallum & Co. Bob Duvall and Mike Hallum reported that the audit was an unqualified opinion or a clean audit report.

**Bobcat Backpack Program:** Paula Rogers, Deputy Superintendent gave the Board an update on the Nutritional Backpacks for Bobcats Program. Mrs. Rogers presented the Board with a list of all volunteers and donors to the program. The Board of Trustees and administrative team signed a thank you letter that will be sent to all donors and volunteers. Mrs. Rogers noted that the success of the program is due to tremendous volunteer and community support. Mrs. Rogers recognized the efforts of Jeannie Brooks, Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Superintendent, Angie Mauldin, Volunteer Coordinator, and Brandi Lambert with the East Texas Food Bank for their invaluable support, and dedication to this program.

Ms. Lambert and the East Texas Food Bank thanked the Board of Trustees and HISD for their support of this program and for Hallsville ISD being recognized as a “model program in East Texas”.

Mrs. Rogers presented the following program update:

- In January 2007, the program started with 83 students with a budget of \$4,772.00 for that semester.

## **Bobcat Backpack Program Cont'd**

- In September 2007, the program served 184 students with an annual budget of \$25,024.00.
- In September 2008, (current program) serves 265 students with an annual budget of \$39,750.00. The number of students being served changes monthly, but has been from 250-269 for the 2008-2009 school year.

Mrs. Rogers explained to the Board that this program is totally supported by donations. Ms. Lambert praised Hallsville ISD for being a “self-funded program”.

Mr. Wright and Mrs. Rogers recognized school staff and the Hallsville Community for their continued support of the students served by this initiative.

**Graduation Requirements:** The Board approved recommended changes of Graduation Requirements that go into effect for the 2009-2010 school year.

Graduates for 2010 – require a total of 29 credits for graduation – previous requirement was 30 and eligible to earn 34.

Graduates for 2011 – require a total of 29 credits for graduation – previous requirement was 31 and eligible to earn 34.

Graduates for 2012 – require a total of 28 credits for graduation – previous requirement was 31 and eligible to earn 33.

Graduates for 2013 – require a total of 28 credits for graduation – no change from previous requirement and eligible to earn 32.

**Third Six Weeks Attendance Report:** Mr. Wright commended the Primary Campus and the District for setting attendance records. Mr. Wright complimented all campuses for great attendance that resulted in a district record. Mr. Wright also commended the Middle School Campus for having the highest attendance rate for three consecutive attendance periods.

**Hallsville ISD  
Attendance Report**

**3rd Six Weeks**

<b>Campus</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Record</b>
Primary (EC-K)	* 96.2	96.0	96.0
Elementary (1-2)	96.5	96.9	96.9
Intermediate (3-4)	97.0	97.2	97.2
Middle School (5-6)	97.4	97.5	97.5
Jr. High (7-8)	97.1	96.9	97.2
High School (9-12)	96.5	95.9	96.6
<b>District</b>	<b>* 96.8</b>	<b>96.7</b>	<b>96.7</b>

**\* Indicates School Record**

**Gas Storage Litigation:** The Board reviewed an update on the latest information regarding the litigation involving Harrison Central Appraisal District.

**Superintendent's Annual Evaluation and Contract:** The Board approved to extend Superintendent Greg Wright's contract for an additional year through June 30, 2012.

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**Bobcat Pride Begins With You!**

**Teamwork Makes The Dream Work!**