



Board Report HISD



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees January 14, 2008

Happy New Year!

Recognitions:

Hallsville ISD Board of Trustees: Mr. Wright recognized Beth Anders, Lee Gaw, Howard Hunt, Rob Key, Jason Petersen, Ben Preston, 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. Hannah Wink (Third Grader at Hallsville Intermediate School) recited a poem in appreciation of board members.

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**. School board members participate in what is perhaps the purest form of grassroots democratic principles on which our country was founded.

Consent Items:

Minutes from the December 10, 2007 Board meeting, December 2007 Financial Report and personnel were approved.

Formative Evaluation of HISD District Plan: The Texas Education Code requires each school district to develop a district improvement plan, and it must be developed, evaluated and revised annually by the Superintendent and the district-level committee. Both formative and summative evaluations of the plan are required and both were reviewed by the School Board.

Annual Audit Report: The Board heard the audit report for the year ending August 31, 2007 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. The ending fund balance was just over twelve million dollars due to an increase in appraised values and higher Average Daily Attendance. This represents a good utilization of resources by the district.

Backpack Program Update: Paula Rogers, Deputy Superintendent, updated the Board of Trustees on the current status of the Bobcat Backpacks for Kids Project. This program is fully funded by community, employee, and business donations. The program currently provides food for the week-end and holidays to 187 students. Students are identified by their campus counselors and teachers and their names remain confidential. The program depends on the effort of over fifty dedicated volunteers who assemble the backpacks and deliver the food to the schools each week. Mrs. Rogers noted that the volunteers are vital to the success of the program. Mrs. Rogers informed the Board that the program has received enough donations to be fully funded for this school year and is beginning to make deposits toward the necessary funds for the beginning of next school year (2008-2009). The district recently received a \$5,000.00 grant from the Longview Jr. League in addition to donations from the Hallsville United Way and other businesses. It costs \$136.00 per child for an entire school year. The total cost for the program from the 2007-2008 school year will be \$25,432.00 (based on 187 students). Mrs. Rogers also explained that due to our partnership with the East Texas Food Bank that we will again be able to offer a summer lunch program.

Mrs. Rogers thanked the Board for their leadership and support and stated that this program is an example of the dedication that this District and Community have to making children our first priority.

Baseball / Softball Facility Renovation Update: Gary Lovelace presented an update on the Baseball / Softball renovation project. Mr. Lovelace is optimistic that the project will be completed before the first regular season games scheduled in softball and baseball.

Third Six Weeks Attendance Report: Congratulations to the **Primary (EC-K), Elementary (1-2), Intermediate (3-4), Middle School (5-6)** and the **District** for setting attendance records for the third six weeks attendance period. Mr. Wright commended **all campuses** who set attendance records. Mr. Wright highlighted the Middle School for having the best attendance rate in the district and for **“shattering”** their campus attendance record with a **97.5%** attendance rate!

**Hallsville ISD
Attendance Report**

3rd Six Weeks

Campus	2007	2006	Record
Primary (EC-K)	* 96.0	95.2	95.9
Elementary (1-2)	* 96.9	96.9	96.9
Intermediate (3-4)	* 97.2	97.0	97.2
Middle School (5-6)	* 97.5	96.6	97.1
Jr. High (7-8)	96.9	97.2	97.2
High School (9-12)	95.9	96.3	96.6
District	* 96.5	96.5	96.7

* **Indicates School Record**

Superintendent’s Annual Evaluation and Contract: The Board approved to extend Greg Wright’s contract for an additional year through June 30, 2011.

Tradition + Pride + Hard Work = Success!