



# Board Report

HISD

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

March 8, 2005

## Recognitions: **Bobcat Pride Award**

Lauren Bosecker: A junior at HHS won first place in the "Laws of Life" Essay Contest sponsored by the Longview News Journal. Her essay, "Unseen Gifts", won a cash prize of \$500. Martha Dalby, her English teacher, said for the first time ever, Hallsville had one of the two overall winners. Lauren received 1st place overall out of 80 essays submitted from 18 different schools.

Sara Knight: A junior at HHS was awarded as a school winner in the "Laws of Life" Essay Contest. The five top essays from Hallsville High School are submitted in the contest and only two are chosen as school winners.

Hallsville High School Debate Team: Mr. Wright and the Board recognized the CX Debate Team for winning the UIL District Championship in CX debate. These students were recognized for the District Championship: Lindsey Faires, Nathan Harper, Michael Humphries, Nikki McClenny, Savannah Nisbett and Jared Sexton. This team is coached under the leadership of Rachell (Racy) Grant.

This is the 5th straight year that Hallsville has qualified students to compete in the state CX contest which will be held this year at UT in Austin on March 18-19. Mr. Wright said the debate team is becoming a dynasty after winning the District Championship in 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2005. He also stated that this program is a perfect example of **Tradition + Pride + Hard Work = Success!**

## Consent Items:

Minutes from the February 8, 2005 Board Meeting, February 2005 Financial Report, Quarterly Investment Report, and personnel items were approved.

Budget Amendments: Were approved as presented.

## Appointment of Early Voting Clerks and Judges:

The Board approved clerks, judges and alternate judges who will work during the early voting by personal appearance and Election Day, May 7, 2005.

Textbook Adoption: Each year, the state publishes a list of books in specific content areas which are available for adoption. A teacher committee examines the books and makes recommendations. The Board approved the recommendations.

Directors, Teachers, and Other Professional Contracts: Contracts were approved as presented.

School Report Card: Neta Craig presented the school report card. Each year, the state releases a report card for each district with specific indicators on which the district has been rated.

AYP Appeal Report: In December, Hallsville ISD appealed the preliminary 2004 AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) results. Patsy Wood informed the Board that the appeal was accepted and that all campuses at Hallsville ISD meet the standards of AYP.

Campus Pavement Repair Proposals: The Board approved the recommendation of pavement repair for the Middle School and Junior High. The work is planned to be completed during our spring break. This is the first of many parking lots and roads in the district that will be repaired this summer. Mr. Wright informed the board that he will submit the Capital Improvement Plan, approved by the Capital Improvement Committee, for approval at the April board meeting.



Band Uniforms: The Board approved requesting proposals for new band uniforms and tuxedo coats. The current band uniforms were purchased in 1991 when there were only 85 students in band compared to 170 currently. Next year (2005-2006) an estimated 225 students will be in band. Mr. Wright informed the board that payment of the new uniforms would come from a refund we are expected to receive from the state from an overpayment of our Chapter 41 (Robin Hood) money. *It is nice to have Hallsville money come back to our district to reward students!!*

**Special Note:** We were misquoted in today's Longview News Journal when the paper stated school officials said they want to pay no more than \$300 for each uniform. Ranges of band uniform costs were presented but a cap per uniform was never discussed.

Class Size Ratios (PreK-6): The Board was provided a projected number of students per grade for grades (PreK-6) for 2005-2006. Board members were provided the current number of teachers in each grade, the current payroll amount, and the projected additional cost of reducing class size ratios in order to help facilitate budget planning for the 2005-2006 school year.

Attendance Report: Mr. Wright informed the Board that we were all humbled with very low attendance for the 4th six weeks. The flu bug was rampant through the district and effected all campuses. For the first time this year, not one single school record was set. Mr. Wright did predict that we would bounce back during the fifth six weeks and set school records on all campuses.

### Attendance 4th Six Weeks

	2005	2004	Record
Primary (EC-K)	93.2	92.5	95.4
Elementary (1-2)	94.9	95.4	96.3
Intermediate (3-4)	95.8	95.9	96.5
Middle School (5-6)	95.4	96.0	96.1
Jr. High (7-8)	95.7	95.5	95.9
High School (9-12)	94.6	94.9	95.2
District	94.9	95.0	95.7



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