



# Board Report HISD



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees April 9, 2007

## Recognitions:

### **Bobcat Pride Awards -Teachers of the Year**

**Nancy Gilstrap** was recognized as Hallsville ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year. Nancy is a teacher at Hallsville Middle School and has taught in Hallsville 22 years.

**Gayle Johnson** was recognized as Hallsville ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year. Gayle is a teacher at Hallsville Junior High School and began teaching in Hallsville in 1978.

Mr. Wright said there is a special place in heaven for all teachers and he and the Board of Trustees were honored to recognize Nancy Gilstrap and Gayle Johnson as **“Teachers of the Year for Hallsville ISD”**.

## Communication from the Superintendent:

**High School UIL Academics:** Mr. Wright commended the High School Academic Team for placing third in the District 12-4A Academic Competition. He said if academics were an athletic competition, we would **advance to the playoffs!** Mr. Wright said he appreciated the hard work of all HHS academic students and event coaches in scoring 331 points at the District competition. This is the second year in a row that the High School has scored over 300 points in the District Academic Competition.

**FFA Program / Farm City Week:** During Farm City Week our FFA Program was well represented. Out of 122 lots in the sale, **Hallsville FFA had 48 and total premium sales exceeded \$58,000.**

**Bobcat Belles:** At the Showtime National Competition in Galveston, Texas, the **Bobcat Belles** and **Belle Officers** were **Grand National Champion Runner-up!** Mr. Wright said this was outstanding because this year the Belles competed in the highest level against large class 5A schools. The Belles also won **Grand National Champion Runner-up** awards for Pom, Military, and Novelty. The Belle Officers won **Grand National Champion** in Officer Modern and Pom. The Officers were **Grand National Champion Runner-up** in Hip Hop.

**Junior High Choir:** The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir won **Sweepstakes** for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row! The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade won **Sweepstakes** for the first time! Both choirs received straight 1's on Stage and Sight Reading!!

**High School Choir:** The High School Choir has now had at least one **Sweepstakes Choir** for the past 8 years! In the last three years, HHS has had eight **Sweepstakes** choirs! The Varsity Mixed Choir and Varsity Ladies Choir received **Sweepstakes** with straight 1's on Stage and Sight Reading!!

**High School Band:** The tradition of excellence continues with the Varsity Band winning **Sweepstakes** 28 of 34 years! The band received straight 1's in Concert and Sight Reading! The Non-Varsity Band also won **Sweepstakes** with straight 1's in Concert and Sight Reading!

## **Special Communication from Superintendent:**

Mr. Wright told the Board that we should never take for granted the **continued success** of our FFA, Bobcat Belles, Band, and Choir Programs. Mr. Wright told the Board that we are very fortunate to have “exemplary leaders” running our FFA, Bobcat Belles, Choir, and Band Programs in our school district!

**Parental Complaint - Disciplinary Consequence:** The Board upheld the Level One and Level Two decisions made involving a disciplinary consequence of a student in HISD.

### **Consent Items:**

Minutes from the March 19, 2007, Board meeting, March 2007 Financial Report, and Personnel were approved.

**Campus Building Capacity Reports for 2007-2008:** Mr. Wright reported to the Board the Projected Campus Building Capacity Reports for 2007-2008. **Every campus** in the district will be at **full capacity** for the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Wright communicated with the Board that the rapid growth Hallsville ISD is experiencing will bring three challenges: 1) Space, 2) Scheduling, and 3) Personnel Units. Mr. Wright shared in his report that we are out of space on some campuses and will have to use portable buildings on these campuses. A total of 7 portable buildings have been requested for next year. Below is the breakdown of portable buildings requested for the 2007-2008 school year:

<b>Campus</b>	<b># of Portable Buildings</b>
Primary (K-1)	2
Elementary (2)	1
Junior High	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>

**The portable buildings will be leased on a temporary basis with new construction projected in the near future.** The district had an increase of 200 students this past year and with 22 new subdivisions in the district, enrollment will continue to increase.

Mr. Wright informed the Board that Principals are using storage closets, book rooms, printer rooms, etc. to serve students in support programs. Mr. Wright said the **most critical** areas to address immediately are the **Primary (K-1), Elementary (2) and Junior High (7-8). High School Science** is another critical area with the new 4X4 requirements. Mr. Wright also communicated the need of a new competition gym and additional gym at the high school. Currently, our lack of gym space prohibits athletes from taking athletics and a full load of advanced placement courses. A new competition gym and additional gym will give the opportunity to combine boys and girls athletics into one period allowing student/athletes to take a full load of advanced placement classes. The seating capacity of Bobcat Gym is 700 and we have 1200 students at Hallsville High School.

**Many other needs will be addressed in the district as we move forward in preparation of increased enrollment.**

**Staffing Request (PreK-12):** Paula Rogers, Deputy Superintendent, presented the Board of Trustees a PreK-12 staffing report and request to add additional positions that are necessary to meet the current and anticipated growth demands of the district. A staff financing plan completed by Tim Brittain, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, was included in the presentation.

Mrs. Rogers explained that at grades PreK-4 the district is mandated to maintain a teacher pupil ratio of 22:1. Due to growth in our district this will require additional teachers. At the high school level the new state curriculum requirements in Math and Science also causes the district to have to hire additional teachers.

## Staffing Request (PreK-12) Cont'd

Other requested positions are needed to maintain current class sizes at the Middle School and Junior High School and to provide necessary support programs at some campuses.

During the 2006-2007 school year, the district has gained approximately 200 students. The district anticipates similar growth in 2007-2008. An increase of one hundred fifty (150) students will result in increased state revenue of \$1,068,921.00. The additional positions necessary at all campuses in the district will result in increased expenditures of \$922,008.00. The amount gained in state revenue due to increased enrollment will more than cover the increased cost for additional staff.

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved posting the 23 additional Professional positions as recommended by Administration.

Mrs. Rogers thanked the Board for their leadership and support of maintaining lower class sizes and exemplary classroom instruction.

**HISD Job Fair:** Paula Rogers, Deputy Superintendent, shared information about the upcoming HISD Job Fair with the Board. Hallsville ISD will host an in-district Job Fair for interested applicants at Hallsville High School on May 1 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. This provides applicants an opportunity to bring their resumes and meet HISD administrators. All applicants who attend the Job Fair will be entered into a drawing for a free notebook computer.

**5<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks Attendance Report:** The 5<sup>th</sup> six weeks brought one of the worst flu seasons in years. Mr. Wright was complimentary of attendance, considering how bad the flu outbreak was on every campus.

Campus	5th Six Weeks		
	2007	2006	Record
Primary (EC-K)	94.1	93.8	95.7
Elementary (1-2)	96.5	94.7	96.9
Intermediate (3-4)	96.3	96.4	96.7
Middle (5-6)	96.7	96.5	97.0
Jr. High (7-8)	95.7	96.3	96.5
High School (9-12)	95.2	95.0	96.3
<b>District</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>96.2</b>

\* Indicates School Record

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