



Board Report

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

HISD

April 13, 2004

Recognitions / Presentations:

Honored with Bobcat Pride Awards:

Mike Bell

Mike serves as an electrician in the Maintenance Department. He also has many other skills in plumbing and heating/cooling that he provides for HISD. His supervisor, Ron Shafer stated that he is a valuable employee to HISD. He is the supervisor when Mr. Shafer has to be away. Mr. Bell has worked in the district for 9 years. He knows the facility operations of this district and is depended on to get the job done, which he does very well.

Shirley Drake

Shirley has worked in Student Transportation for 21 years. She started out as fuel attendance, and has also served the district as bus driver, secretary, route supervisor, and is presently our Transportation Supervisor. Gary Lovelace stated "When you think of Shirley Drake you think of the word dedication. Shirley is extremely dedicated to her profession and to the transportation needs of the students and staff".

Presentation from Carolyn Pruitt

Carolyn Pruitt commended the Board of Trustees for allowing the usage of Bobcat Stadium for the Relay for Life activities this weekend. She stated that this is a wonderful way for the community to raise money for the American Cancer Society. She then presented the Board and Mr. Wright with a Relay for Life t-shirt.

Presentation from Jr. High Student Katie Carlisle from Mrs. Meeks U.S. History Class

Katie Carlisle presented a power point demonstration over the Preamble to the Constitution. Power Point has been taught as a learning tool in Mrs. Meeks history classes. The Board was impressed with her presentation.

Action Items:

1) Consent Items:

Minutes from March 9, 2004, meeting.
March Financial Report, Quarterly Investment Report and Personnel were approved.

2) Budget Amendments were approved.

3) Rob Key (Place 1) and Jason Peterson (Place 6) are running unopposed in the May 15, 2004 Election. The Board approved a Cancellation of the Election. A copy of the Cancellation Ordinance must be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election as outlined in Education Code 2.052, 2.053(a),(b).

4) The Board approved that we move forward with a turf playing surface at Bobcat Stadium. The Board will approve requests for proposals from turf companies at the May 11th Board Meeting. The turf project will be ready to begin the week of May 31st.

Information Items:

Third Grade TAKS Reading Scores

Neta Craig presented the following information about the Third Grade TAKS reading scores: 93% of the students meet the passing standard and 6 of 15 students who did not pass missed the passing standard by one question. Mr. Wright pointed out that these scores were better than Pine Tree and Kilgore. Mr. Wright commended Ms. McAvoy and the third grade staff on the excellent scores. He said this was a great start (baseline) for the first year of the Real TAKS test. Mr. Wright also commended Mr. Clark and the Primary staff for establishing a strong foundation of learning. Mr. Wright said this district must have a mindset that when a campus does well on the TAKS test, every grade level should also receive credit. Mr. Wright said that grades K-3 are the most important in the school district because of the early academic foundation.



Information Items Cont'd

Summer School Calendar

Summer School will be provided for High School students, ESL students, Third Grade students, and K-2 students in order to provide intensive preparation for the 2004-2005 school year.

Attendance Report

Mr. Wright acknowledged the Middle School campus as the district attendance champion for the fifth six weeks with an attendance percentage of 96.37%. The Intermediate Campus was second with 96.18%

Personnel Approved

Shirley Arnold: Secretary to Director of Support Secretary

Randy Davis: Auto Tech Instructor at High School Campus

Letters of Intent and Assurance for Schedule I and II employees were approved.



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