



Board Report HISD



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees April 14, 2008

Donna Clark: The **Bobcat Pride Award** was given to Ms. Clark for being recognized as District 7 Elementary/Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year.

Consent Items: Minutes from the March 10, 2008, regular board meeting, March 2008 Financial Report and Personnel were approved.

Policy Update 82: Policy Update 82 was accepted as presented. Policy Update 82 represents the second of two post-legislative updates, focusing primarily on incorporating changes in law from the 80th Legislative Session. Update 82 covers numerous issues including required participation in county appraisal districts, employee benefits, energy conservation, and emergency response. Local Policies affected by this Policy update are Policy BJB (Local), DBD (Local), and FN (Local).

Election of Unopposed Candidates: Candidates, Jay P. Nelson (Place #2) and Robert Womack (Place #7) are unopposed for the May 10, 2008, Board of Trustee Election. Therefore, the Board approved the Election of Unopposed Candidates and the Cancellation Ordinance for the May 10, 2008 Board of Trustee Election. A copy of the Cancellation Ordinance must be posted on Election Day at each of the polling places that would have been used in the election, as outlined in Education Code 2.052, 2.053 (a), (b). The oath of office will be administered at the May 12, 2008, Board Meeting.

Renewal of Innovative Course: The Board approved the renewal of the innovative courses entitled Elementary Student Assistant and Elementary Student Teacher Internship; however, the new courses will be entitled Ready, Set, Teach I and Ready, Sit, Teach II. The major difference in the old courses and the new ones is that high school students can now be placed in classrooms Pre-K through High School, rather than Elementary only.

TAKS Scores: Results of the March 2008 TAKS Testing Results for all students at HISD, with a comparison of other area school districts, was given by Curriculum Directors Kathy Newsom and Carla McAvoy. Mr. Wright commended the outstanding TAKS scores and said that the Third, Fifth, and Eighth Grade Reading Scores were the highest in East Texas including all classifications (1A-5A)!!!



MARCH READING									
	% Passing	% Commended	% AA	% Hispanic	% Eco	# Met Standard	# Tested	# Absent	Average SS
Intermediate									
3rd	94	46	79	89	90	271	289	2	*2334
Middle School									
5th	93	36	63	100	90	245	264	0	*2301
Jr. High									
8th	97	54	93	92	94	286	294	1	*2382

* Passing Scale Score 2100

* Retest will be April 30, 2008

7th Grade Football: The Board approved to begin a 7th Grade Football program, as presented by Coach David Plunk for the 2008-2009 school year.

Staffing Request (PreK-12): Staffing requests and finance projections were presented to the Board by Paula Rogers, Deputy Superintendent, and Tim Brittain, Assistant Superintendent. A total of 19.5 additional professional positions were proposed to support the additional 150 students projected for next year and additional support programs. A finance projection based on the increased enrollment was presented explaining that the additional positions will be fully funded by the increased revenue from additional enrollment.

Mr. Wright, Mrs. Rogers, and Mr. Brittain expressed their sincere appreciation to the Board for their continued support for maintaining a low teacher/pupil ratio and the support programs necessary for student success. The additional positions requested and approved are as follows:

Campus	Professional Positions Needed
Pre-Kindergarten/Headstart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ½ day teacher (if enrollment meets expectation)
Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Administrative Assistant • 1 Kindergarten Teacher (if enrollment meets expectation)
Elementary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Teachers
Intermediate School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Teachers
Middle School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Teachers
Junior High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Coaches (7th grade football) • 1 Special Education Inclusion Teacher
High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 positions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4 Teachers ○ 1 Counselor ○ 1 LSSP
Total Positions Needed	19.5 (with 1.5 to be posted if needed)

HVAC Automated Control System: The Board approved the purchase and implementation of an automated energy management system at the Intermediate campus. The ASI Management System will be utilized to monitor energy usage for the district through the control of the HVAC and lighting systems. This system can be expanded to other campuses within the district in the future.

Teamwork Makes The Dream Work!