



Board Report HISD



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees May 12, 2008

Recognitions:

Recognition of Outgoing Board Member: Mr. Wright presented Ben Preston with a special plaque in appreciation for his years of service as a School Board Member.

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board Members: Traci Beard issued the Oath of Office to Jay Nelson (Place 2) and Robert Womack (Place 7). The oath affirms their duties as a member of the Hallsville ISD Board of Trustees for a term of three (3) years.

Reorganization of Board of Trustees: The Board annually reorganizes leadership positions. The positions are as follows: Jason Petersen, President; Lee Gaw, Vice President; Robert Womack, Secretary; and Beth Anders, Assistant Secretary.

Communication from Superintendent:

End of Year Celebration: Mr. Wright invited the board members to attend the annual celebration of employees. Breakfast will be catered by Johnny Ray and will begin at 7:31 am on June 5 in the High School Cafeteria. The program will begin at 9:01 am in the High School Auditorium. The first **\$100 bill** will be given away at **9:01 am!!!**

Ladycat Softball Team: Mr. Wright announced to the Board that the **Ladycat Softball Team** will be playing Waco Hewett-Midway in the **Regional Semi-Finals**.

Hallsville Ladycats vs. Midway Pantherettes

At Forney Softball Field

Thursday, May 15 @ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 16 @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 17 @ 1:00 p.m. if needed.

Adults: \$6.00

Students: \$4.00

1st game Visitors/ 2nd game Home

Ladycats will be in the 3rd base dugout

Directions: Located on FM 740 between Hwy 80 and I 20.

Google address: 600 S Bois d'Arc Forney Tx

Click on satellite and you can see the actual softball field.

Come Early, Be Loud, Wear Purple, Stay Late!

Go Ladycats!

5th Six Weeks Attendance: Congratulations to the Intermediate, Middle School, Junior High, High School, and District for setting all-time attendance records for the 5th six weeks attendance period! The Intermediate School had the highest attendance in the district with 97.4%. The Intermediate and Middle School shattered the all-time school records. Mr. Wright said the majority of our campuses are on pace to set all-time campus attendance records for the year!!!

**Hallsville ISD
Attendance Report**

5th Six Weeks

Campus	2008	2007	Record
Primary (EC-K)	94.2	94.1	95.7
Elementary (1-2)	95.7	96.5	96.9
Intermediate (3-4)	* 97.4	96.3	96.7
Middle School (5-6)	* 97.3	96.7	97.0
Jr. High (7-8)	* 96.6	95.7	96.5
High School (9-12)	* 96.3	95.2	96.3
District	* 96.3	95.8	96.2



*Indicates School Record

Consent Items: Minutes from the April 14, 2008, regular board meeting and special meeting of May 1, 2008, April 2008 Financial Report and Personnel were approved.

Budget Amendments: Budget Amendments were approved by the Board.

Summative Evaluation of District Strategic Plan: The Texas Education Code requires each school district to develop a District Improvement Plan. 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. A summative evaluation of Hallsville District Improvement Plan was submitted at the meeting. This summative evaluation is means of reporting the accomplishment of the district's 2007-2008 objectives.

Legal Retainer Agreement: The Board approved the Retainer Agreement with the District's attorneys, Schwartz and Eichelbaum, P.C., for a period of June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009.

Presentation of Check from HISD Education Foundation: Jackie VanDusen presented a check to the Board from the HISD Education Foundation in the amount of \$20,546.08 to cover awards granted to teachers. Awards granted were: (1) Intermediate--\$3,339.00--“www.myteachermakeslearningfun@hisdintermediate.com” will provide software licenses enabling students to access targeted tutorials, interactive lessons, and innovative educational games via the internet (2) Intermediate--\$2,317.96--. “Hallsville Intermediate Hunt Club” will provide field trips for “experience needy” socio-economically disadvantaged students, helping to build self-esteem and provide a better background to draw from when reading and writing (3)Elementary--\$5000.00—“Learning Breakthrough—Belgau Balance Boards” will be part of a motor lab which will use balance and sensory integration activities to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the processes of the brain (4) Primary--\$5,000—“Imagination Station” will provide internet-based supplemental reading instruction and intervention programs to assist students in reading fluently with comprehension (5) Elementary--\$4,889.12. “Science Lab” will provide equipment for a second grade science lab.

Bond Construction Timelines: Mr. Wright announced that Hallsville Independent School District has made agreements on school sites for the construction of a new High School and Elementary School.

- The location of the new Hallsville High School will be north of highway 80 beginning at the intersection of Cider Lane and Cal Young Road. The school site will be northeast of the intersection on a 92-acre tract of land.
- The new Elementary School will be north of highway 80, northeast of Video Giant and east of Tom Brown Parkway, on 28 acres of land.

The sites selected were in line with the plans presented to the HISD Board of Trustees by the Bond Task Force including the following:

- Alleviate traffic on Hwy 450 south
- Locate the school west of the city and in the city limits.

Mr. Wright also outlined the Projected Construction Schedule for the High School and the three Elementary campuses.

Construction Schedule

Campus	Completion Date
New Elementary School	August 25, 2010
Intermediate School Renovation (For Elementary)	August 25, 2010
New High School	January 4, 2011
Primary School Renovation (For Elementary)	August 25, 2011

Preliminary TAKS Test Results: Kathy Newsom and Carla McAvoy presented to the Board the Preliminary TAKS Test results. Another report will be given at the June board meeting that will outline TAKS Comparisons of the District 12-4A schools, State and Regional averages, Longitude and TAKS Demographics Scores Analysis. **Mr. Wright publically thanked all HISD employees for their hard work in preparing our students for the TAKS test.**

IDEA Project: During this year the HISD Technology Team conducted a project to use technology to directly enhance student learning. The Innovative Devices for Educational Assistance (IDEA) used Apple Nanos and Itouches to give students rich media experiences relating to their studies.

7th Grade Boys' Basketball: The Board approved the recommendation of the addition of a 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Program for the 2008-2009 school year.

Set Special Board Meeting Date to Interview Top Three Construction Companies: The Board set a Special Board Meeting date of Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 7:00 pm to interview the top three construction companies recommended by Administration.

Graduation 2008: The best Graduation in the United States will be **Friday, June 6, 8:00 pm** in Bobcat Stadium. Everyone is invited to celebrate the outstanding **Senior Class of 2008!**



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