



# Board Report HISD



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees May 15, 2007**

**Canvass Votes for the May 12, 2007 Trustee Election:** Marion O'Neil from the Harrison County Elections Department, whom we contracted for the Hallsville ISD Trustee Election, held on May 12, 2007, presented the Board with the canvassing results. Trustees elected were: Rob Key, Place #1 and Jason Petersen, Place #6. The Board approved the canvass as presented.

**Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board Members:** Traci Beard issued the newly elected Board Members the Oath of Office. The oath affirms their duties as a Hallsville ISD Board of Trustee 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; Howard Hunt, Vice President; Rob Key, Secretary; and Ben Preston, Assistant Secretary. Mr. Wright recognized Lee Gaw for his service and dedication as School Board President for the past 5 years.

## **Bobcat Pride Awards**

**Jennifer Reel**, a sophomore at Hallsville High School, was recognized for winning First Place at State in Class 4A UIL Academic Competition. Jennifer is a **State Champion** in News Writing! Mr. Wright emotionally presented the Bobcat Pride Award to Jennifer and said, "The greatest reward as an educator is to see students achieve and have success".

**Shannon Page** was recognized for being Jennifer Reel's Academic Coach and **Jennifer Bailey**, HHS UIL Academic Coordinator, was recognized for recruiting Jennifer to participate in UIL Academics. This was the first year that Jennifer has ever participated in UIL Academics.

## **Communication from the Superintendent:**

**Employee Recognition Breakfast and Program:** Mr. Wright invited the Board Members to attend this annual celebration of employees. Breakfast will be catered by Johnny Ray and will begin at 7:31 am on May 25 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!!!**

**Elementary / Secondary Curriculum Director:** Kathy Newsom was approved as Elementary Curriculum Director and Carla McAvoy was approved as Secondary Curriculum Director. Mrs. Newsom currently serves as the Principal of Pine Tree Primary School. She has been a Principal for nine years including service at Tatum Primary School, Henderson Elementary School, and Pine Tree Primary School. Mrs. Newsom has been in education for 26 years.

Carla McAvoy currently serves as the Principal of Hallsville Intermediate School. Ms. McAvoy has nine years of Principal experience that includes Ore City Elementary and Hallsville Intermediate School. She also has 18 years of experience at the Secondary Level as a Science teacher and coach. Kathy Newsom and Carla McAvoy have lead several campuses to "Exemplary Ratings".

## Consent Items:

Minutes from the April 9, 2007, Board meeting, May 2007 Financial Report, and Personnel were approved.

**Federal Grant Entitlements:** Tim Brittain presented the Federal Grant Maximum Entitlements. These are the final calculated amounts for the federal programs within the district including Title Programs and Special Education.

**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 the Hallsville District Improvement Plan was submitted. This Summative Evaluation is a means of reporting the accomplishment of the district's 2006-2007 objectives.

**Emergency Operations Plan: Annex W Plan and NIMS Resolution:** The Board approved two items for the district Emergency Operations Plan as presented by Ann Newel, Director of Special Programs. They approved Annex W, which in the event of a school-wide crisis or disaster connects Hallsville ISD with services from Hallsville City and Harrison County Emergency Services. They also approved the National Incident Management System Resolution, which is the system followed by all entities in the event of a major crisis. These two items will provide coordination between local and regional entities in crisis situations.

**Presentation of Check from HISD Education Foundation:** Neta Craig presented a check to the Board from the HISD Education Foundation in the amount of \$15,370.30 to cover awards granted to teachers. Awards granted were: (1) Intermediate--\$869 "One Size Does Fit All" will provide work stations in the classroom which will allow students to use multiple approaches to learning such as visual, auditory, and hands-on (2) Elementary--\$4,755. "Earobics Literacy Launch" which is a computer program that leads students through structured activities and automatically adjusts the level of instruction to each individual student's skill level and progress pace (3) Junior High/High School--\$4947.30 "Teens Playaway with Literature" which provides audio books that are the size of a credit card and may be worn around the neck. Being able to have a book around the neck allows students to have their book with them at all times so they can listen in spare moments. The actual paperback book will also be provided. This is a teen friendly way to reconnect them to literature since it is a technology they are comfortable with and like to use (4) Intermediate--\$1,799. "The Classroom for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" will provide handheld devices which interact with classroom Smartboards to allow students to respond to questions immediately which, in turn, allows the teacher the ability to evaluate every individual student's understanding of the lesson immediately (5) Junior High--\$3,000. "Write Right Away" will provide Mobile Presenters which students can write on and have their work immediately visible on a screen at the front of the room. With this technology, student groups can interact with each other simultaneously.

**Preliminary TAKS Test Results:** Neta Craig 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 District 12-4A schools, State and Regional averages, Longitude and TAKS Demographics Scores Analysis. **Mr. Wright publicly thanked all HISD employees for their hard work in preparing our students for the TAKS test. He said we have made some great gains across the district in our TAKS scores and gives credit to our "Exemplary Employees".**

**Physical Education (Grades 3-6):** Coach Dean McDaniel, who will be our new PE District Coordinator, presented a power point presentation to the Board that outlined our new Physical Education Program in grades 3-6 for the 2007-2008 school year. **This new program will be one of the best programs in the state of Texas!** Obesity has become a problem in society and 1 in 5 children in the United States is overweight. Children with obesity, age 10 to 13, have a 70% likelihood of obesity persisting into adult years. **The caring for students in Hallsville ISD expands well beyond the classroom.**

Coach McDaniel will start a new Testing for Fitness System that allows for:

- Grade level appropriate assessment
- Individual goal setting
- Personal Improvement
- Grade level progression
- Promotion of fitness on a daily basis

Coach McDaniel would also like to have two Health Fairs for students in grades 1-6 and 7-12. The Health Fairs will be open to students, parents, and our community. Coach McDaniel will also have individual grade level assemblies for all grades 1-12 to promote and educate students about the importance of fitness, nutrition, and overall health awareness.

**Summer Feeding Program:** Hallsville ISD has applied for a Summer Food Program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The application was completed through the East Texas Food Bank who has been involved with our Backpack Feeding Program. Free summer meals are available to all kids age 18 and younger during the entire summer. The free meals will be provided at the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Cafeteria. Breakfast and lunch will be served Monday through Friday, and to eat, kids just need to show up.

**Determine Date for Bond Information Workshop:** The Board will meet Thursday, May 24, 7:00 pm, to have a workshop to discuss the financing plan to fund a possible Bond Election. Mr. Wright informed the Board that bond elections can only be called two times a year with the new law (November or May). **He informed the Board that the last possible day to call a November Bond Election is September 5, which is 62 days prior to the November election day.**

**Graduation 2007:** The best Graduation in the United States will be **Friday, May 25, 8:00 pm** in Bobcat Stadium. Everyone is invited to celebrate the outstanding **Senior Class of 2007!!**



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