



Board Report HISD



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees May 16, 2006

“Celebrate What’s Right With Hallsville ISD”

Canvass Votes for the May 13, 2006 Trustee Election: Pam Brock, Elections Administrator in and for Harrison County, Texas, and Contracting Officer for the Hallsville I.S.D. Trustee Election held on May 13, 2006, presented the Board with the canvassing results. Trustees elected were: Beth Anders, Place #3; Howard Hunt, Place #4; and Lee Gaw, Place #5. 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.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Member: Mr. Wright recognized Pat Anders for his outstanding service to the Board of Trustees. He stated that Pat’s strong belief in education prompted him to enter the position of school board trustee in 2000. The children and staff of Hallsville have benefited from his service on the board. Mr. Wright described Pat Anders as a man of **class, character, with compassion for kids, and having a genuine commitment to Hallsville ISD**. Pat Anders was presented an Appreciation Plaque and Bobcat Pride Award. Pat Anders is **“What’s Right With Hallsville ISD”**.

Reorganization of Board of Trustees: The Board annually reorganizes leadership positions. The positions are as follows: Lee Gaw, President; Howard Hunt, Vice President; Robert Womack, Secretary; and Rob Key, Assistant Secretary.

Communication from Superintendent:

High School Band – Sweepstakes: Mr. Wright complimented the High School Band for winning “Sweepstakes”. He said the proud “Tradition of Sweepstakes” continues 28 of 33 years! Congratulations to all band students and directors!

Varsity Boys Track Team – District Champions: Mr. Wright complimented the Varsity Boys Track Team for winning the “District Championship” in District 17-4A Track and Field. Congratulations to all varsity boys track members and coaches.

Employee Recognition Breakfast: Mr. Wright invited Board Members to attend the End of Year Recognition Breakfast and Program on Friday, May 26. Breakfast will be served from 7:31 a.m. - 8:46 a.m., in the High School Cafeteria. The first **\$100 bill** will be given out at 9:07 a.m. in the auditorium. The purpose of the program is to recognize employees’ years of service, employees retiring, and to **reward HISD staff** with **donations** from our community.

Graduation 2006: Graduation 2006 will be Friday, May 26, 2006, 8:00 p.m., at Bobcat Stadium. Mr. Wright complimented the team of many individuals who work very hard to have a first class graduation for our seniors.

Consent Items:

Minutes from the April 10, 2006, Board meeting, May, 2006 Financial Report, and personnel were approved.

Budget Amendments: Budget Amendments were approved by the Board.

Legal Retainer: The Board approved a retainer with the District's attorney, Schwartz & Eichelbaum, P.C., for the period of June 1, 2006, through May 31, 2007.

Federal Grant Maximum Entitlements: The Board received a report of the maximum entitlements for the Federal No Child Left Behind Grants for 2005-2006.

Presentation of Check from HISD Education Foundation: Jackie Van Dusen presented the Board with a check for \$10,980.36 from the HISD Education Foundation. The money will fund five grants awarded to HISD teachers. Grants funded were: "It's a Digital World" which will provide Middle School students the opportunity to acquire higher order thinking skills, develop creativity, and improve basic skills by incorporating digital media into the content areas of the curriculum; "Let's Go on a Virtual Field Trip", which will provide Middle School students with an energetic approach to science through Bill Nye Science DVD's. Science TEKS will be introduced and reviewed to motivate students' interest in Science; "I'll Take an A in English for 200, Alex", which will implement the use of Classroom Jeopardy to motivate High School students, particularly visual and tactile learners; and "Shooting for the Future", is aimed at making significant improvement in TAKS scores and overall achievement for High School students, by utilizing advanced technological equipment.

Kindergarten / First Grade Principal: Lawrence Coleman was approved as Principal for the Kindergarten / First Grade campus.

Second Grade Principal: Alonda Stonger was approved as Principal for the Second Grade campus.

Mr. Wright commented to the Board that we are very fortunate to recommend two experienced "**Exemplary**" principals. He said they both have been successful leaders on their respective campuses. Mr. Wright welcomed Alonda and Lawrence to the "**Team**" of exemplary HISD staff, students, and school board members.

Tax Collection Report: Mr. David Whitmire from the Harrison Central Appraisal District gave a report regarding pending litigation on tax collections for the District.

Preliminary TAKS Test Results: Mr. Wright informed the Board that a comprehensive report of the Spring TAKS scores will be presented to the Board in June. Mr. Wright thanked all HISD staff members for their hard work in very successful TAKS scores. Every grade level (3-11), except one, achieved the **Highest TAKS Scores in the History of the School**. It appears that the Intermediate and Primary schools should receive "**Exemplary Ratings**". The Middle School had overall scores for all tests above 90% but missed "Exemplary" by one student group. Mr. Wright said these great TAKS results reflect "**student achievement**" which is the **number one** priority in **Hallsville ISD**.

High School Gym Parking Lot Proposals: The District received three (3) proposals for the paving project at the High School (west parking lot). The Board approved the proposal from Affordable Asphalt Paving for the project.

District Paid Employee Benefit: The Board approved a Group Purchase Term Life Insurance as a district paid benefit for all employees that will replace the Group Long Term Disability beginning next year. Every employee will be guaranteed \$10,000 in life insurance with the option of buying additional coverage. The Benefits Committee believes that the life insurance would provide a better benefit for employees since disability products can be structured in so many different ways for varying situations and different ages and classes of employees. The district will also offer a voluntary long term disability product that employees could customize to meet individual needs.

Personnel Approved:

Administration

Lawrence Coleman – Kindergarten / First Grade Principal
Alonda Stonger – Second Grade Principal

Professional

Heather Ray – Teacher – Special Ed. – Intermediate School
Kelly Graff – Teacher – Intermediate
Allison McKinney – Teacher – Math - Junior High
Brian Speer – Teacher/Soccer Coach – Junior High
Melissa Watson – Librarian – High School
Steve Moreland – Assistant Band Director – High School
Renee’ Petty – Teacher – Special Ed. – High School
Julie Jenkins – Teacher – Math – High School
Darlene Dowling – Teacher – Special Ed. – High School
Jennifer Berry – Teacher – Math – High School
Kathy Fisher – Teacher – Theatre Arts – High School
Kimberly Drennan – TAKS Coordinator – High School
Shay Thompson – Teacher – Intermediate

Resignations

Davia’ Garrett – High School
Michael Clay – High School
Karen Bussey – High School
Chris Crawford – High School
George Kale – Jr. High
Angela Bradshaw – Middle School
Chrissy Roth – Intermediate
Tracey Fernandez – First Grade

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