



Board Report HISD



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees July 13, 2009

Recognitions

Trevor Petersen: Trevor Petersen was recognized by Mr. Wright and the Board of Trustees with a Bobcat Pride Award for playing in the Texas High School Baseball All-Star Game. Mr. Wright highlighted Trevor's outstanding athletic career at Hallsville High School.

Coach Scott Mitchell: Coach Scott Mitchell was recognized by Mr. Wright and the Board of Trustees with a Bobcat Pride Award for coaching in the Texas High School Baseball All-Star Game. Mr. Wright highlighted Coach Mitchell's coaching accomplishments. Coach Mitchell has the most wins as a Baseball Coach in Hallsville's School history with a (201-103) record and has 226 career wins.

Consent Items: Minutes from the June 9, 2009, regular board meeting, June 2009 Financial Report, and Personnel were approved.

Budget Amendments: Budget Amendments were approved by the Board.

Student Accident Insurance Proposals 2009-2010: The Board approved the insurance proposal from Texas Monarch Usual & Customary Plan.

Drug Testing Proposals for 2009-2010: The Board approved Drug and Alcohol Testing Compliance Services in Longview to do drug testing for the 2009-2010 school year.

Construction Payment Authorization: The Board approved the monthly construction payment to WRL as approved by Thacker / Davis Architects.

Policy Update 85: The Board of Trustees adopted Policy Update 85 with recommended changes to GRA local. Policy Update 85 incorporates the revised federal regulations for three significant laws: the Family and Medical leave Act (FMLA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Local Policies amended due to these changes are CNB (Local), CQ (Local), DBB (Local), FL (Local), and GRA (Local).

Local Policy Updates (CFB, DNA, and EHBD): The Board approved changes to the following policies:

- CFB (Local) – Capitalization Threshold
- DNA (Local) – Performance Appraisal of Teachers
- EHBD (Local) – Comparability of Service

Application for Expedited and General State Waivers: The Board of Trustees approved the request for Application for Expedited and General State Waivers.

Professional Learning Communities: Paula Rogers, Deputy Superintendent gave the Board a report on the concepts and philosophy of Professional Learning Communities, as well as the implementation of PLC in Hallsville ISD. Mrs. Rogers shared the three (3) Big Ideas of a PLC.

1. A focus on learning;
2. Building a collaborative culture; and
3. A focus on results.

Mrs. Rogers explained how each of these ideas has been implemented in Hallsville and the result on student achievement. Mrs. Rogers and Mr. Wright also reviewed the contents of the two day Professional Learning Communities Summit held on July 13 and 14 with approximately 125 staff members.

Mr. Wright and Mrs. Rogers both expressed their commitment to PLC implementation in Hallsville and their belief that this system of working together to achieve high levels of learning for all students is consistent with the goals of our district.

Proposals for Electric Utility Supplier at North Elementary and New High School: The Board AEP Swepco as the electricity supplier for the two new campuses. There will be additional cost to raise the existing line at the North Elementary site.

Proposals for East Property Line Fencing at New High School: The Board approved A&B Wholesale Fence Company to construct the six foot cyclone fence on the east property line of the new High School.

Proposals for Removal of Surplus Property at the New High School: The Board heard information regarding the removal of a house, barn, and two shops from the new High School site. This will be done at no cost to the district. The Board approved the removal of surplus property at the June Board Meeting.

Energy Management Proposals: The Board approved Chevron Energy Solutions as the consulting firm for the district and approved the contract to complete a Comprehensive Energy Assessment to identify projects within the district that would save energy and be self supporting.

Copier Proposals: The Board approved CBS Digital as the copier provider for Hallsville ISD. The new copier implementation will begin immediately so that copiers will be in place when school starts.

Student Code of Conduct and Campus Handbooks: The Board approved the updates of the 2009-2010 District Student Code of Conduct and the Campus Handbooks, as required by all school districts by Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code. The District Code of Conduct provides information to parents, students, and staff regarding expectations for behavior, consequences of misconduct, procedures of administering discipline, and other district wide information. The campus handbooks allow each campus to communicate to students and parents in a more specific and effective way about campus procedures and information.

Select Delegate / Alternate for 2009 Texas Association of School Board Conference: The Board annually recommends one Delegate and one Alternate for the TASB Delegate Assembly held at the Texas Association of School Board Conference. The Board selected Jason Petersen as the Delegate and Robert Womack as the Alternate.

Budget Work Session: The Board heard information regarding the 2009-2010 preliminary budget. They were updated with information regarding salary increases and preliminary taxable values.

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