



# Board Report HISD



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees September 10, 2007

## Recognitions: Bobcat Pride Awards

**Oscar Polk** was recognized with a Bobcat Pride Award. Oscar is the Operations Recruiting Coordinator for Eastman Chemical Company – Texas Operations. Oscar was honored this summer by the State Association of Career and Technology Education for the Outstanding Service Award for Area 3 for his contributions in the field of Career Technology Education. As a member of HISD CATE's Advisory Committee, he has worked tirelessly to assist Hallsville ISD's Career Technology Education program to reach a level of excellency. Oscar interviews HISD seniors annually in what has become known as the Oscar Polk Courtyard at the High School. He carefully selects seniors to work over the summer at Eastman. These students gain valuable work experience performing important jobs, working with mentors in process operations and electric maintenance, and making money. These students also become eligible for scholarships, and eventually full time employment at Eastman.

Oscar was also instrumental in helping our CATE department obtain a \$100,000 grant from Eastman to align core math and technical skills with day-to-day employment needs of industries. The grant allows HISD to further enhance and expand the math and technical skills of our students helping to create a pre-screened pool of applicants for the workplace. Through this grant, over the summer two lab tables (at a cost of \$10,000 each) were placed in our Principles of Technology Lab.

Oscar has also been instrumental in connecting us to other Eastman employees who could help to expand our CATE program's horizons. In some instances, this means classroom presentations or the donation of classroom materials, such as gauges and simulators. Eastman has also helped to finance professional development opportunities.

**Public Hearing on Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas:** The Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) assigns one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being "Superior Achievement." The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources. Twenty one indicators are evaluated to determine the rating. Hallsville ISD received the highest rating of "**Superior Achievement.**" This rating shows that Hallsville ISD is accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently.

## Consent Items:

Minutes from the August 13, 2007, regular board meeting, August 28, 2007 special board meeting, and August 2007 Financial Report were approved.

**Quarterly Investment Report:** The Board reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report which showed the interest earnings for the period of June 1, 2007, through August 31, 2007.

**Investment Policy Annual Review:** The Board reviewed the Local Investment Policy, and made no changes.

**SuperNet Consortium Agreement:** Hallsville ISD is a member of the SuperNET Consortium, which is a group of thirteen (13) districts that work together to provide services to the students of each district. The benefits we receive by being a part of the Consortium include the Virtual High School, dual credit courses, distance learning, E-rate filing services, and online Internet based curriculum.

**Policy Update 80:** TASB Policy Update 80 was approved by the Board of trustees with a revision to EIF-Local. Policy EIF Local was amended to reflect approval from TEA for HISD to grant PE credit for certain approved commercially sponsored activities. These activities must meet strict criteria and be pre-approved. Update 80 reflects changes in policy that have arisen since the conclusion of the third called session of the 79<sup>th</sup> legislature.

**Bond Election Update:** Mr. Wright informed the Board that community presentations regarding the Bond Election will begin at the end of September and run through October. Bond presentations will be presented at Gold Hall, local churches, and the Lion’s Club. Below you will find information regarding Early Voting and Election Day.

## Hallsville Independent School District Early Voting Information

**Early Voting October 22 – November 2 at the  
Administration Building  
from  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm.**

### Additional Locations and Times

<b>October 22, 2007</b>	<b>Hallsville Intermediate</b> 420 Galilee Rd. Hallsville, Texas	<b>5:00 pm – 8:00 pm</b>
<b>October 23, 2007</b>	<b>Hallsville Primary</b> 302 Willow St. Hallsville, Texas	<b>5:00 pm – 8:00 pm</b>
<b>October 25, 2007</b>	<b>Hallsville Bobcat Stadium</b> #1 Bobcat Lane Hallsville, Texas	<b>4:30 pm – 8:00 pm</b>
<b>October 26, 2007</b>	<b>Hallsville Bobcat Stadium</b> #1 Bobcat Lane Hallsville, Texas	<b>6:00 pm – 9:00 pm</b>
<b>October 30, 2007</b>	<b>Hallsville Middle School</b> 509 Cypress Hallsville, Texas	<b>5:00 pm – 8:00 pm</b>
<b>November 1, 2007</b>	<b>Hallsville Elementary</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b> 300 Willow St. Hallsville, Texas	<b>5:00 pm – 8:00 pm</b>

**Election Day**  
**November 6, 2007**  
**Hours 7:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**Polling Locations**

**E.T.B.U.**

East Texas Baptist University  
Spiritual Life Building  
1209 North Grove  
Marshall, Texas  
Precinct Nos. 2, 3, and **9**

**Gold Hall**

101 Elm Street  
Hallsville, Texas  
Precinct Nos. **12**, **13**, **19**, and **25**

**Harleton Community Center**

4335 Community Street  
Harleton, Texas  
Precinct Nos. **15**, 16, **23**, and 24

**The numbers in bold and underlined are our precincts.**

**Enrollment / Class Size Ratios:** The enrollment of Hallsville ISD has increased 200 students districtwide. Through September 10, we have 4,019 students enrolled in Hallsville ISD. Seven grade levels have 300 + students and the High School enrollment is 1,274 students, with the highest ever enrollment around 1,200 students. These numbers reveal that growth is occurring presently at Hallsville ISD. **Every campus in Hallsville ISD is at full capacity!** We had eight (8) portable buildings brought in this summer to meet the demands of the recent growth. Two (2) portables are at the Primary (K-1) campus; two (2) portables are at the Elementary 2 campus; and four (4) portables are at the Junior High campus. Mrs. Rogers reviewed class size ratios for those grades that are required by the state to have a 22/1 class size ratio (Pk-4). Mrs. Rogers thanked the Board for their support in the additional teaching positions approved last spring. The addition of those positions was necessary for our growth in student enrollment. She explained that PK is currently at 18 students per class and that she would bring the Board additional information if those class sizes continue to increase. The district goal is to maintain PK and Head Start at 18 students per class. Class sizes in grades K-4 are currently below 22 students per class, and Mrs. Rogers does not expect those class sizes to increase above the 22/1 mandated ratio this year. (See enrollment chart)

**Hallsville ISD  
Enrollments 2007-2008**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Enrollment on:</b>
	<i>9/10/07</i>
EC	6
PK	70
Head Start	36
KG	240
<b>Total Primary:</b>	<b>352</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	305
2 <sup>nd</sup>	301
<b>Total Elementary:</b>	<b>606</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	304
4 <sup>th</sup>	298
<b>Total Intermediate:</b>	<b>602</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	294
6 <sup>th</sup>	302
<b>Total Middle:</b>	<b>596</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	279
8 <sup>th</sup>	310
<b>Total Jr. High:</b>	<b>589</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	369
10 <sup>th</sup>	329
11 <sup>th</sup>	288
12 <sup>th</sup>	288
<b>Total High School:</b>	<b>1274</b>
<b>District Total:</b>	<b>4019</b>

**47<sup>th</sup> Annual TASB/TASA Convention:** Information was communicated to the Board about the 2007 TASB/TASA Convention to be held at the Dallas Convention Center on September 28-30, 2007.



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