



# Board Report

**HISD**

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**September 14, 2004**

**Recognitions :** Bobcat Pride Awards were given to:

**Mark Page:**

Mark has worked for the district for 7 years as the Network Administrator. Mark manages over 42 servers and countless switches which bring services to all the students and employees in our district. Those servers make it possible for us to have e-mail, internet connections, all kinds of server based curriculum, web-based college courses, on-line attendance and network printing to name just a few. Mark works hard every day to keep our network humming with an average uptime of 98%.

**Kenton Simpson:**

Kenton has also worked for the district for 7 years as a Technology Technician. Kenton has supported the Library software and the curriculum framework for many years. Kenton has a wonderful ability to develop software. He has helped develop the Electronic Data System for purchase orders, data for Textbook Inventory at the campuses as well as Time Clock software. If Hallsville had to purchase the software that Kenton has written for us, it would have cost us tens of thousands of dollars.

**Action Items:**

1) Consent Items:

Minutes from August 10, 2004, and August 31, 2004 meetings, August 2004 Financial Report, Quarterly Investment Report and personnel items were approved.

2) Request from a parent concerning discipline consequence was heard. The Board agreed to support the Administration's decision based on board policy.

**Action Items Cont'd**

3) The Board approved to continue in the West Orange Grove lawsuit and pay the \$6,500 in litigation dues to support the Texas School Coalition. Mr. Wright stated that the Texas School Coalition is organized for the purpose of bringing together independent school districts that have an interest in improving the school funding laws for all school districts. The organization provides research, information and consultation regarding school finance litigation. The Coalition represents 118 school districts whose equalized wealth level exceeds \$305,000 per weighted student. These districts paid more than \$750 million in recapture (Robin Hood) during 2001-2002 and under current law recapture (Robin Hood) payments are expected to exceed \$1 billion per year during the next biennium. Mr. Wright said the current system of funding is too reliant on local property taxes. The state has taken advantage of rising property values and recapture of property wealthy districts to reduce the states share of funding. In 1950, the state funded 80% of public education; in contrast, the state funded only 38% of public education in 2003-2004. As a result, more and more school districts are forced to scale back or eliminate programs.

4) It is a requirement that the Board review the Investment Policy on an annual basis and make any changes as necessary. Policy CDA (Local) and CDA (Legal) were presented to the board for any changes. There were no changes.

5) The Transportation Department sent fuel proposal forms to thirteen vendors. Petroleum Traders Corporation was approved as the fuel vendor for the period of October 15, 2004, to October 15, 2005.



## INFORMATION ITEMS

1) **Sewer Easement:** Mr. Lovelace presented a discussion of sewer easement east of the Intermediate School. Sewer was disturbed by owners of Moore Lane Trailer Park when the Junior High was built. The city is involved and aware of the situation.

2) **2004-2005 Assessment Calendar:** Each year a calendar of all assessments, to be given in the district, is distributed so that all campuses will know what and when they must test. Neta Craig stated that this allows teachers to be prepared and prevents conflicts.

3) **2003-2004 ESL Annual Program Evaluation:** Patsy Hodnett presented an annual evaluation for the 2003-2004 ESL Program. The purpose of the program is to enable English language learners (ELLs) to become competent in speaking, reading and writing the English language and facilitate their integration into the regular education program.

4) **DRA - Reading Assessment (K-4):** Patsy Hodnett also presented the 2003-2004 Developmental Reading Assessment Summary of Student Performance for Grades K-4.

5) **2003-2004 Special Education Monitoring System:** This Special Ed Monitoring System will be an addition to the District Improvement Plan. Patsy Wood stated that this will be a guideline for the following areas: Initial Referral for Evaluation; Notice of Evaluation; Timelines for Evaluation; Determinations of Needed Evaluation Data; Full & Individual Evaluation and ARD Meeting Determination of Eligibility.

6) **Bobcat Stadium Update:** Mr. Wright and Mr. Lovelace presented an update for Bobcat Stadium. Mr. Wright stated that we are still on target for the Homecoming game on October 1. Mr. Lovelace stated that the crews are diligently working towards our goal and are making progress everyday.

## Reports:

Current Enrollment comparisons were given for the following school years:

## Year - Total

2001 - 3721

2002 - 3782

2003 - 3735

2004 - 3668

## Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Wright complimented the Primary staff on the display of student projects in the Administration Building. "Hallsville students represent Hallsville schools and the Primary students did an outstanding job on this project," said Mr. Wright.

## Personnel Approved:

Christa Oberthier - Teacher, Jr. High

Annetta Mathis-McLeod - Teacher, High School

## Paraprofessional:

Janet White - Classroom Asst. (Choir), Jr. High & High School.

## Resignation:

Dr. Charlotte Parramore - Deputy Superintendent



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