



# Board Report HISD



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees September 14, 2009

## Recognitions

**Hallsville FFA State Championship:** Mr. Wright recognized the Hallsville High School FFA Program for winning the **State Championship** and being the **#1 ranked** FFA Program in the **State of Texas!!!** Mr. Wright presented special plaques to Neta Craig, Jerry Dillard, Don Whyte, and Mike Whyte in recognition of the **State Championship!!** He also recognized the Officers of the FFA Program: Brittany Patterson, President; Lindsey Dodgen, Vice President; Taylor Baker, Secretary; Jessica Simon, Assistant Secretary; Tennie Smelley, Treasurer; Jennifer Arnold, Reporter; Miriah Humphreys, Assistant Reporter; Taylor Hielen, Sentinel; Heather Belcher, Assistant Sentinel; Brittany Earnhardt, Historian; and Melvin Cooper, Chaplain.

**Public Hearing on Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas:** The Administration presented the FIRST rating for the 2007-2008 school year. The District received a score of 81 with the passing score being 55. The District again received the highest possible ranking, that of Superior Achievement. Mr. Wright commended Tim Brittain and the entire Business Department for achieving the highest ranking possible.

## Consent Items:

Minutes from the August 10, 2009, regular board meeting, August 25, 2009, special board meeting, August 2009 Financial Report, and personnel were approved.

**Quarterly Investment Report:** The Board approved the Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ending August 31, 2009.

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

**Construction Payment Authorization:** The Board approved the current construction payment to WRL, as approved by Thacker/Davis Architects for East Elementary and to Longview Road and Bridge, as approved by Hayes Engineering for off-site roads and utilities at North Elementary.

**Food Service Bids:** The Board approved the Food Service Bids for milk, bread, and ice cream.

**North Elementary Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP):** Mr. Wright proudly announced that North Elementary came under budget by \$3.4 million dollars!! David Detton with WRL General Contractors presented qualified bids from sub-contractors for the North Elementary. This is based on a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) and Mr. Wright was proud to announce that this is under base bid by \$3,497,069.32 dollars. By adding all the alternates back in with an energy management system included, we are at a grand total construction cost below base bid at \$3,070,707.32. The Board approved the guaranteed maximum price of \$14,023,838.68 including all alternates and energy management system. Construction will begin for North Elementary School in October.

**Final Site Plans for New Hallsville High School:** The Final Site Plans for the new Hallsville High School were presented by Brice Davis with Thacker/ Davis Architects. The Board approved the plans as presented.

**Change Order for Off-Site Utilities at North Elementary:** The Board approved change orders for the North Elementary site including the following: excavate and dispose of unsuitable materials and replace with select fill for roads, install water mains under US Hwy 80 and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, and install sanitary mains under US Hwy 80 and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

**Current Enrollments for 2009-2010:** Once again, the enrollment for Hallsville ISD is at an all-time high! We now have **4,286** students enrolled in Hallsville ISD. We are over the projection of Dr. Arnold Oates (Demographer hired by Hallsville ISD) by 55 students. Dr. Oates projected with a 5% moderate growth rate that we would have 4,231 students for the 2009-2010 school year. **Please see the enrollments below:**

Grade	Enrollment on:
	9/8/09
EC	10
PK	90
Head Start	36
KG	325
<b>Total Primary:</b>	<b>461</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	307
2 <sup>nd</sup>	283
<b>Total Elementary:</b>	<b>590</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	348
4 <sup>th</sup>	318
<b>Total Intermediate:</b>	<b>666</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	334
6 <sup>th</sup>	335
<b>Total Middle:</b>	<b>669</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	320
8 <sup>th</sup>	330
<b>Total Jr. High:</b>	<b>650</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	317
10 <sup>th</sup>	324
11 <sup>th</sup>	320
12 <sup>th</sup>	289
<b>Total High School:</b>	<b>1250</b>
<b>District Total:</b>	<b>4286</b>



**Enrollment / Class Size Ratios:** Mrs. Rogers presented PK-4 class size information. These are the grades with state mandated 22:1 class size ratios. The Board approved hiring an additional ½ day Pre-K teacher to address concerns with class sizes at that grade. Mrs. Rogers also shared the plan to add (3) Special Education teaching assistants to support the Primary and Middle School campuses. All classes K-4 are within mandated class size ratios.

**49th Annual TASA/TASB Convention:** Information was communicated to the Board about the 2009 TASA/TASB Convention to be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas on October 2-4, 2009.

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