



Board Report HISD



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – October 9, 2006

Recognitions: Bobcat Pride Award

Hallsville Ladycat Varsity Volleyball Team, Kim Gideon, Brian Greer, Jennifer Burks, and Cheryl Bell were awarded **Bobcat Pride Awards**. The team and coaches were recognized for ending Pine Tree's "83" consecutive district match winning streak. Mr. Wright also recognized past and present success with the "Exemplary" Volleyball program. The Ladycat Volleyball program has produced 14 consecutive years of qualifying for the State Playoffs. Mr. Wright stated that Ladycat Volleyball is the perfect example of **Tradition + Pride + Hard Work = Success!!!**

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 second highest rating of "Above Standard Achievement." Hallsville received a No on three indicators due to the following reasons:

- (1) the percent of tax collections was below 96% due to property taxes that were not collected because they were held up in litigation of salt dome storage facilities,
- (2) the administrative costs were \$247 above the state requirement out of \$1.7 million in expenditures, and
- (3) the percent of operating expenditures spent on instruction was 1.2% below the state requirement of 54%.

This rating shows that Hallsville's schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently.

Consent Items:

Minutes from the September 11, 2006, regular board meeting, the September 2006 Financial Report and personnel were approved.

Vehicle Purchases: The Board approved the purchase of three new vehicles. These have been included in the current year budget. A new 8 passenger Ford van will be purchased for use in transporting students. A ¾ ton Chevrolet truck will be purchased for use in food service. A suburban will be purchased for use by teachers and administrators attending workshops and conferences.

Safe and Drug Free Schools and Health Advisory Council Membership List: Ann Newell presented the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Health Advisory Council membership list, which was approved by the Board. This council is required by House Bill #1075 and Board Policy EHAA. It is established to make recommendations to the District and Board on the health education curriculum, health programs, and strategies for implementing the coordinated school health program, including school health services, counseling and guidance services, safe and healthy school environment, and school employee wellness. The council assists in ensuring that local community values are reflected in the District's health education instruction. Other responsibilities of the council are to make recommendations on the Safe and Drug Free School program expenditures, program planning and evaluation.

TASB Policy Update 78: The Board approved TASB Policy Update 78. There were minor changes to the following local policies: CDA, CKC, CRD, DBD, DEA, and DHE. Policy FDA is a new policy addressing transfer requests for the children of district employees. This policy had changes to the wording regarding the deadline for transfer requests for the children of district employees.

District Plan Adoption: Goal and objectives for the District Strategic Plan were approved by the HISD Board of Trustees. Both the district plan and all campus plans were included in the submission.

Demographer – Dr. Arnold Oates: Hallsville ISD hired Dr. Arnold Oates of Texas Planning, Inc. to evaluate our enrollment increases. Dr. Oates has completed his campus visits and tour of the district. He presented his preliminary information to the Board and an overview of the process that will be involved in the assessment of Hallsville ISD. A special workshop will be conducted at 6:00 p.m. before the November 13th regular board meeting. Dr. Oates will present his study of the housing development in the Hallsville school district. The mission of Dr. Oates is to help the HISD School Board and Administrative Team evaluate the increased enrollment and ensure that our present facilities can meet the demands of the growth over the next 5-10 years.

CATE Annual Report: Neta Craig presented the CATE Annual Report. The report included the CATE program's Exemplary Plan, as well as the accomplishments of the program over the last year. CATE received over \$106,000 in grants in 2005-06. Grants were awarded from Eastman Chemical, AEP/SWEPCO, and Crime Stoppers. Eight instructors received additional certifications. Eight students received certifications in the Criminal Justice program and eight students received certifications in Trade & Industry. Mrs. Craig also announced that 57% of the 2005-06 graduating class were named TASSEL Scholars. In order to be named a TASSEL Scholar, a student must graduate on the recommended plan as a GLOBE Scholar and complete three or more credits in a career concentration with at least one credit or class receiving articulated credit at a community college or technical school.

ESL Grade and Language Classification: Patsy Hodnett presented the ESL report of student enrollment by grade language proficiency. As of September 25, 2006, the report showed:

- 56 students enrolled in the ESL program
- 8 students are non-English speakers
- 27 are limited English speakers
- 21 are fluent English speakers
- More than 50% of these students are in grades Pk-2

Attendance – First Six Weeks: Four all-time records were established for the first six weeks attendance period. Mr. Wright complimented the Primary (EC-K), Elementary (1-2), High School, and HISD District for record setting attendance rates. The Intermediate and Middle School tied for the highest attendance rate in the district at 97.9%. This is a great start to the 2006-2007 school year!

Attendance Chart				
1st Six Weeks				
Campus		2006	2005	Record
Primary (EC-K)	*	96.7	96.6	96.6
Elementary (1-2)	*	97.6	97.4	97.5
Intermediate (3-4)		97.9	98.3	98.3
Middle (5-6)		97.9	98.0	98.0
Jr. High (7-8)		97.6	97.9	97.9
High School (9-12)	*	97.6	97.6	97.6
District	*	97.6	97.6	97.6

* **Indicates School Record**

Funding Change Due to Attendance Increase: The Board heard information regarding the increase in percent of attendance from previous years to 2005-06, which was an increase of 0.58. With the increase of 0.58% in attendance, assuming enrollment had been the same; HISD had \$126,867 more in cash available. This includes a slight increase to state funding and a significant reduction in the Chapter 41 recapture payment which increases cash available.

This shows that the slightest increase in percent of attendance makes a significant difference in the operating funds that we have available. The hard work by the campuses has made a significant impact on funding for Hallsville ISD and gives us more opportunities, such as increasing instructional expenditures and providing salary increases.

Teamwork Makes The Dream Work!

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