



Board Report

HISD

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

October 12, 2004

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

Barbara Lewis: Has worked at Hallsville Jr. High for twenty-three years. Barbara is an "exemplary employee" who is respected and loved by everyone at the Jr. High campus. Barbara will retire in December and will be missed by everyone.

Jesse Casey: Jesse is beginning his sixth year as Assistant Principal at Hallsville Jr. High. Last year, Jesse was selected as "Outstanding Assistant Principal" in Region VII and recognized by the Texas Association of secondary school principals.

Action Items:

A,B,C) Minutes from Board Meeting on September 14, 2004, Financial Report for September, and personnel items were approved.

D) Five vendors from the Region VII Cooperative purchasing list were sent proposal forms for (3) 71 passenger buses for regular routes. Longhorn Bus Sales received the bus proposal at \$61,557.00 per bus for the 2004-2005 school year. The Board approved Longhorn Bus Sales proposal for the 2004-2005 school year.

E) The sound system at the High School auditorium needs to be upgraded or completely replaced. The current sound system is not effective, and we have had to borrow equipment for our most recent events. The Board approved request for proposals, and will evaluate those proposals at the November board meeting.

F) Campus Strategic Action Plans were approved for the 2004-2005 school year.

G) Localized Policy Update 73 was approved. The (Local) policy recommendations in the TASB update will require close attention by the Board and District to ensure that they reflect the practices of the District and intentions of the Board.

H) The Board approved an update of policy DED (Local) which is recommended to reflect current practice in compensation and benefits for full-time hourly district employees.

Action Items Cont'd

I) The Texas Education Agency requires districts to submit a class size waiver when any class exceeds the state maximum class size of 22:1. A waiver for the fall semester is being submitted for five first grade classes at the Primary that exceed the state maximum. This waiver was approved by the Board.

Information Items:

CATE Program Evaluation: Beth Goodwin shared highlights of the CATE Program Evaluation. She meets three (3) times a year with her advisory council. Numerous programs are offered for certification. Mr. Gaw stated that he is very impressed with the direction this group is going because this program opens up so many opportunities for our students.

ESL Program: Patsy Hodnett presented an ESL report on student enrollment, Head Start through Twelfth grade. The total number of ESL students enrolled is 56. Nineteen (19) of the 56 are fluent English speakers. Twenty seven (27) of the 56 are limited English speakers and ten (10) are non-English speakers.

Attendance - First Six Weeks: Mr. Wright reviewed the Attendance Report for the first six weeks for all campuses. **The Intermediate campus was the first six weeks champion with a 97.96% attendance rate and the Middle School was second with 97.82%.** Mr. Wright stated that he was proud of all campuses. Every campus except the High School exceeded their attendance rate for the 1st six weeks of 2004. The High School tied their 2003 attendance rate. **Mr. Wright highlighted the Primary (EC-K) and the Jr. High (7-8) for setting a school record for their campuses. The district also tied the school record of 97.4% for the 1st six weeks.** Mr. Wright said this was a great start to the school year with attendance and is a result of teamwork. **He said every employee in the district should be given credit for this great attendance during the 1st six weeks.** Mr. Wright complimented the aggressive truancy program and said we are filing on more students than in previous years. He also stated that attendance expectations are high and the goal for the second six weeks is for **every campus** to break the **all-time school records!** Mr. Wright announced that the end of year goal is to set records on every campus and break the district record!



Hallsville ISD

Attendance Percentage Comparison

1st Six Weeks

Campus	2004	2003	Record
Primary (EC-K)	*96.6	96.5	96.5
Elementary (1-2)	97.3	97.0	97.5
Intermediate (3-4)	98.0	97.8	98.1
Middle (5-6)	97.8	97.7	97.9
Jr. High (7-8)	*97.7	97.4	97.6
High School (9-12)	97.0	97.0	97.2
District	*97.4	97.2	97.4

*Indicates School Record

Accountability Ratings: Each year the Texas Education Agency releases school accountability ratings. Neta Craig stated the ratings this year are based on the Spring 2004 TAKS, Spring 2004 SDAA, Class of 2003 completion rate, and the 2002-03 dropout rate for grades 7 and 8. **Mr. Wright praised the hard work of all district employees who had a role in the accountability ratings.** He said we now have a starting point and everyone will continue to work hard to achieve academic excellence. He is proud of the three campuses who received "Recognized Ratings", but also cautioned that when one or more campuses do well, everyone in the district will celebrate and receive credit. Teamwork makes the Dream Work!!! Mr. Wright also told the board, he would like to look into an incentive plan for the first campus who receives an "Exemplary Rating". This incentive plan is different because every campus in the district would receive incentive money to celebrate teamwork in this district. For example, if the Intermediate school is the only campus to receive an "Exemplary Rating", all campuses would receive equal incentive money in the district. Mr. Wright said that Hallsville schools should always set expectations to have higher scores than Region VII schools and exceed the state averages in all categories of accountability. Mr. Wright told the board that they should see vast improvement in TAKS scores for the 2005 school year. He said everyone is working hard to identify our weaknesses and provide support to the "Exemplary teachers" that work in Hallsville I.S.D.

Board of Trustees' Operating Procedures: Mr. Gaw wanted the board to review the Brazosport I.S.D. Board of Trustees' Operating Procedures as a guide to review and discuss board operating procedures.

Superintendent Comments: Mr. Wright announced that this year we have three National Merit Semi-Finalist! They are Andrew Davis, Jessie Campbell and Leslie Reeves. In the history of our school, HISD has never had this many students qualify as Semi-Finalists. For comparison, Longview had 1, Marshall had 1 and Pine Tree had 0. **These 3 students were given Bobcat Pride Awards by Dr. Morris and Mr. Wright during a recent pep rally. They wanted to recognize academic excellence in front of the entire HHS student body and staff.**

Mr. Wright presented proud news from our Hallsville FFA Program. With over 950 FFA chapters in Texas, our chapter ranked 10th in the National Chapter Awards Competition. Hallsville FFA students were presented with a Gold Emblem Rating Chapter Award this past summer at the State FFA Convention in Ft. Worth. The National Chapter Awards Program is designed to award those FFA chapters that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters use a 'Program of Activities' that emphasizes student chapter, and community development. **These recognitions are the result of hard work from our FFA students and the leadership of our agriculture teachers: Jerry Dillard, Don Whyte and Mike Whyte.**

**The FFA program is the perfect model for...
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Personnel Approved:

Paraprofessional:

Janie Mathias - ESL Classroom Assistant

Yanet Rabadan Arias - ESL Classroom Assistant

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