



# Board Report HISD



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees October 13, 2008

**Bobcat Pride Awards:** Mr. Wright presented Bobcat Pride Awards to the following members of the Dad's Club for their contribution and hard work in building an Obstacle Course for the Middle School campus. This project was made possible by funds raised by tamale sales. James Carpenter, LeRoy Chappell, Ben House, Kevin Howe, Keith Lloyd, Tommy Russell, Jeff Shelton, William Stowe and Jody Trice received Bobcat Pride Awards. Also receiving a Bobcat Pride Award was Rhonda House, a teacher at the Middle School, who was instrumental in the tamale sales, and communication between the Dad's Club and the Middle School.

**Consent Items:** Minutes and personnel from the September 8, 2008, regular board meeting and October 2, 2008, special board meeting, September 2008 Financial Report, and Personnel were approved.

**Fuel Bids for the 2008-2009 School Year:** The Board approved Velvin Oil as the fuel vendor for the 2008-2009 school year.

**ESL Grade and Language Classification:** The total number of English as a Second Language students enrolled in Hallsville ISD as of September 22, 2008, is eighty-four (84).

- Sixteen (16) of the eighty-four (84) students are non-English speakers.
- Fifty (50) of the eighty-four (84) students are limited English speakers.
- Eighteen (18) of the eighty-four (84) students are fluent English speakers.

**Safe and Drug Free School and Health Advisory Council Membership List:** The Board approved the membership list for the Safe and Drug Free Schools and School Health Advisory Council, as presented by Ann Newell, Director of Special Programs. The council is composed of the business community, law enforcement, City and County officials, health care professionals, parents, students, and school staff. It meets during the year to make recommendations for the district's Safe and Drug Free Schools Program and Coordinated School Health Program through integrating the following elements: student health education and physical activity, school health services, a safe and healthy school environment, and student and employee wellness. The council members will hold their first meeting for this school year on November 13, 2008.

**Policy Update 83:** The Board adopted Policy Update 83 as recommended by the administrative staff. All bills referenced in Update 83 are from the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. A major component of Update 83 is the redevelopment of policies that address discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and complaints and grievances.

**CATE Annual Report:** Neta Craig presented the annual Career & Technology Education (CTE) report. Included in the report was TAKS data, four & six year plans, CTE Exemplary Plan, TASSEL Scholars, students receiving certifications in pharmacology, criminal justice dispatching, and cosmetology, as well as, CTE teachers receiving/maintaining industry certifications. A list of business leaders serving on the CTE Advisory Committee was supplied to the Board. Student and department accomplishments and awards were discussed, along with the purchase of equipment.

**Timber Sale for New High School Site:** The Board approved the proposal of sale of timber for the New High School site to Van Dusen Timber Company.

**Future Attendance Zones:** Paula Rogers, Deputy Superintendent, presented information regarding Population and Survey Analysts. The administrative team plans to meet with this group as the initial step in beginning the design process for attendance zones for multiple elementary schools. Population and Survey Analysts are highly recommended and have provided services to many Texas schools including Whitehouse ISD and Tyler ISD. The Board and Staff will receive ongoing communication during the process.

**Attendance First Six Weeks:** Mr. Wright said he was **very pleased** with the first six weeks attendance. He announced the **Middle School** as having the **best overall attendance** and congratulated the **Primary Campus** for setting an **all-time school record!!!** Mr. Wright said that the Elementary, Middle School, and District would have set a record also, but had a set-back with **Hurricane Ike**. **This is a great start for the attendance year!!**

Campus	2008	2007	Record
Primary (EC-K)	* 97.0	96.6	96.8
Elementary (1-2)	97.7	97.8	97.8
Intermediate (3-4)	97.5	98.1	98.3
Middle (5-6)	97.9	98.0	98.0
Jr. High (7-8)	97.4	97.9	97.9
High School (9-12)	97.2	97.4	97.6
District	<b>97.5</b>	<b>97.6</b>	<b>97.6</b>

\* Indicates School Record



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**Tradition + Pride + Hard Work = Success!**

**Teamwork Makes The Dream Work!**