



Board Report HISD



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – November 9, 2009

Consent Items: Minutes from the October 12, 2009, regular board meeting and special meeting of October 27, 2009, the October 2009 Financial Report and Personnel were approved.

Budget Amendments: Budget Amendments were approved by the Board.

Construction Payment Authorization: The Board approved the monthly construction payment to WRL as approved by Thacker/Davis Architects.

Approval of Textbook Committee: The Board approved the Textbook Committee.

Revised Joint Election Agreement between Hallsville ISD and City of Hallsville: In the event the Hallsville ISD were to cancel their election due to candidates running unopposed, pursuant to Section 2.053 of the Election Code, then the City of Hallsville, Texas would then be solely responsible for abiding by the election guidelines in order to hold their election. If the City of Hallsville, Texas were to cancel their election pursuant to Section 2.053 of the Election Code, and the Hallsville ISD were to still hold their election, the Hallsville ISD would be solely responsible for abiding by the election guidelines. The Board approved the revised Joint Election Agreement between Hallsville ISD and the City of Hallsville contingent upon approval from the City of Hallsville.

Safe and Drug Free School and Health Advisory Council Membership List: The Board approved the membership list for the Safe and Drug Free School and Health Advisory Council as presented by Alonda Stonger, Director of Special Programs. The council is composed of the business community, City and County officials, law enforcement, health care professionals, parents, students and school staff. The council meets during the school year to make recommendations for the district's Safe and Drug Free School Program and Coordinated School Health Program through integrating the following elements: student health and education activity, school health services, a safe and healthy school environment, and student and employee wellness. The Council will hold their first meeting for this school year on November 12, 2009.

Campus Gold Performance Acknowledgements: Debbie Melson presented the Gold Performance Acknowledgements (GPA) which acknowledges districts and campuses for high performance on indicators other than those used to determine accountability ratings. The Board was informed HISD received 15 Gold Performance Acknowledgements. The Intermediate School received acknowledgements for Commended Reading/ELA and Math. The Middle School was acknowledged for Attendance Rate, Commended Reading/ELA, Math, Science, and Comparable Improvement Math and Reading. The Junior High received acknowledgments for Commended Reading/ELA and Social Studies. The High School received acknowledgements for Attendance Rate and Higher Education Readiness Component for Math. Mrs. Melson informed the Board of the historical performance of HISD on the Gold Performance Acknowledgements, citing the 15 acknowledgements were the most in school history. She also noted this accomplishment came as standards continue to rise. Mr. Wright told the Board he is very proud of the hard work of the students and employees in receiving these Gold Performance Acknowledgments.

Career and Technical Education 2008-2009 Program Evaluation: Kathy Gaw and Rita Lawrence presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Career and Technical Education 2008-2009 Program Evaluation. Highlighted in the presentation were four & six year plans, CTE Exemplary Plan, TASSEL Scholars, Licenses & Certifications, CTE teachers receiving/maintaining industry certifications, Advisory Council and Picture Gallery. Awards that were given for student and department accomplishments were also discussed.

AYP Report: Patsy Wood, Director of Special Education, gave background information on Adequate Yearly Progress, an accountability provision included in No Child Left Behind. She reviewed the performance standards beginning with 2002 and continuing until 2014. HISD's District Report and each Campus Report included in TEA's annual report were reviewed. The District and each Campus met AYP for 2009.

Chartwells Food Service Update: Marcy Froats, Director of Food Services, presented an update of the Chartwells Food Service. She presented a comparison of participation from 2008-2009, menus currently being served, some new menu items, and training that has been given to Food Service Staff. Chartwells provided the meal for the Board Meeting as a sample of the catering services they provide.

Harrison Central Appraisal District Director Selection by Official Ballot: As required by law, each taxing entity must vote on a resolution in which votes are taken to elect directors to the appraisal district. Five elected members serve a two-year term. The Board voted for the following directors: Jason Petersen – 734, Robert Womack – 734, and Robert Duvall – 293.

New High School Update: Brice Davis with Thacker/Davis Architects presented an update on the new High School. The new High School will go out for bid on November 19, 2009.



Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!!