



# Board Report HISD



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – November 10, 2008

**Special Recognition:** Neta Craig was recognized with a plaque from the School Board and Mr. Wright for receiving **two prestigious Agricultural Education Awards** over the past year. Mrs. Craig was recognized for receiving the **Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas: Administrator's Award**. This award was presented at the State Agriscience Educators Conference in Arlington, Texas. Mrs. Craig was also recognized for receiving the **Honorary Texas FFA (Lone Star) Degree**. This award was presented at the Area 6 FFA Convention at Kilgore College. Mr. Wright commended Mrs. Craig for her **"Exemplary Service"** to Hallsville ISD, and thanked her for the many lives that she has affected in a positive way during her tenure at Hallsville!!

**Consent Items:** The Board approved the amended minutes from the February 11, 2008, regular board meeting, minutes from the October 13, 2008, regular board meeting, and October 29, 2008, special board meeting. The Board also approved the October 2008 Financial Report and personnel.

**AYP Report:** NCLB requires TEA and LEAs to review annually the status of every school using defined benchmarks, in order to ensure that the school is making adequate progress toward achieving the long-term proficiency goal of all students being proficient by 2014. Patsy Wood, Director of Special Education, reviewed Hallsville ISD's Special Education AYP Scores. Hallsville ISD and all campuses met AYP standards for 2008.

**Gold Performance Acknowledgements:** Kathy Newsom and Carla McAvoy 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 Intermediate School received acknowledgement for Reading/ELA and Math. The Middle School was acknowledged for Attendance, ELA, Math, and Science, and also was acknowledged for Comparable Improvement in ELA. The Junior High received acknowledgement for Reading/ELA, and Social Studies. The High School received acknowledgement for High Education Readiness Component/ELA. Mr. Wright informed the Board of the historical performance of HISD on the Gold Performance Acknowledgements. He referred to the 2005 performance of meeting 5 of the indicators compared to 13 indicators met in 2008. Mr. Wright told the Board he is very proud of the hard work of the students and employees in receiving these Gold Performance Acknowledgements.

**Roofing Options for Construction Projects:** Brice Davis from Thacker/Davis Architects presented to the Board the many roofing options for all construction projects. Mr. Davis will bring final recommendations of roofing options at future board meetings.

**Preliminary Plans for East Elementary:** Brice Davis presented the Preliminary Plans for East Elementary to the School Board. Options / Savings for this project were discussed with eleven alternate bids that could bring a total cost savings of \$1,140,901 from the total project cost of \$6,081,367.

**Board Workshop:** Brice Davis presented Options / Savings to meet the challenges of our construction inflation. The proposed plan is to continue to move forward with East Elementary, North Elementary, and the High School. Central Elementary will be put on hold because the 96 million dollar bond amount will not be enough to fund this project. Brice reviewed bid alternates as an option for cost savings. Currently, we have \$1,140,901 million in bid alternates at East Elementary, \$1,546,161 million in bid alternates at North Elementary, and \$7,832,627 million in bid alternates at the High School. Total project cost for East Elementary, North Elementary, and the High School with bid alternates are currently projected at \$96,328,911 million dollars which is very close to the \$96,000,000 bond amount. The new construction cost of all projects without using bid alternates is currently \$106,848,600 million. This new construction total is much less than the \$124,754,309 million that was released to the HISD staff, community, and media.

**Special Note:** It is a fact that square footage increase is not a factor in the rising cost. The New High School is a perfect example of this statement. In the summer of 2007, Dr. Arnold Oates (District Demographer) said we would need 364,500 square feet to build the New High School. We currently have 348,120 square feet when you include bid alternates for the New High School. **This clearly represents that we have not over inflated our construction projects with increased square footage and that construction inflation is the root of our problem.**

**Attendance – Second Six Weeks:** Mr. Wright congratulated the Middle School for having the highest attendance in the District and setting a campus record for the second six weeks. The District also set an attendance record and Mr. Wright complimented all campuses for this record. Mr. Wright also commended the campuses who had attendance improvements from last year (2007) compared to this year (2008).

Campus	2008	2007	Record
Primary (EC-K)	95.5	95.2	95.7
Elementary (1-2)	96.9	96.6	97.2
Intermediate (3-4)	97.4	97.3	97.8
Middle (5-6)	*97.8	97.5	97.7
Jr. High (7-8)	97.2	97.3	97.5
High School (9-12)	97.0	96.5	97.1
District	*97.0	96.7	97.0

\* Indicates School Record



**Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!!**