



# Board Report HISD



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees December 8, 2008



*We Wish Everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*



## Recognitions

**Nick Curry:** Mr. Wright presented a Bobcat Pride Award to Nick Curry, a sixth grade student from Wendy King's class. Nick won First Place in the 2008 TexElects Statewide poster design contest. The contest was to encourage people to get out to vote.

**Emylie Rifley and Jonathan York:** Mr. Wright presented Bobcat Pride Awards to Junior High School student's Emylie Rifley and Jonathan York. These two were selected out of many students at the Junior High Campus who submitted designs for the new Junior High School flag. Their designs were brought together to create a beautiful flag and the flag is now flying in front of the Junior High School Campus.

**Consent Items:** Minutes from the November 10, 2008, Board meeting and November, 2008, Financial Report, Quarterly Investment Report and personnel were approved.

**District Vehicle Purchases:** The Board approved the purchase of two (2) 71 passenger school buses from Longhorn Bus Sales for 2009.

**Donation of Classroom Computer / Printer:** The Board approved the donation of a Compaq Presario Desktop PC, Hewlett Packard 1707 Monitor and Hewlett Packard DeskJet Printer from a Middle School parent. The computer will be used in a classroom at the Middle School Campus.

**AEIS / Report Card:** Each year the state releases accountability ratings in the form of the Academic Excellence Indicator System. For 2008, HISD received an accountability rating of Academically Acceptable. This information is impetus for the District and Campus Improvement Plans.

**PBMAS Report:** The Texas Education Agency monitoring and intervention activities are designed to focus on a data-driven and performance-based system that takes place in a continuous improvement model. The system for TEA monitoring is referenced as the Performance-Based Monitoring system and the results are sent to districts in a PBMAS report. Patsy Wood, Special Education Director, analyzed Hallsville's PBMAS report which includes 18 indicators.

**Final Plans for East Elementary:** The School Board approved final plans for East Elementary as presented by Brice Davis of Thacker / Davis Architects, Inc. We will begin receiving bids for East Elementary on January 15, 2009.

**Mechanical Options for Construction Projects:** Brice Davis presented Mechanical Options to the School Board for all construction projects.

**Board Workshop: Please read below information that will update you on our current construction costs. This communication is from Mr. Wright's Bobcat Broadcaster Article that will be released before we get our Christmas break.**



## *Bobcat Pride*

From: Superintendent Greg Wright

HELLO BOBCATS,

I would like to update you on our current construction costs. On October 24, I released a Community Press Release that identified our construction cost at 124.7 million dollars. Since that time, the School Board, Administrative Staff, and our Architects have worked very hard to consider options / savings to meet the challenges that construction inflation has brought to our bond construction costs. **We are proud to announce that with alternate bidding, we now have a total construction cost of 96.2 million dollars.** This construction amount is possible with our new savings plan.

We plan to move forward with East Elementary, North Elementary, and the High School with alternate bidding planned for all projects. Our third Elementary (Central Elementary) has been put on hold at this time because our 96 million dollar bond amount will not fund this project. Future growth will determine when we will need a third Elementary School. When needed, our third Elementary will be West Elementary. We are very close to closing some prime property on the Loop in Longview. When officially closed, Hallsville ISD will own 38 acres on the west side of the Loop in between Crossroads Church and Page Road. West Elementary would become the third Elementary School in the Master Plan. We **will not** pursue additional funding for the third Elementary School until our growth determines a need for a third Elementary School.

We will move into East Elementary and North Elementary as Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Campuses. Pre-Kindergarten, Head Start, and PPCD Classes will all move to the current Primary Campus and become an Early Childhood Center.

I would like also to clarify the facts regarding the feeling that over inflated square footage has driven up construction costs. Dr. Arnold Oates of Texas Planning, Inc. projected square footage amounts for all projects in the summer of 2007. Dr. Oates projected we would need 364,500 square feet for the New High School and we currently have 348,120 feet with alternate bidding. Dr. Oates said we would need 92,500 square feet for North Elementary and we currently have 91,182 square feet. Both the High School and North Elementary, our two new campuses, are under the square footage projections. This represents that we have not over inflated square footage and that construction inflation is the root of our problem.

We feel good about our Cost / Savings Plan and are ready to move forward to provide the best for the children of Hallsville Schools. In summary, we want to maximize our original 96 million dollar bond amount and then assess our needs in the District.



**Construction Schedule**

<b>Campus</b>	<b>Cost Projection</b>	<b>School Opening</b>
<b>East Elementary</b>	<b>\$ 4.8 Million</b>	<b>August 2011</b>
<b>North Elementary</b>	<b>\$18.8 Million</b>	<b>August 2011</b>
<b>High School</b>	<b>\$72.5 Million</b>	<b>January 2012</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$96.2 Million</b>	

**Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!**



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

**Bobcat Pride Begins With You!**

**Teamwork Makes The Dream Work!**