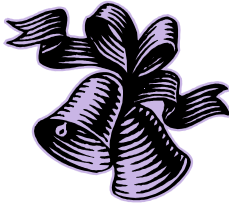




# Board Report HISD



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees December 10, 2007



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



**Public Hearing -Taxation of Goods in Transit:** The Legislature recently enacted Tax Code Sec. 11.253 which grants a broad exemption to goods in transit. The new exemption applies to almost any inventory that is moved to another location within 175 days, even if the transportation is within the state or even within the county.

**The exemption would remove an estimated \$88,115,112 in taxable value from HISD appraisal roll in 2008.** The Board adopted a resolution which will allow the district to continue taxing goods in transit. A public hearing was held at which members of the public were allowed to speak for or against the taxation of the property.

**Consent Items:** Minutes from the November 15, 2007, Board meeting and November, 2007, Financial Report, Quarterly Investment Report and personnel were approved.

**District Vehicle Purchases:** The Board approved the purchase of the following vehicles: three  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton Chevrolet trucks for use in the maintenance department, one  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton Chevrolet truck for use by campus security, and a Chevrolet Impala for use by food services.

**Capital Improvements:** The Board approved all capital improvement projects recommended by the Capital Improvement Committee.

**LEDCO Presentation:** John Stroud, LEDCO Director, expressed thanks to the Board and Mr. Wright for their support of the CATE program and LEDCO. (LEDCO made 18 presentations to Hallsville ISD students last year.) He offered a brief perspective on the demographics and economy of our region and state. Facts discussed by Mr. Stroud were:

1. Some of our major companies expect to lose 50% of their employees due to retirement over the next five to eight years.
2. A major ethnic/cultural shift has created a strong growth in the Hispanic population in the area.
3. A significant number (35%) of high school students in Texas fail to graduate.
4. Seventy-five percent of the inmates in state prisons did not graduate.
5. A significant change in the skill level needed by companies who use technology to be competitive in a global economy has those companies requiring an associate degree or a certification.

**AEIS / Report Card:** Each year the state releases accountability ratings in the form of the Academic Excellence Indicator System and the School Report Card. For 2007, HISD received an accountability rating of Academically Acceptable. This information is impetus for the District and Campus Improvement Plans.

**PBMAS Report:** Patsy Wood, Director of Special Education, reported to the Board the latest ratings on the Texas Education Agency's 2007 Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System for Special Education. This report rated HISD's performance from "0-3" on 20 indicators. HISD earned a "1" on 5 indicators and a "0" on the remaining indicators. A "0" is the best rating HISD can obtain with each indicator. This level of performance requires no intervention activities for the 07-08 school year.

**Substitute Teacher Pay:** The Board of Trustees unanimously approved a pilot program to increase the pool of substitute teachers for the Spring Semester. Each campus will be allowed to hire one (1) full time substitute teacher per grade. Each campus will interview and select these substitute positions from the following prioritized list:

1. Current Student Teachers completing their program in December;
2. Certified teachers who are available and interested in working full time next year;
3. Other candidates available for full time substitute assignments.

This pilot program will allow the district to boost their available substitutes during the spring semester and possibly recruit prospective teachers for the next year.



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