

BOARD REPORT

SISD Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, August 17, 2009

Little Theater, Sherman High School

Board Members Present: Sue Frazier, Charles Leslie, Cathy Renshaw, Betty Stoker, Kate Whitfield, Al Zorrilla

Board Members Absent: Debbie Burnett

Administer Oath of Office to Board Members: Judge Butch Morgan administered the Oath of Office to Betty Stoker.

*Presentations from the Public: None

*Superintendent/Board Dialogue:

- Dr. Tyson Bennett recognized Sherman High School for making the top 1,500 U.S. High School List by *Newsweek* magazine. SHS ranked 1,024 on the list of the top 1,500 U.S. High Schools for the high ratio of AP exams taken in 2008.
- Dr. Tyson Bennett provided the board with the 2009 State Accountability ratings for Texas public and charter schools. The following SISD campuses were recognized for attaining "Exemplary" status: Fairview, Jefferson, Neblett, Sory and Wakefield Elementary Schools. The following SISD campuses were recognized for attaining "Recognized" status: Crutchfield and Washington Elementary Schools and Dillingham Intermediate School.
- Connie Baker reported to the board on this year's in-service schedule.
- Dr. Tyson Bennett provided the board with the State Accountability System Report.
- Diane Clark reported to the board on the Advanced Placement classes at SHS. Mrs. Clark said the AP program is a good preparatory course for college. She also reported the Class of 2009 had 13 AP Scholars and 22 AP Scholars with Distinction.
- Dr. Tyson Bennett provided the board with this year's summer school report. The Sherman ISD Summer School Program was held concurrently at four different regular campuses and two alternative campuses from June 9 to July 31. The purpose of the program was to provide extra time for students to achieve their educational goals through English language acquisition, basic skill development in reading, language arts, writing, math and science, TAKS remediation and credit recovery. The average daily enrollment was 1,217.
- Dr. Cindy Lawrence provided the board with a Special Education Department Report.
- Dr. Cindy Lawrence provided the board with information regarding the 21st Century Grant.

* Following a discussion regarding the TASA/TASB convention, in which Kate Whitfield was previously elected as this year's delegate and Cathy Renshaw as the alternate, the board approved the endorsement of Karen Ellis of Richardson ISD, the incumbent, who is running unopposed for TASB Region 10.

*Action Items:

- The Board approved the purchase of Scholastic Do The Math program in the amount of \$60,367.00 with ARRA funds.
- The Board approved the purchase of System 44 program in the amount of \$36,000.00 with ARRA funds.
- The Board approved the purchase of READ 180 in the amount of \$268,300.00 with ARRA funds.
- The Board approved the purchase of SRA Corrective Reading in the amount of \$58,271.88 with ARRA funds.
- The Board approved a Resolution to Redeem Variable Rate Bonds Early.
- The Board approved the proposed 2009-10 tax rates as presented.
- The Board approved a pay increase for SISD employees as presented.

*From the Consent Agenda the Board approved the following items:

- TASB Localized Policy Update 85
- PDAS Teacher Appraisal Calendar
- PDAS Teacher Appraisers
- 2009-10 Student Code of Conduct
- Boys and Girls Soccer Equipment Bids
- Custodial Supplies Bid

*From Closed Meeting:

- The Board approved contracts for new teachers.
- The Board acknowledged the Superintendent's acceptance of a teacher's resignation as presented.
- The Board acknowledged the Superintendent's acceptance of the following teacher retirement: Patricia Burgess, after twenty-three years with SISD and twenty-three years in education.

Announcements

Cathy Renshaw announced she had tickets available for the Spirit BBQ if anyone was interested.

Sue Frazier announced everyone was welcome to attend a sneak preview of the SHS Band on Thursday evening at Bearcat Stadium.

Kate Whitfield announced an entertainment and silent auction event benefiting Texoma Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

*The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.