

BOARD REPORT

SISD Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, February 18, 2008

SHS Little Theater

Board Members Present: Debbie Burnett, Sue Frazier, John Hendricks, David Kennedy, Cathy Renshaw, Kate Whitfield, Al Zorrilla

Board Members Absent: None

*Presentations from the Public:

Norman Ponder, 503 Merriman Parkway, Sherman, Texas addressed the board regarding the county's proposal of building a 1,500 bed, private jail, at the corner of Ida Road and Hwy. 11, south of Crutchfield Elementary School. He said the facility would house 500 local inmates, plus an additional 1,000 inmates from across the state. He asked the board as well as the audience if they were aware of the county's jail proposal and he would like to know the posture of Sherman I.S.D. on this matter.

*Superintendent/Board Dialogue:

- Thomas O'Neal introduced SHS Senior Charlie Whitfield, a National Merit Finalist. Mr. Whitfield is the son of school board member Kate Whitfield and Dr. Whitfield.
- Sam Patty introduced the board to Anna Clarkson and Darrius Thomas, two SHS All-State Choir students. Anna Clarkson informed the board choir competition is extremely competitive. The judges are separated from the performers by a curtain and they do not see the students. The music has all consisted of college level pieces. Ms. Clarkson shared with the board a highlight in her life of working with Dr. Jessup from the Morman Tabernacle Choir. She thanked the school board, parents and Mr. Patty for the opportunities afforded to her in the SHS Choir program. Darrius Thomas said he shared the same feelings.
- Dr. Tyson Bennett provided the Board with information regarding the Texas Homeless Education Grant and the McKinney Vento Act.
- Jerry Pedersen provided the board with a Career and Technology Education report.
- Pete Kloppers provided the board with a Bond Progress Committee Report. The committee met last Tuesday evening and toured numerous SISD campuses. The committee continues to praise the district on the construction projects. At this time bond funds exceed costs by approximately \$150,000.00 in spite of the increased price of copper.
- Chuck Edwards, Director of Maintenance, provided the board with a construction update.
- Chuck Edwards, Director of Maintenance, also provided the board with the annual Maintenance & Operations Report. He reported his department had completed 2,398 work orders and they have 100 work orders outstanding. He reported carpet and AC needs to be replaced at several campuses.
- Dr. Frazier made the following announcement: Dr. Sue Frazier, Dr. John Hendricks, Mrs. Cathy Renshaw, Mr. David Kennedy, Mrs. Kate Whitfield and Mr. Al Zorrilla have all met their obligation of continuing education hours as school board members. Mrs. Debbie Burnett has met all of the obligations of continuing education hours with the exception of the annual Team of Eight training. Mrs. Burnett missed the annual Team of Eight training because of a family illness.

*Action Items:

- The Board approved a joint election agreement with the City of Sherman as presented.
- The Board approved a change of date for the March school board meeting from March 17 to March 10, 2008 since the March 17 date falls during spring break.
- The Board approved the acceptance of gifts as presented.
- The Board approved expenditures and revenue for the month of January 2008 in the amount of \$5,846,176.94 as presented.

- The Board approved budget amendments as presented.
- The Board approved the SHS & Piner Football Equipment bids as presented.
- The Board approved the SHS Girls Volleyball Equipment bids as presented.
- The Board approved the Purchase of Security Cameras for Sory Elementary School as presented.
- The Board approved the contract with GTSI Corporation for the installation of the Intrusion Detection System at Sory Elementary School as presented.
- The Board approved the purchase of playground equipment for Washington Elementary School as presented.
- The SHS Kitchen Amendment to GMP item was tabled and no action was taken.
- The Board approved the purchase of network wiring for Washington Elementary School as presented.

*From Closed Meeting:

- The Board approved the following teachers' retirement: Mary Jeannine Fulton, Elementary Teacher, Jefferson Elementary School, after 20 years with SISD and 21 years in education; Margaret Kloppers, Elementary Teacher, Crutchfield Elementary School, after 23 years with SISD and 28 years in education.
- The Board approved the following administrator's retirement: Clauis L. Wade, Principal, Alternative Programs, after 11 years with SISD and 40 years in education.
- The Board approved Contracts for Administrators, Directors, Counselors, Diagnosticians and Professional Educators as presented.

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