

BOARD REPORT

SISD Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, September 17, 2007

SHS Little Theater

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

Board Members Absent: None

*Public Hearing – Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (School FIRST)

- Assistant Superintendent Bruce Barnett presented a report on the financial integrity rating for 2005-06 and reported that for the fifth year in a row the district received a superior rating from the State of Texas. This rating is based on financial, student, budgetary and actual general ledger data.

*Presentations from the Public: None

*Superintendent/Board Dialogue:

- Dr. Frazier and Dr. Hambrick presented Crutchfield, Fairview, Jefferson, Perrin and Wakefield Elementary Schools with a Certificate for Recognized Performance acknowledging the academic accomplishments of those elementary schools for the 2006-07 school year. The Sherman I.S.D. congratulates the staff and students of these campuses for their recognized performance and awards each campus \$5,000.
- Lynn Burton, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, reported today's enrollment is 6,553, an increase of 35 students from last year. He was also pleased to report as of September 13 none of the class sizes in grades K-4 exceeded the 22:1 ratio.
- Mr. Burton also reported on the number of transfer students in the district and the current transfer policy is serving us well.
- Mr. Thomas O'Neal, Principal, Sherman High School, gave an ACT/SAT report. Out of 119 students tested on the SAT last year, Sherman students received 520 in the verbal, 537 in the math and 510 in the writing, well over the national average.
- Dr. Cindy Lawrence, Director of Special Education, presented a Special Education Program Report. There are 877 students in the district who have been identified as having a disability and 83 percent of those students have passed an on grade level test, either TAKS or SDAA on grade level, which is above the state average.
- Chuck Edwards, Director of Maintenance, provided the Board with a construction update. He reported things are going well at the Neblett Elementary campus, warranty issues are being worked out and SHW is changing the glass color in some of the classrooms in an attempt to modify the light levels in those classrooms. The Sory Elementary campus is going up fast and currently is well ahead of schedule. The Piner field house was occupied as of today and the exterior buff color has been changed. The floors need to be redone and the building still needs telephones and computers and there is some exterior site work to be done. The Piner classroom steel will be on site very shortly and peers have been drilled on the Dillingham site. The '86 wing has been completely gutted at Washington and they are finishing the peers. The contractor has finished drilling peers at the SHS site.
- Mignon Plyler, Director of Technology, provided the board with the district's technology plan. The technology plan for Sherman I.S.D. has met the SLD criteria and No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements and the plan was approved on June 8, 2007 for a period of three years.
- Dr. Frazier provided the board with TASB delegate information and Dr. Hendricks said the board would trust Dr. Frazier's decision to vote on their behalf.

*Action Items:

- The Board approved the acceptance of gifts as presented.
- The Board approved expenditures and revenue for the month of August 2007 in the amount of \$7,806,358.27 as presented.

- The Board approved budget amendments as presented.
- The Board approved the Texas Purchasing Consortium Agreement as presented.
- The Board approved the Resolution to Adopt Tax Rates for 2007 as presented.
- The Board approved a Contract for GMP in the amount of \$9,051,339.00 for the Sherman High School Additions Project as presented.
- The Board approved the installation of a video security camera system for Neblett Elementary School in the sum of \$187,677.03, as presented.

*From Closed Meeting:

- The Board acknowledged the Superintendent's acceptance of a LSSP resignation effective September 21, 2007 as presented.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.