

HEMPSTEAD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD NOTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

April 17, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the Hempstead Independent School District met in regular session in the Board Room of the Administration Office on April 17, 2006.

Special Recognition:

- High School UIL Academic Meet – Advancing to Regionals
- High School Career & Technology Judging Teams
- Middle School “Texas Do The Write Thing Challenge” Finalists
- Doug Basgal, President of the Athletic Booster Club

Donations: Various donations from our community to the Elementary and High School students.

Items for discussion and/or action:

- The Board approved the minutes of the March 20, 2006, Regular Meeting and the March 20, 2006, Building Committee Meeting.
- Mrs. Buenger gave the Superintendent’s Report:
 - ▶ Enrollment report: $349 + 292 + 331 + 368 + 20 = 1360$
 - ▶ Recognized Coach Sargent and the boys’ track team. They were 2nd place with 128 points (5 points behind Bellville with only eight boys).
 - ▶ TAKS test for all grades 3rd – 11th testing at some time during this week. The high school will be on a modified schedule from Tuesday to Friday.
 - ▶ HISD has been awarded a grant from TEA for \$294,000.00 to restructure and redesign the high school.
 - ▶ City of Hempstead is seeking donations for the City Park.
 - ▶ TASB’s summary of localization of Board policies will be reviewed and action taken on each policy at the next board meeting.
- The Building Committee’s facilities walk through on April 7th was discussed. It was decided that at this time the focus should be on the restroom at the “old” elementary and the acoustics in the band hall. Mrs. Buenger and Mr. Richard will contact Paul Malek and the architect to get these plans going.
- Mrs. Loukanis gave the tax report, financial report and the investment report for the district. The Board approved the payment of bills for the month.
- HISD’s Board of Trustee Election, May 13, 2006:
 - ▶ Certification of Unopposed Candidates
 - ▶ Order of HISD Trustee Election Cancellation
 - ▶ Statement of Elected/Appointed Officers
- Board approved:
 - ▶ TASB Risk Management Policy
 - ▶ Classroom teacher’s master degree stipend was “tabled” and the Board asked Mrs. Loukanis to let them know what other districts offered.
 - ▶ Student Transfers for 2006-2007 were all approved.
 - ▶ Billy Drago with the Waller County News-Citizen and Pat Chernosky with the Hotline Press were nominated for TASB’s Media Honor Roll.
 - ▶ The School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) members were approved.

The referendum supporting Focusing Families building a woman’s shelter on property near the high school and middle school did not pass with three Board members for the shelter, three Board members against the shelter and one Board member abstaining.

The four principals gave a report regarding the successes and accomplishments of the current school year and plans for 2006-07 at the elementary and high school.

Mr. Hill updated the Board members on the progress of the technology in the district.

Mrs. Vines gave a report on the Gifted and Talented Program and will bring the G&T guidelines back to the Board at the next meeting for their approval.

The Board entered into closed session at 9:38 p.m. and returned to open session at 10:12 p.m.

Action taken after the closed session was:

- ▶ The Board approved contracts for:
 - Pam Mellman
 - Racquel Tamez
 - Renee Knowles
 - Carol Still
 - Paul Trevino
 - Jean Adams

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.