

**HEMPSTEAD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD NOTES**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

October 17, 2005

The Board of Trustees of the Hempstead Independent School District met in regular session in the Board Room of the Administration Office on October 17, 2005.

Special Recognition:

The Board recognized Brent Black for completion of his Scout project.

Accept Donations:

Donations were accepted from:

- Greater St. Peter's Baptist Church for luncheon for staff on September 29th.
- Dr. & Mrs. Harold Black and staff for the September 29th breakfast for new staff.
- Brazos Valley Credit Union in Brenham for \$100 to the High School Math/Science Club.
- Hempstead ISD Chamber of Commerce for \$1500 for the Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament on November 12th.
- Jack-in-the-Box for \$200 worth of coupons for Achievement Certificates for the elementary school.
- Sonic for Sonic Universe Blow-Up Planets for the elementary school.

Open Forum:

No one spoke during open forum.

Items for discussion and/or action:

- The Board approved the minutes of the September 19th regular meeting and the October 5th special meeting.
- Mrs. Buenger gave the Superintendent's Report:
 - Enrollment: 344 + 282 + 316 + 378 + 15 = 1335 (Louisiana 1-2)
 - Mrs. Buenger discussed the plan to become an exemplary school district.
 - Members of the Superintendent Incentive Plan Committee were shared with the Board.
 - The Specialized Campus Intervention Team, or SCIT, was discussed last month by Mr. Lawson. It is the team that will develop an improvement plan for the high school campus. The members of the SCIT are Dr. LuAnna Stephens, Mrs. Linda Mosley, and myself. Dr. Stephens is currently a professor at Angelo State University where she trains new secondary teachers and principals. She has been a superintendent, assistant superintendent, worked at TEA and Region 11 ESC. She was the first female high school principal in Dallas ISD. She has a long track record of improving high schools. Mrs. Mosley is a retired Special Education Director and past president of the Texas Diagnosticians Association. She has a lot of experience working with districts to provide a strong education for all students. The Board was given copies of their resumes.
 - The Board was invited to attend a meeting at Hempstead High School Auditorium on Thursday evening, October 20th, at 7:00 PM. The meeting, sponsored by the Citizens for a Better Waller County, will include a demonstration of the new E-Slate electronic voting machines.
 - Mrs. Buenger will be attending a Regional Superintendent Conference in Galveston on Wednesday and Thursday this week.
 - A copy of the *Bobcat Business*, written and printed by Mrs. Schroeder's classes, was distributed.

- The Board approved the financial audit for 2004-2005 presented by Alan Younts with the district's auditing firm, John R. Pechacek.
- The Board approved an order authorizing the refinancing of bonds. The information was presented by the district's financial adviser, Steve Perry, with Dain Rauscher.
- Mrs. Loukanis gave the tax report, financial report, and investment report for the district. The Board approved the payment of bills for the month.
- The Board approved Policy Update 76 affecting Local policies: CAA, FD, FDB, FDD, and FL.
- The Board approved a resolution that allows the district to not make up the four days missed due to Hurricane Rita and to pay employees for the days missed.
- The Board approved the building of the restrooms between the softball field and ag complex.
- The Board approved eliminating the "schedule of limitations" on discretionary leave from policy DEC(LOCAL).
- The Board approved the district's waiver for three staff development days, three early release days and a modified schedule for TAKS testing at the high school
- Mrs. Johnson presented the student handbooks for the DAEP and the AAA program.
- Mr. Lacey reviewed the CATE on-site review report with the Board.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:30 PM and returned to open session at 6:50 PM and again entered closed session at 7:22 PM and returned to open session at 8:10 PM

Actions taken after the closed session were:

- Approved a one year probationary teaching contract for Fred Crawford and a one year probationary contract for Patricia Donnell for middle school counselor.
- Approved administration's request to add a bilingual teacher at the elementary campus.
- Approved a settlement for Cause No. 04-11-17580. .

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.