

April 9, 2009
Henrietta, Texas

The Board of Trustees of the Henrietta Independent School District met in a regular meeting April 10, 2008, 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1801 East Crafton, Henrietta, Texas.

The following members were present: Billy Johnson, Danny Kelton, Mike Campbell, Rex Taylor, Rex Taylor and Paul Bennett

The following members were not present: Lanny Evans

Employees attending: Joy Hicks, Scot Clayton, Jeff McClure, Kristin Lennon and Lori Cochran

The following guests were present: Kevin Darnell, Ignacio Cruz and Glenda Ramsey

010409 The meeting was called to order by Rex Taylor, President of the Board of Trustees.

020409 The invocation was given by Rex Taylor.

030409 There was no one desiring to address the board.

040409 Construction Update: Glenda Ramsey and Kevin Darnell presented an update on the ongoing phases of the construction project.

050409 A motion was made by Mike Campbell and seconded by Paul Bennett to move forward with bidding the softball field as presented. Phase funds remaining after the construction of the softball field will be used to improve the baseball field. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

060409 Mr. McClure went over campus needs to complete the construction/remodel projects of the district. The board agreed to earmark \$325,500 for campus needs and \$119,900 for HVAC replacement from the contingency fund.

060409 Administration Report of Student Activities and Events

060409.1 Elementary Principal: Kendra Bennett reported that two rounds of TAKS testing is completed. 3rd and 5th grade reading preliminary results show both grade levels scoring above 90% passing, with 3rd grade having 55% commended. The 5th grade was close to 40% commended. The students worked very hard and showed a lot of academic growth. Elementary Newsletters were distributed which listed upcoming activities. 5th graders took their math TAKS this week. ITBS test for K-2 will be next week. Mrs. Holding organized a Health Fair and wellness testing for staff. Registration is being publicized to encourage getting Head Start, Pre-K and Kindergarten students pre-enrolled.

060409.2 Middle School Principal: No report from the Junior High. Quana West was attending the Junior High District Track Meet in Olney.

060409.3 High School Principal: Gary Parrish and Randy Zamzow are both attending the Junior High District Track Meet. Mr. McClure presented high school report of activities. Final stages of TAKS preparations are taking place. The campus is hitting all the historically week objectives both in the classrooms as well as through pullout programs for everyone that did not pass the Math and Science TAKS test last year. The next round of TAKS testing will be in the latter part of April. Senior students that have not mastered all portions of the TAKS test will receive outside tutorials. Midwestern State University has the Spectrum program for qualifying students to attend during the summer and receive 6 hours of college credit. There are approximately 20 positions available each year and this year over 85 students from the area applied. We are happy to announce that two of our students, Jesse Griffin and Ben Sauer, were accepted into this program. The UIL Academic meet was held the week following Spring Break. As a school we finished 3rd place in district. We have three students advancing to Regional Competition. They are: Rainey Lotsey, Ami Blackmon and Jacie Foster. The One-Act Play did an excellent job at district and performed for the Kiwanis Club last Friday evening. Tanner Tate was selected to the All-Star Cast and Kirsten Williams, Justin Greer and Devon Johnson were selected to the Honorable-Mention All-Star Cast. The High School Band competed in Concert and Sight Reading Contest on Wednesday. The band received a 2 for their stage performance and a 1 in Sight Reading. Baseball, Softball, Track, Golf and Tennis are going strong. The tennis teams competed this week. Kenley Reed and Adriene Borgman will be advancing to the Regional Tournament in Mixed Doubles. The Men's Doubles team of Chase Darnell and Marc Craig will also be advancing. They will be competing in Regionals on April 21st and 22nd. The Golf teams competed in their first round of district competition on Wednesday. After the first round Ally Whitehead and Ty Healer are in the running for a berth at Regionals. The second round will be next Wednesday at Runaway Bay. The District Track Meet will be held at City View. Field Events and running preliminaries will be held next Tuesday, with finals on Thursday. There were 22 applicants for the Band Director position. Applicants were narrowed down to thirteen and taken to the Band Director Search Committee. They narrowed the group seven and references will be check. The committee will meet again on April 17th to interview the preferred applicants.

060409.4 Assistant Superintendent: No report

060409.5 Superintendent: Jeff McClure reported that enrollment is declining in our district as it is in all districts in the area. Joy Hicks and Mr. McClure have met with administrators and asked that they be conservative in spending for the remainder of the year. Staffing will be adjusted to meet the needs of our students while acknowledging the reality of our changing enrollment. Guidelines related to the Stimulus Package are still being generated. Estimates for HISD are a Title I increase of \$30,000 and an IDEA-B increase of \$80,000 during the next two years. The funds are restricted to these programs. District along with the City have an opportunity to apply for a safe routes grant that will fund projects to provide safe routes for students to walk to school. (sidewalks and curbing) We would qualify for two projects up to \$750,000 per project. Consultants will be needed to write the plan. The City and School would split the cost of \$7500.

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The plan will be viable for 3 years. Applications will be submitted for the Elementary and Junior High Campuses.

070409 Consent Agenda Items:

070409.1 Minutes of March 12th board meeting were approved as presented by consent of the board.

070409.2 The March tax report was approved as presented by consent of the board.

070409.3 Payment of the bills was approved as presented by consent of the board.

070409.4 Minutes of the Clay-Jack SSA Board of Directors Meeting were approved as presented by consent of the board.

080409 The board was presented the District Financial Report by Joy Hicks, HISD Business Manager.

080409.1 A motion was made by Paul Bennett and seconded by Kelly Beeler to approve the quarterly investment report as presented. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

080409.2 A motion was made by Rex Taylor and seconded by Billy Johnson to approve Amendment #4 as presented. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

090409 A motion was made by Mike Campbell and seconded by Billy Johnson to approve the Cafeteria/Maintenance, Bus Driver and substitute pay scales as presented. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

100409 A motion was made by Kelly Beeler and seconded by Paul Bennett to approve the Transfer Student Application form and Transfer Agreement as presented. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

110409 A motion was made by Danny Kelton and seconded by Mike Campbell to approve the Order of Cancellation for the May 9, 2009 trustee election as presented. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

120409 Rex Taylor, President of the Board of Trustees called the board into executive session at 9:38 p.m. to discuss personnel, approve additions to substitute teacher list and personnel resignations.

The board adjourned from executive session at 10:18 p.m.

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130409 A motion was made by Danny Kelton and seconded by Mike Campbell to approve addition of Kelly Ashlock, Carrie Hale, Christina Hallwachs, Stephanie Roberts, Amy Smith, Karen Thompson and Sharon VanAllen to the list of substitute teachers for 2008-2009. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

140409 Meeting adjourned. (Time: 10:20 p.m.)