

October 9, 2008  
Henrietta, Texas

The Board of Trustees of the Henrietta Independent School District met in a regular meeting October 9, 2008, 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1801 East Crafton, Henrietta, Texas.

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

Employees attending: Scot Clayton, Jeff McClure, Lori Cochran, Kristin Lennon, Kendra Bennett, Nicki Holbert, Gary Parrish and Joy Hicks

The following guests were present: Glenda Ramsey, Kevin Darnell, Phil Major

011008 The meeting was called to order by Rex Taylor, President of the Board of Trustees.

021008 Invocation was given by Danny Kelton.

031008 Hear from anyone desiring to address the board.

041008 Construction Report – The board took a tour of the gym. Glenda Ramsey and Kevin Darnell reviewed construction progress. Plans for the new baseball/softball complex and improvement to the bus barn were viewed.

051008 Public Hearing on the FIRST report

061008 A motion was made by Kelly Beeler and seconded by Mike Campbell to approve the FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Report as presented. The motion carried. The vote 7-0. Our district received a superior rating.

071008 A motion was made by Mike Campbell and seconded by Lanny Evans to approve the Resolution continuing the approval of the extracurricular status granted to the 4-H Organization. The motion carried. The vote 7-0.

081008 Administration Report:

081008.1 Elementary Principal – Kendra Bennett presented board members with a newsletter and highlighted recent and upcoming activities. Mrs. Bennett gave special thanks to our High School PALS and Mrs. Johnson for all of their help to staff and students. The first six weeks is coming to a close. It's been a very successful six weeks. Parent conferences will be held tomorrow. "Tools for Success" program is going strong. There have been numerous donations and the office discipline referrals are dropping as compared to last year. The first round of TPRI testing and benchmarking has been completed. The administrators are meeting with each grade level and looking at the testing data and making plans to reach every student's needs. The Fall Book Fair was held a couple of weeks ago. Around \$1,400 was raised through generous support from our parents. Mrs. Story, Mrs. Mayes and various parent volunteers did a great job with this project. The PTO Ice Cream Social was very successful with about 140 people attending. RTI training

through Region IX with a focus on research-based instructional strategies and interventions will be a staff development focus for us this year.

081008.2 Middle School Principal – Mr. McClure presented the report for Quana West who was attending the junior high football games in Bowie. The first six week as ended and there were very few of the 218 students who were on the failing list. There were a high number of students to achieve the master achievement status. The Academic Skills Lab is benefitting the students greatly. Student progress has been noticed with the restricting of the ASL classes into smaller groups. The volleyball season is winding down with only one game remaining. The girls played in the district tournament in Nocona last week. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade team was 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team finished up in 4<sup>th</sup> place. The Cross Country is running strong with several individual athletes medaling at each meet. The teams are coached by Randy Zamzow. This district meet will be on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Football begins district play tonight in Bowie. The construction is to begin on the east side of the main building. Plans are already in place for the process. The new additions and remodel on the west side of the building are very nice.

081008.3 High School Principal – It has been an outstanding first six weeks of school. The students have had a great attitude, the teachers have had a great attitude, and we have begun many new projects to help our students in both a physical way as well as academically. The free breakfast has been very successful. Thanks to Mr. McClure, Joy Hicks and anyone else who was responsible for getting the program started in our school. We have been having daily focus, weekly focus and six weeks assessments in Math and Science to work on the historical weaknesses of our students in these areas. It stills seems a little early to see the benefits of our efforts, but should have a pretty good grasp before the March TAKS tests. Short six weeks assessments are being given to determine whether or not students are grasping the concepts that are supposed to be taught during the six weeks. There are still a few bugs in this area but we are in the process of working all of that out. The teachers' attitudes have been great. The Parent Portal has been great for parents. Only one or two complaints have been heard. Construction is going on at a rapid pace. The new classrooms are taking shape nicely and the gym is really coming together. Preparations are being made to begin on the Band Hall/Auditorium additions.

Extra-Curricular Activities – Football opens district play tomorrow night against Bowie and the next week we will take on Olney. Volleyball will play Bowie tomorrow night at home beginning at 4:00 with the Varsity. We will host Holliday on Tuesday night. Cross Country will host a meet this Saturday morning beginning at 8:00 am at Hapgood Park/Country Club. The UIL Band Marching Contest will be held on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls.

Ashley Haynie, 2008 graduate was named State Champion in the UIL – Fiction Writing Contest. Her original piece was titled Ole to Glory. She will be recognized in Austin at the House Chamber on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

081008.4 Assistant Superintendent – Scot Clayton reported that he is working with principals on the daily focus. Mr. Clayton stated that he received a very positive letter from a parent regarding parent portal and calendars on the web-page.

081008.5 Superintendent – Mr. McClure reported that the “Win a Wii” contest helped to generate 572 completed applications. As a result we increased the number of students qualifying for free/reduced meal to 42% district wide. Information was given to board members regarding tax ratification elections and the difficulty that schools are having getting them passed. Fall Board training will be held at Region 9 on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

091008 The board heard a report by Kendra Bennett on the Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI) for K-2.

101008 The board heard a report on Class Reduction (Title II) and Accelerated Reading & Math Initiative K-8 for 2006-2007 presented by Kendra Bennett.

111008 Consent Agenda Items

111008.1 The minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting were approved as presented by consent of the board.

111008.2 The September tax report was approved as presented by consent of the board.

111008.3 Payment of the bills was approved as presented by consent of the board.

111008.4 Approved minutes of the Clay-Jack SSA Board of Directors Meeting.

121008 The board was given a District Financial Report from Joy Hicks, Business Manager.

121008.1 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 7-0.

121008.2 There were no amendments to the 2008-2009 budget.

131008 Rex Taylor, President of the Board of Trustees called the board into executive session to discuss personnel and additions to the substitute teacher list at 10:00 p.m.

The board adjourned from executive session at 10:23 p.m.

141008 A motion was made by Danny Kelton and seconded by Billy Johnson to add the following to the 2008-2009 substitute teacher list: Carlena Kundert and Melissa Yost. The motion carried. The vote 7-0.

151008 Meeting adjourned. (Time 10:25 p.m.)