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The Board of Trustees of the Henrietta Independent School District met in a regular meeting September 11, 2008, 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1801 East Crafton, Henrietta, Texas.

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

Employees attending: Jeff McClure, Scot Clayton, Joy Hicks, Quana West, Kendra Bennett, Kristin Lennon, Gary Parrish and Erik Sanchez

The following guests were present: Phil Major, Kevin Darnell and Pan McKay

010908 The meeting was called to order by Rex Taylor, President of the Board of Trustees.

020908 Invocation was given by Mike Campbell

030908 There was no one desiring to address the board.

040908 Construction Report: Kevin Darnell reviewed construction progress.

050908 Technology Report: Erik Sanchez, Technology Director reported that technology has been updated district-wide. New wiring has been completed in the construction areas; the internet infrastructure and software has been updated. Mr. Sanchez reviewed the Parent Portal and improvements that have been made to the website.

060908 Administration Report:

060908.1 Elementary Principal – Kendra Bennett handed out the September Newsletter to board members and reviewed upcoming activities and events. Mrs. Bennett said that the Elementary had a great start to the new school year. The breakfast seems to be a hit. Parents have been great about the pick-up procedures in the afternoon. There were approximately 325 fed at the Grandparents' Breakfast. The cafeteria ladies supplied a lot of extra food, and we had several staff members help with getting it distributed to the classrooms. The 1st round of TPRI testing is approaching and preparations are being made.

060908.2 Middle School Principal – Quana West reported the school year started out smoothly. Students are getting into the routine. Enrichment Period (3rd period) is working really well. Staff is utilizing this time for accelerated instruction and for student enrichment. Teachers are opening each class period with a set of "objective" mini-lesson questions that concentrate on historically weak objectives for students by subject. By

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utilizing the Curriculum Learning Cooperative and with the assistance of Mr. Clayton, the “mini-lessons” are working well. We have also had a teacher representative from each subject go to Region 9 to work with how to better use the C.L.C. materials.

Next week, Mr. Rogers will be moving into his new classroom in the science wing. It will be nice to be able to access the new wing and also have additional space for students to congregate. The new additions should create a positive student learning environment.

Football, Volleyball, and Cross Country are under way. We also had signups for U.I.L. events this week. We are going to participate in One-Act Play this year. We had 56 student sign up to participate on OAP. We are excited about the school year.

060908.3 High School Principal – Scot Clayton presented in Gary Parrish’s absence. High School had an excellent start to the school year. The Teachers have an excellent attitude about the changes that have been implemented this year. The students are showing a positive attitude and the desire to do well. Math Specialist, Mrs. Essler has been going into every math class on a weekly basis and covering objectives that we are historically weak in. She is also pulling out those kids who did not pass Math TAKS as well as those who were close to not passing for math tutoring. Mrs. Essler is doing an outstanding job. Football is going strong and although we have no wins to show for it, we are improving every week and will be in good shape by the time district play starts. Lady Cat Volleyball is going strong and the varsity is currently ranked 3rd in the state in class AA. Construction is going well and if we can get the roof drain leaks taken care of we will be in great shape.

060908.4 Assistant Superintendent – Scot Clayton report that the first six weeks daily focus questions have been completed and that work has begun on the focus questions for the second six weeks.

060908.4 Superintendent – Mr. McClure congratulated Scot Clayton for being elected as State Secretary for TESP. Mr. McClure reported that the project to repair the plumbing issue at the High School/Elementary cafeteria as been addressed. The repair will be done during the Pioneer Reunion weekend. Business Manager, Joy Hicks was commended for working with our technology staff, getting the new copies into place and having them networked. The breakfast has been successful and a good thing for our students. Mr. McClure read notes from teachers. The “Win a Wii” campaign was successful. Applications for free/reduced meals were increased.

070908 A motion was made by Kelly Beeler and seconded by Paul Bennett to approve Brenda Simmons as Community Representative to the Head Start Policy Council. The motion carried. The vote 7-0.

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080908 Consent Agenda Items

080908.1 The minutes of the August 14th board meeting were approved as presented by consent of the board.

080908.2 The August tax report was approved as presented by consent of the board.

080908.3 Payment of the bills was approved as presented by consent of the board.

080908.4 The minutes of the Clay-Jack SSA Board of Directors Meeting were approved as presented by the consent of the board.

090908 The board was given a District Financial Report from Joy Hicks, Business Manager.

090908.1 A motion was made by Mike Campbell and seconded by Rex Taylor to approve the amendment #2 to the 2008-2009 budget as presented. The motion carried. The vote 7-0.

100908 Rex Taylor, President of the Board of Trustees called the board into executive session to discuss personnel, approve additions to the substitute teacher list and discuss real estate at 9:21 p.m.

The board adjourned from executive session at 10:07 p.m.

110908 A motion was made by Danny Kelton and seconded by Billy Johnson to add the following to the 2008-2009 substitute teacher list: Dustin Anderson, Christy Baker, Angelia Covington, Deborah Fehr, Thelma Lavy, Andres Sanchez and Sheila Wheeler. The motion carried. The vote 7-0.

120908 Meeting adjourned. (Time 10:09 p.m.)