

December 10, 2009
Henrietta, Texas

The Board of Trustees of the Henrietta Independent School District met in a regular meeting December 10, 2009, 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1801 East Crafton, Henrietta, Texas.

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

Employees attending: Kendra Bennett, Scot Clayton, Joy Hicks, Jeff McClure, Lori Cochran, Kristin Lennon, Randy Zamzow, Quana West and Gary Parrish

Guest attending: Glenda Ramsey

011209 The meeting was called to order by Kelly Beeler, President of the Board of Trustees.

021209 Invocation was given by Danny Kelton.

031209 There was no one desiring to address the board.

041209 Construction Report: Glenda Ramsey reviewed the progress on the baseball and softball fields.

051209 Administration Report of Student Activities and Events

051209.1 Elementary Principal – Kendra Bennett handed out newsletters and highlighted upcoming events. The Fourth Grade Musical will be December 17th at 6:30 p.m. The Free Book Blast will be on Friday, December 11th. Children will be able to pick out a book free of charge, get and wrapped to give to someone as a Christmas gift. All books were donated from publishers and have been read by Kealey Bullinger, Mandy Story and Lisa Mayes. The elementary is UIL Champions for the 8th year in a row. Congratulations to all the teachers and students who participated. Mrs. Bennett expressed a big thank you to Mary Parrish who coordinates our UIL. The elementary recently hosted a Veterans' Day by paying tribute to our men and women who have served in the armed forces and to all who are still serving by inviting them to visit with our students. Diversity Days were held on November 24th and 25th. The purpose of Diversity Days was to familiarize students with the physical and mental challenges that many people deal with on a daily basis. Students visited nine stations, where they experienced the challenges that go along with Dyslexia and other learning disabilities such as speech, hearing and visual impairments and physical impairments. Second grade students enjoyed a Thanksgiving Feast. The PTO Carnival was a huge success and the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The PTO also asked students to donate their Halloween candy to the troops. HES shipped 58 pounds of candy to our troops. Ms. Lennon attended an Assessment Conference last week and brought back some valuable information.

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051209.2 Middle School Principal – Quana West reported the Junior High placed 1st in the East Zone of District UIL competition last week. There were twenty-three students that finished 1st place in their competition. The One-Act Play placed 3rd. The basketball teams are in full swing. The B teams played in the Montague Tournament last weekend. All the athletes performed well and gained valuable experience. Band students participated in All-District Tryout last weekend. There were several students that did very well. The sixth grade band participated in the Christmas parade downtown last weekend also. The Student Council and the National Junior Honor Society are in the process of sponsoring a can food drive. Next week is the end of the 1st semester and things have been going extremely smooth. The faculty and students are working very hard to continue to excel in all areas.

051209.3 High School Principal – Gary Parrish reported that the semester exams will be next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Band concert was held tonight and all the bands sounded wonderful. Student participation numbers seem to be increasing in all athletic programs. There are currently 53 boys and 25 girls in basketball. There have been 52 to indicate that they will be playing baseball. The Student Council will be hosting a blood drive on January 6th. The first semester has been great. Mr. Parrish said that an assembly will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 15th and at that assembly one of the faculty members will be recognized with a special award that they are not even aware of.

051209.4 Assistant Superintendent – Scot Clayton presented the Highly qualified report. The district is at 100%.

051209.5 Superintendent's Report – Mr. McClure stated that the bands performed wonderfully tonight. The High School Band in particular sounded great. Our students are excelling in all areas of participation. Mr. McClure stated that all board members are on track to complete board training. Superintendent evaluation was handed out to board members. Board members were also invited to stop by the Annual Christmas Staff Appreciation Day on December 17th, from 10:00 to 3:00 in the Administration Meeting Room.

061209 Consent Agenda Items:

061209.1 The minutes of the November 12th board meeting were approved as presented by consent of the board.

061209.2 Payment of the bills were approved as presented by consent of the board.

061209.3 The November Tax report was approved as presented by consent of the board.

061209.4 The 2009-2010 Textbook Committee was approved as presented.

071209 A motion was made by Mike Campbell and seconded by Billy Johnson to approve the Multi-Regional Purchasing Coop Agreement as presented. The motion carried. The vote 7-0.

081209 A motion was made by Rex Taylor and seconded by Billy Johnson to approve CCAD's request to retain the excess 2008 funds for the purpose of future equipment upgrades. The motion carried. The vote 5-2, Mike Campbell and Kelly Beeler voted against the motion.

091209 A motion was made by Lanny Evans and seconded by Rex Taylor to adjust the date of the January Board meeting from the 14th to the 21st, due to the Clay County Livestock Show. The motion carried. The vote 7-0.

101209 The board was given a District Financial Report by Joy Hicks, HISD Business Manager.

101209.1 There were no amendments to the 2009-2010 budget.

111209 Kelly Beeler, President of the Board of Trustees called the board into executive session to discuss personnel at 8:36 p.m.

The board adjourned from executive session at 9:07 p.m.

121209 A motion was made by Billy Johnson and seconded by Paul Bennett to approve addition of Vernon Haas and Jennifer Medley to the list of 2009-2010 substitute teachers. The motion carried. The vote 7-0.

131209 Meeting adjourned. (Time: 9:08 p.m.)