

**Grapevine-Colleyville ISD Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 29, 2007**

**BOARD ACTIONS**

Approved a **budget amendment** to increase appropriations by \$47,500 to hire a full-time English for Speakers of Other Languages teacher. This will allow for the recommended 45 minutes per day of ESOL instruction for students at Grapevine Elementary and Heritage Elementary and provide equitable services for all students. This results in an increase in use of fund balance of \$47,500.

Approved the **2008-2009 student/teacher calendar** as supported by the District Excellence Committee and the majority of the community. State law requires that public schools begin classes no earlier than the fourth Monday in August, and local waivers for an earlier school start date are no longer an option. The calendar has a start date of Monday, August 25, 2008. Two calendar options were drafted and presented to the community for feedback. A total of 2,337 responses were received this year and 66 percent of respondents selected the calendar with the week-long break at Thanksgiving. Spring break will be March 16-20 and the last day for students will be June 4, 2009.

Approved premium rates for 2008 for the **District's employee health benefits plans**. The Employee Benefits Advisory Committee voted to recommend a rate increase to absorb a 3 percent trend increase to the health plan, with the idea of keeping this a nominal increase in 2008 instead of a potentially large increase in the future. While this is the third year for a small increase for GCISD, the District plan is still performing well below the national trends of 15 to 20 percent increases in health care costs. The core plan and the \$1,500 deductible plan will still be offered to every employee at no cost.

Approved an agreement with **Fox Sports Net Southwest** to televise the varsity football game between Grapevine High and Carroll High on a live or tape-delayed basis. In consideration of the rights granted to Fox through the agreement, GCISD receives two minutes of commercial time during the game for its corporate sponsors and the opportunity for GHS students to be on television. The game has been moved to 7:30 p.m. Thursday to accommodate the broadcast.

Accepted the donation of three sun shades from the **Colleyville Heritage High School Tennis Booster Club**. Last May, the Booster Club donated one sun shade. The 8-foot by 12-foot sun shades carry a value of \$9,448 and will be installed on the CHHS tennis courts to the benefit of the CHHS tennis program.

Adopted a resolution casting 281 votes for John T. Eubanks for the **Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors**. The Property Tax Code requires that votes be cast in an open meeting for the TAD Board of Directors. Mr. Eubanks has been serving on this Board and has indicated his interest in continuing that service.

Approved the **Board Minutes** for the September 24, 2007, regular meeting.

Approved the **October 2007 Personnel Report**, which included five one-year term contracts for teacher-probationary, one one-year contract for non-certified employee-probationary and five resignations/retirements.

Approved the **Financial Statements** for the month ending September 30, 2007.

Approved the **September 2007 Monthly Construction Report**.

Approved the **September 2007 Tax Collection Report**.

Approved **budget amendments**.

Approved 2007-2008 membership dues to the **Texas School Coalition** in the amount of \$8,500. GCISD has been a member of the Coalition since 1996.

Approved **bids** for concrete services, library supplies and equipment, and office furniture.

### **INFORMATION**

Information was presented regarding **school bell schedules** for 2009-2010. A committee was formed in January 2007 to consider all facets of school schedules for elementary and secondary while looking to address and balance academic needs, intervention opportunities, student developmental needs and related support services such as bus transportation. The District will continue researching this issue and will be gathering feedback from employees and the community throughout the school year.

A report on the annual **Highly Qualified Educator Status** was presented. The report verifies the total number of full-time GCISD teachers who meet the state's Highly Qualified requirements in their primary, core teaching assignments for 2007-2008. Of the 692 certified teachers who teach core subjects, all 692 – or 100 percent – are rated Highly Qualified.

A report on the **2007 Summer School Program** was presented. The existing District summer programs include academic programs at elementary, middle and high school levels. A summer enrichment program is offered for kindergarten through eighth-grade students, and KidzU offers a summer program in conjunction with other District programs. More than 2,400 students enrolled in the 2007 summer programs.

Information was presented regarding **secondary school class sizes** by course, based on an analysis of the master schedule and course enrollments.

A summary of the District's **2007 Advanced Placement exam** scores was presented. In May 2007, more than 1,300 GCISD students took more than 3,000 advanced placement exams spanning 28 subject areas. GCISD students consistently scored higher than those at the state and national levels.

A summary of the District's **2007 Adequate Yearly Progress Report** of campuses and the District was provided. This report is part of the federal No Child Left Behind initiative and evaluates student performance and participation rates in math and reading, both as a group and in six categories: African American, Hispanic, White, economically disadvantaged, special education and limited English proficiency. All GCISD campuses and the District as a whole met AYP standards.

An update was provided on activities related to the **2005 Bond Program**. A video in the ongoing student bond video series was shown highlighting summer construction work at both high school campuses.

- On Bid Package 5, demolition is nearing completion at the Professional Development and Education Center (the former Colleyville Elementary), roof replacement is ongoing and new HVAC ducts are being installed. Renovations to the PDEC are expected to be complete in March 2008. At CHHS, painting continues and ceramic tile is being installed on the new choir room, and ductwork is complete in the wrestling room. Both additions are tentatively scheduled to be turned over to the District next week. Exterior site work is progressing as scheduled, and work will continue at both CHHS and GHS in summer 2008.
- On Bid Package 6, utilities are in place and interior HVAC ducts are being installed at the Instructional Service Center (ISC). Drywall partitions are in place and work continues on electrical and plumbing. Renovations are expected to be complete in December 2007.

A summary report of the **owner's contingency money** used for 2005 Bond Projects was provided. The Board previously granted authority to certain personnel to expend allocated owner's contingency money as needed to carry out construction projects.

### **RECOGNITIONS**

Students from **Cannon Elementary School** led the pledges and the October Character Theme, "Making a Difference." Participants were Jazmin Barazza, Enrique Hernandez, Olivia Cohoon, Michael Sandoval, Hannah Andersson, Christos Cavazos, Nicholas King and Sarah Marshall. Their Principal is Tim Sutton.

The District's 11 **National Merit semifinalists**, nine **National Hispanic scholars** and two **National Achievement scholars** were each recognized for their accomplishments. National Merit semifinalists are: Shelby Lee, CHHS; Stephanie Swaim, CHHS; Christina Wray, CHHS; Tonia Beglari, GHS; Kelsey Creed, GHS; Tyler Franklin, GHS; Brigit Holland, GHS; Matthew Klingensmith, GHS; Derek Lowe, GHS; Dominic Nguyen, GHS; and Shelby Wright, GHS. National Hispanic scholars are: Valorie Clark, CHHS; Alexandria Garcia, CHHS; Carolyn Estrada, CHHS; Cynthia Oaxaca, CHHS; Daniel Oropeza-Gomez, CHHS; Patricia Santiago, CHHS; Amanda Bauer, GHS; Leslie Berntsen, GHS; and Anneliese Roberto, GHS. National Achievement scholars are: Angelise Hadley and Bianca Smith, both of CHHS.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee Rodríguez announced that the North Texas Area Association of School Boards will be November 14 at the Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD Administration Building. Guest speaker will be State Rep. Diane Patrick. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with the program following at 7 p.m.