

Grapevine-Colleyville ISD Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 25, 2006

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was conducted to present the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report for the District for 2004-2005. The District received a rating of "Superior Achievement."

BOARD ACTIONS

Accepted the donation of a trailer from the **CHHS Football Booster Club** for the exclusive use of the CHHS football program. The trailer is valued at \$3,600 and will be added to the District's fleet of vehicles.

Approved revisions to **Local Board Policies** DAA and DMC. The subject matters addressed include employment objectives and professional development.

Approved the **recognition of 4-H** as an extracurricular activity and the adjunct faculty agreement. The Texas Cooperative Extension office provides adjunct staff members at no cost to the District to direct 4-H programs for school districts.

Approved **budget amendments** in response to student growth at Timberline Elementary. Amendments include an increase of \$160,000 to the payroll budget for additional teaching and paraprofessional positions, an increase of \$3,534 in the campus supply allocation and a decrease of \$166,337 in estimated recapture costs. This results in a net reduction of overall budgeted expenditures of \$2,803.

Approved the **lease agreement and construction easement** with the City of Colleyville for Pleasant Run Road. This allows the District to conduct road improvements to Pleasant Run Road in conjunction with the construction of GCISD's new Colleyville Elementary campus.

Approved revisions, additions and/or deletions to **Local Board Policies** CKC, CRD and FDA as recommended by TASB Policy Service and contained in the TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 78. The subject matters addresses include emergency plans, insurance and annuities management, and inter-district transfers.

Approved the use of **1998 Bond funds** for two primary purposes: funding any immediate and unplanned needs; and funding items requested for the 2005 Bond Program that were not selected by the Bond Steering Committee. These items include common upgrades to or replacement of public announcement systems in school buildings as well as items needed to refurbish the central administration buildings. These expenditures will close out the \$1,097,162 remaining in the 1998 Bond fund.

Approved the purchase of services from **The Inova Center Ltd.**, which will provide Title I and secondary campuses with comprehensive desegregation of TAKS test results not available through other sources. This will offer additional information to determine when appropriate interventions and strategies for students can be implemented. The cost per campus is \$1,695.

Approved the **Board Minutes** for the August 28, 2006, regular meeting.

Approved the **September 2006 Personnel Report**, which included two one-year term contracts for certified professional-probationary, eight one-year term contracts for teacher-probationary and two resignations/retirements.

Approved the **Financial Statements** for the month ending August 31, 2006.

Approved the **August 2006 Monthly Construction Report**.

Approved the **August 2006 Tax Collection Report**.

Approved **budget amendments**.

Approved the special education **Legal Services Retainer Agreement** with the law firm of Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Schulze & Aldridge, P.C.

Approved the 2006-2007 membership of the GCISD **Health Education Advisory Council**.

INFORMATION

An update was provided on the **Parent Substance Abuse Awareness Seminar**. The target date for completion of the online program was today for parents with students in extracurricular activities. Presently, parents of more than an estimated 3,300 students are registered in the program. Parents who are not able to access the information online have been allowed to register manually and hard copies of the curriculum have been provided. Coaches and sponsors are now in the process of contacting parents who have not completed the assessment.

Ray Turco of Raymond Turco and Associates presented results of the **2006 Resident Attitude Survey** and compared/identified trends based on previous surveys conducted over the past 10 years. The District has hired this firm since 1996 to conduct periodic attitude surveys of residents. The current survey shows that four out of every five residents sampled were either satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of education in GCISD. That rating was even higher among parents sampled, with satisfaction levels of 99 percent among parents of elementary students, 98 percent among parents of middle school students and 95 percent among parents of high school students.

An update was provided on activities related to the **2005 Bond Program**. The District's Bond website, <http://gcisd.huckabee-inc.com/>, was featured.

- Bid Package 1 is nearing completion. Artificial turf has been installed and improvements to practice fields have been made. Work continues on the CHHS baseball field on the dugouts, irrigation and fencing. Sod grass is to be placed this week.
- On Bid Package 2, the CHHS parking lot is complete and in use. At BCES, exterior walls of the new cafeteria addition are being constructed and work continues on roofing and plumbing. At TES, steel framing is in place for the library addition and work continues on the Enrichment Center/classroom. Work at CTMS is scheduled to begin in December, while renovations to Mustang-Panther Stadium are scheduled to begin in April 2007.
- On Bid Package 3, the second slab has been poured for the new Colleyville Elementary campus and under-floor plumbing is being installed now. Installation of structural steel and interior masonry is scheduled for next week. At CMS, the first foundation pour for the new gymnasium is scheduled this week with installation of structural steel set for mid-October.
- On Bid Package 4, foundation work is scheduled to begin this week at SLES and HMS. The utility easement at HMS has been relocated, and construction fencing and erosion control measures are in place.

A summary of the District **2005-2006 ACT and SAT scores** was presented. Overall, GCISD students continue to exceed state and national averages on these exams and more students are taking these exams each year. On the ACT, students increased scores over the previous years in all subject areas tested. Students also set a new District record on the ACT this year for the number of test takers, and approximately 85 percent of GCISD juniors and seniors took the SAT last year.

A summary report of the **owner's contingency money** used in Bid Package 2 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 the **Colleyville Middle School PALS program** led the pledges and the September Character Theme, "Respecting Ourselves and Others." Participants were Connor Bourland, Ben Heath and Leeci Head. Their PALS sponsor is Christine Roberts and their Principal is Toni Thalken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Jesse Rodriguez thanked Hank Johnson for his help with information regarding school finance issues.

Vice President Lisa Hall reminded the audience about the Colleyville Heritage High Homecoming activities scheduled for this week.

Trustee Jesse Rodriguez congratulated Heritage Elementary for its official recognition as a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School.

President Nancy Coplen invited the public to the in-District presentation of the GCISD Extravaganza at 7 p.m. Oct. 3 at Grapevine High School. This student performance will be presented for state education officials during the annual convention of the Texas Association of School Administrators and Texas Association of School Boards.