

Grapevine-Colleyville ISD Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
July 31, 2006

STUDY SESSION

The Board discussed the proposed Belief, Vision and Mission statements and Long Range Plan Goals for GCISD as presented by the District Excellence Committee. The DEC worked for the past year to review, revise and update these statements and goals. The Board requested the committee consider an additional goal(s) to reflect the importance of continued communications and items addressed in the Belief statements. The DEC will present its suggestions at a future Board study session.

BOARD ACTIONS

Approved **Toni Thalken** as the **new principal of Colleyville Middle School**. Thalken currently serves as the assistant principal at CMS.

Accepted the **certified property appraisal roll** of \$8.86 billion provided by the Tarrant Appraisal District as the District's official 2006 Appraisal Roll, and certified the anticipated collection rate of 100 percent for the tax year 2006.

Approved the regularly scheduled Board meeting date of Aug. 28, 2006, as the public meeting **date to adopt the 2006 tax rate** of \$1.5743. The proposed tax rate is the combined rate of \$1.3243 for maintenance and operations and \$0.25 for debt service. The meeting will be in the Board Room of the GCISD Administration Building.

Tabled a recommendation regarding revisions and updates to **Local Board Policies** CH, EEJB and GKD. The subject matters addressed include purchasing authority, credit by examination and use of facilities.

Endorsed Trustee Jesse Rodriguez as a candidate for the **Texas Association of School Boards' Board of Directors** for Region 11, Position A. Rodriguez expressed prior interest in this position.

Approved the **2006-2007 Teacher Appraisal Calendar** as presented. The calendar includes dates, events and requirements that comply with the Commissioner's Rules Concerning Educator Appraisals.

Approved the list of Professional Development Appraisal System (PDAS) **certified appraisers** for the 2006-2007 school year. This pre-established roster of trained and certified appraisers will be used upon a teacher's request for a second appraiser.

Appropriated \$76,481 from the 1998 Bond fund for the purchase of a **portable classroom for Cannon Elementary** due to enrollment growth. The building will be equipped with network connections, skirting and entry ramp.

Accepted the offer from the Texas Department of Transportation of \$79,978 for the **sale of approximately 0.15 acre of land** along the front of the current Colleyville Elementary site. TxDOT will use this land as part of its roadway expansion project of State Highway 26.

Approved an **Easement and Right-of-Way** for TXU Electric Delivery Company as submitted. TXU requires easement and rights for the Colleyville Middle School site in order to remove two electric poles and install underground electric supply for the new gymnasium (approved in the 2005 Bond.)

Approved a license agreement with Sunbelt Gymnastics Academy to provide a **practice location for GCISD gymnasts** for three years. In addition, Sunbelt will purchase a pommel horse and high bar for the boys' gymnastics program, and GCISD will place the equipment it owns in the facility.

Approved the **campus performance objectives** as submitted. These plans are reviewed and revised, if needed, each year by the principal and a campus-level committee for the purpose of improving student performance for all student populations.

Trustee Lisa Hall requested **reports to the Board** to clarify changes made to the drug testing policy, including clarification to the parent drug education awareness program. These changes were approved at the June meeting.

Awarded the bid for an **electronic message center** to be installed at the District's Administration Building to DFW Signs, Inc., in the amount of \$26,950.

Approved an **Ed-Flex Schoolwide Eligibility Waiver** for Grapevine High School for 2006-2007. This supplemental waiver form is to submit information and the required signatures to complete the campus' request for a waiver of the 40 percent campus poverty threshold requirement for Title 1, Part A schoolwide eligibility.

Approved the **Board Minutes** for the June 19, 2006, regular meeting and July 11, 2006, special meeting.

Approved the **July 2006 Personnel Report**, which included two one-year term contract for campus administrator-probationary, 45 one-year term contracts for teacher-probationary, one one-year term contract for teacher-term and 12 resignations/retirements.

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

Approved the **June 2006 Tax Collection Report and 2005-2006 Year-End Tax Collection Report**.

Ratified expenditures made from the **owner's contingency monies** allocated in the 2005 Bond program. The Board previously granted authority to certain personnel to expend allocated owner's contingency money as needed to carry out construction projects.

Consented to the **acquisition of interest** by Time Warner Cable in the agreement between GCISD and the former AT&T Broadband d/b/a Comcast. In March 2000, GCISD entered into an agreement with AT&T Broadband Network Solutions for a fiber optic network. During the initial term, AT&T assigned its interest in the GCISD agreement to Comcast, and now Time Warner Cable is taking over Comcast's interest in the agreement.

Approved a new **interlocal agreement with the City of Grapevine** to provide busing services to specified students in the Grapevine Elementary attendance zone. This is due to an extensive construction project on Glade Road by the City that will create hazardous conditions for students going to and from school along this route. The Board previously approved an interlocal agreement for this purpose in May, but changes that do not affect the District have been made to the agreement since its original approval.

Awarded **bids** for chicken sandwiches to be resold by the Nutritional Services Department and concert uniforms for Colleyville Heritage High School.

INFORMATION

An update was provided on activities related to the **2005 Bond Program**. On Bid Package 1, the multi-campus field improvements, the installation of artificial turf at CHHS, CTMS and Mustang-Panther Stadium are complete, as are the improvements to the CHHS practice fields and HMS competition fields. Work has begun on the CHHS baseball field. On Bid Package 2, site grading is complete at BCES and the CHHS parking lot, and foundation work has begun at BCES. Permits have been issued for work at CTMS and TES. Improvements to Mustang-Panther Stadium are scheduled to start in December. On Bid Package 3, mass excavation is underway at both CMS and the new CES site. The parking lot on the east side of CMS is scheduled to be complete before the start of school on Aug. 15. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new CES is set for 8:30 a.m. Aug. 22. On Bid Package 4, permits have been issued for work at SLES and HMS. Bond Packages 2A and 2B have been separated into two bid packages as follows: Bid Package 5 – CES, OCT, CHHS, GHS, BES and GHES (scheduled to begin in Spring and Summer 2007); Bid Package 6 – CAN, DES, GES, HES, GMS, ISC, Transportation, Warehouse, Administration, Tax Office, Swim Center and Facilities (scheduled to begin in Spring and Summer 2008).

A review of the annual **Highly Qualified Educator Status Report** was provided. This report verifies the total number of full-time GCISD teachers who meet the Highly Qualified requirements in their primary teaching assignments for the 2005-2006 school year. Of the 667 certified teachers who teach core subjects, 665 or 99.7 percent are rated Highly Qualified.

A summary of the **random drug testing program** for 2005-2006 was provided. A total of 403 tests were administered throughout the year, with 59 of those also tested for steroids. A total of nine tests were positive for illegal substances for the entire year. None of those positives were for steroids.

OPEN FORUM

Joan Cunniff addressed the Board regarding the parent drug awareness program and assessment that the Board approved in June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Nancy Coplen reminded the Board, administration and audience of several upcoming events: the Education Foundation's new teacher luncheon is Aug. 7, GCISD Convocation is Aug. 10 and the first day of school for students is Aug. 15. Coplen also thanked Principal Tim Hughes for his leadership of Secondary Summer School and summer graduation ceremonies.

Trustee Lisa Hall congratulated Becky Prentice for being named principal of Colleyville Heritage High.