

**EUSTACE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
F.M. ROAD 316 SOUTH – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2006**

The Board of Trustees of the Eustace Independent School District met in regular session at 7:04 p.m., with President Mike Smith presiding. The following members were present: Mike Smith, Diane Russ, James Cox, Gary Walsh, Sara McAtee, and Cotton Walker. Thomas Frazier arrived late. Also in attendance were superintendent Coy Holcombe, assistant superintendent Janice Beasley, and Debbie Myers, secretary to the superintendent.

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present. Gary Walsh gave the invocation. Visitors included assistant superintendent Janice Beasley, Mark Swan, Toni Wright, Michelle Black, Michael McConnell, Lane Bauer, Brooke Bauer, William & Kim Jackson, Grayson Jackson, Abigail Jackson, Holly Bradbury, Crystal McConnell, teachers Amy Huggins and Cindy Babcock, and principals Dianne Shaffer, Robert Reeve, and Stan Sowers. Mr. Smith asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Board in open communications. There were no communications from the audience.

Dr. Holcombe honored fourth-grade teacher Amy Huggins with a proclamation for being named Elementary Teacher of the Year by the East Texas State Fair. He also presented proclamations to the following students for their achievements at the East Texas State Fair Academic Rodeo: (1) Kaeli Bovis, 1st Place, 3rd Grade Art; (2) McClaine Bauer, Honorable Mention, 4th Grade Art; (3) Kirby Grimes, 2nd Place, Science Fair, 5th grade; (4) Holly Bradbury, 3rd Place, Science Fair, 5th Grade; (5) Crystal McConnell, 4th Place, Spelling Bee, 3rd Grade; (6) Grayson Jackson, 7th Place, Spelling Bee, 5th Grade; and (7) Canon Thomsen, 1st Place, Writing, 10th Grade.

Diane Russ made a motion, seconded by James Cox to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on September 19, 2006 as presented. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Sara McAtee made a motion, seconded by Cotton Walker to approve the budget balances, printed list of checks, tax collections, investment report, and budget amendments for September as presented. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. The Board reviewed a comparison of the amount of revenues budgeted vs. the estimated amount earned vs. the amount that has been received, and Dr. Holcombe noted that the district is earning slightly more than was budgeted, which is a good thing.

Assistant superintendent Janice Beasley told the Board that the committee met on October 10, 2006 and discussed the calendar for the 2007-2008 school year. The new mandate of starting school no earlier than the last Monday in August will most likely mean that the school year will end after Memorial Day in May. The campuses will submit their individual calendar priorities and needs at the next meeting.

Dr. Holcombe presented reports on: (1) The new requirements for the FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas); (2) The Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS); (3) The enrollment figures for districts in neighboring counties; and (4) The 2004 Property Value Study.

Dr. Holcombe and the Board received a thank you note from employee John Gragowski for the plant he received while he was in the hospital.

Toni Wright from the Department of State Health Services made a presentation to the Board on the Texas Vaccines for Children Program, a federally funded, state-managed program that began in October of 1984 for children from birth through 18 years of age. As a TVFC provider the school can give immunizations to all students, thus increasing compliance with school law and providing a service to district parents so they don't have to take off work to take children for immunizations. The school nurse can administer the program under a Texas licensed professional (i.e., medical doctor, osteopathic doctor, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified nurse midwife) who must sign the enrollment forms and provide coverage. The Department of State Health Services will provide the vaccines, forms and literature, syringes, and training. The school must provide a refrigerator with a separate freezer to ensure proper vaccine storage and handling, submit monthly biological reports, and maintain accessible records. The Board thanked Ms. Wright for her presentation and will consider this program.

The annual Campus Improvement Plans were distributed to board members prior to the meeting. These plans outline the specific goals and objectives set by the individual campuses to carry out the District Improvement Plan. Evaluations of the campus plans for the previous year were also distributed, which allowed for a comparison of how many of the goals and objectives were met during the year. Gary Walsh made a motion, seconded by Sara McAtee to approve the campus improvement plans as presented. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

The Board discussed submitting a nomination for Place 3 of the Board of Directors for the Henderson County Appraisal District. The jurisdiction for Place 3 is Mabank ISD, Eustace ISD, the City of Enchanted Oaks, and the City of Eustace. The Board took no action on this item.

The date of the regular board meeting in November falls on November 21, which is an early release day prior to the Thanksgiving break. James Cox made a motion, seconded by Diane Russ to change the date of the regular board meeting to Thursday, November 16. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Diane Russ made a motion to approve the sale of the following property held in trust: (1) Lot 5, Block 3, Cedar Creek Ranchettes, 4.74 Acres more or less for a bid of \$5,550. The property is valued at \$21,920. The motion died for lack of a second. No action was taken.

Enrollment figures as of October 11 were: Primary – 459; Intermediate – 323; Middle School – 369; and High School – 449. The district total of 1,600 is an increase of 39 students from

the first day of school this year, and a decrease of 17 students from the same time last year. The attendance for the first six-weeks period were: Primary – 97.07%; Intermediate – 98.43%, Middle School – 97.55%, and High School – 96.93%. The overall attendance was 97.42%.

At 8:23 p.m., the Board took a coffee break. At 8:40 p.m. they went into closed session.

Let the record reflect that Thomas Frazier arrived at 8:40 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:50 p.m., and reconvened in open session.

Diane Russ made a motion, seconded by James Cox to employ Jeanne D. Moody as a custodian at the high school, pending completion of all paperwork and submission of all required credentials. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

James Cox made a motion, seconded by Gary Walsh to employ Keith January as a one-on-one aide at the intermediate school, pending completion of all paperwork and submission of all required credentials. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Gary Walsh made a motion, seconded by Sara McAtee to approve additions to the list of substitute employees as presented. All members voted in favor of the motion carried.

Sara McAtee made a motion, seconded by Cotton Walker to adjourn. All members voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Mike Smith, President

Diane Russ, Secretary