

Summary of October 10, 2011 School Board Meeting

The school board met Monday evening to address the following agenda items.

Special Recognitions

Bonnie Hunt and Sam Jones, Green Acres Elementary teachers, were in attendance to present a program on Creating Good Writers, which is being implemented at their campus. Other items of special recognition in the district were also noted.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Brent Clark and approved by a 7-0 board vote to accept the consent agenda as presented and to amend the budget as necessary in order to spend the funds as requested.

- A. Minutes of the September 26, 2011 Regular Meeting
- B. Gifts – \$3,700 for supplies and \$800 for incentives at Hillcrest from the Hillcrest PTO.

Nominations for Appraisal District Board

A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Joe Ballard and carried with a 7-0 board vote to approve a resolution nominating the following individuals to serve on the Appraisal District Board of Directors: Deana Houlette, Chris Johnson, Scott Peeples, Layton Stovall and Mike Burnett.

EIAB (L) – Grading Progress Reports to Parents, Makeup Work - Rescind

A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Johnny Schmucker and carried with a 7-0 board vote to rescind policy EIAB(L) and address the provisions in the policy through the district's grading guidelines and student handbooks.

Resolution to Suspend Portions of EIE(L)

In light of changes to the state assessment test, a motion was made by Joe Ballard, seconded by Kevin Weatherford and carried with a 7-0 board vote to suspend for the 2011-12 school year only the portions of EIE(Local) that require students in grades 5 and 8 to meet passing standards on the applicable state-mandated assessment instruments for those grade levels to be promoted to the next grade level.

Personnel

The following personnel items were presented to the board for approval.

- A. Appointments: Reese Talley, 5th Grade Intermediate School Social Studies Teacher
- B. Resignations: None
- C. Retirements: None

A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Patty Willis and carried with a 7-0 board vote to accept the appointments as presented. Resignations and retirements do not require board approval.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Trustee Terms and Election Dates

SB100 changed the deadline for calling elections and has presented the district with a decision to be made regarding school board elections.

The board explored options, such as keeping the election schedule the same and purchasing the district's own voting machines, moving elections to May in odd numbered years and extending terms to four years, or moving our elections to November in even numbered years and extending terms to four years. This item was presented for discussion and action will be taken at a later meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

EIA IL) – Academic Achievement, Grading/Progress Reports to Parents – First Reading

The board discussed what impacts the implementation of the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) program will have on board policy EIA (Local) in the areas of course credit, grading and class rank. Additional information will be presented at later dates.

Elementary Behavioral Academic Class

Discussion was held regarding the creation of a BAC unit that will be housed at Hillcrest and serve as a self-contained setting for elementary students who have been diagnosed as having an emotional disturbance or other students with a disability who exhibit significant behavioral problems.

Enrollment Report

Current enrollment was 4,648 as opposed to 4,643 last week and 4,526 this time last year.

Purchasing Report

Under authorization of Policy CH (Local), the bid for custodial supplies was reported as being awarded to Miller Paper Company, low bidder.

Construction Update

A construction update on current projects throughout the district was presented to the board.

The next meeting of the DISD School Board is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.