

BOARD NOTES

April 19, 2007

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Board Approves Commissioning the “Quality Schools Task Force”

The Board of Trustees commissioned the “Quality Schools Task Force” comprised of community citizens to:

- Review campus and district-wide programs,
- Review district growth and demographic trends,
- Review all district facilities; and
- Make recommendations for consideration to the Board of Trustees resulting from the task force reviews.

The committee will meet twice monthly from May through July, 2007.

Instructional Focus Garrett Primary School

Marilyn Kegler, Garrett Primary Principal introduced the PACE Kindergarten teachers, Estela Alvarez, Pam McPherson, and Delisha Rogers. Through a power point presentation the teachers and students demonstrated how they used the internet to research and study Frances Scott Keyes to make a mini book. Following their presentation, students gave Board members a pop quiz; allowing them to use their mini books.

Recognition

Lufkin Middle School

Brent Rich, Sponsor of the Lufkin Middle School Destination Imagination Team recognized members of the team, who placed fourth in the State Destination Imagination Competition.

Brandon Elementary

Jason Davis, Brandon Elementary Principal, presented Peggy Bowser, HOST Coordinator, and Rhonda Carroll, Assistant, with a plaque presented for national recognition. Brandon Elementary’s HOST program is named as one of the top 20 in the nation. Ms. Bowser recognized the HOST mentors that were present in the audience.

David Perkins

Cooper Castleberry, Board President presented David Perkins with a pocket watch in commemoration of his service to the Board of Trustees from 2001-2007.

Board Approves Master Plan for Garrett

Board approves Phase I of the Master Plan for Garrett. Phase I includes acquiring property adjacent to the campus to allow safer entrances and exits for students, thus eliminating the need to cross Kurth Drive.

2007 TAKS Testing Update

Helen Strohschein, Director of Instruction, updated the Board on the TAKS testing week. Ms. Strohschein stated she observed:

- Tremendous organization and concentration by test administrators;
- Tremendous team work involving Student Nutrition Services, Maintenance/Grounds Department, Technology Department and the Administration; and
- Tremendous amount of hard work undertaken by teachers teaching the TEKS, and the students trying as hard as they can to master the test.

Ms. Strohschein stated LMS 8th graders tested on-line for the first time in Social Studies and Science. Ms. Strohschein also commended the third and fifth graders for their scores in reading and math which is a requirement to pass to be able to promote to the next grade.

Other Action Items of Business

⇒ The Board of Trustees approved the following items:

- Minutes of Previous Meetings
- Expenditures for the Month of March
- Employment of Manual Fonseca, Teacher
- Resignation of Marsha Glynn, Director of Even Start Program
- Budget amendment
- Bids:
 - Video Surveillance System for Anderson, Brandon, Brookhollow, Dunbar & Technology Department
 - Three pick-up vehicles for Maintenance/Grounds
- Change Order for Dunbar Primary School Project

Report Items

- The Interim Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
- General Fund Board Report
- Investment Report
- Tax Report
- Student Nutrition Services Report
- Update on 2007 Construction Projects
- Support Personnel Monthly Report



**Next Regular Meeting
May 17, 2007**