

Board of Trustees Recognized

The Texas Association of School Boards designates January as School Board Recognition Month, to emphasize to all of us the importance of the services these dedicated men and women provide to the schools and children of Texas. Each school year LISD campuses adopt a Board member and recognize them at the January Board meeting by presenting them with a token of appreciation for their outstanding service to Lufkin Independent School District.

Public Hearing 2007-2008 Academic Excellence Indicator System

Helen Strohschein, Director of Instruction, conducted a public hearing to discuss the districts 2007-2008 Academic Excellence Indicator System profile.

Instructional Focus

Trout Primary—Conscious Discipline



Conscious Discipline is a program that builds relationships between teachers and students, thus allowing teachers to better understand what motivates students and provides information for designing engaging activities.

Students from Trout Primary demonstrated activities utilized daily to encourage success and maintain a safe and nurturing learning environment. Each day begins with a "greeting" followed by morning exercise, and ends with a "Goodbye Song". After being greeted upon arrival, the school board members joined the students in a short version of the daily exercise routine. After the "Trout Cadence" designed to teach "whispering" skills, a short video clip explained the differences between traditional discipline and Conscious Discipline, and included photos and examples of success at Trout this year. The presentation ended with the "Goodbye Song".

Board Approves 2008-2009 District Improvement Plan

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the 2008-2009 District Improvement Plan. The plan is based upon the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools standards and those were the goals that were adopted by the Board in the fall of 2006. Included this year is a goal for citizenship. The plans also incorporated all the recommendations from the SACS CASI accreditation team.

OARD NOTES

Policy on Line: www.tasb.org/policy/pol/private/003903

Board Approves TASB Localized Update 84

The Board of Trustees approved TASB Localized Update 84 which includes:

BJCF	Superintendent- Nonrenewal
CDA	Other Revenues – Investments
CE	Annual Operating Budget
CNA	Transportation Management – Student Transportation
DFBB	Term Contracts - Nonrenewal
EEH	Instructional Arrangements – Homebound Instruction
FDB	Admissions – Intradistrict Transfers and Classroom Assignments
FNCE	Student Conduct – Telecommunications/Electronic Devices

Board Approves Extension of Superintendent's Contract

The Board of Trustees unanimously extended Roy Knight, Superintendent's contract for an additional one year; extending through 2013.

Board Approves Annual Financial Report

The Board of Trustees approved the Annual Financial Report for the year ended August 31, 2008. Axley & Rode, LLP completed the audit which showed the district to be in sound financial condition.

Other Action Items of Business

The Board of Trustees approved the Consent Agenda consisting of:

- Minutes of previous meetings
- Expenditures for the month of December
- Resignation of Gloria Smith, Teacher
- Budget Amendment

Report Items Submitted for Review

- The Interim Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
- General Fund Board Report
- Special Revenue Funds Board Report
- Debt Service Fund Board Report
- Capital Projects Fund Board Report
- Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Student Nutrition Services Report
- Support Personnel Monthly Report



Next Regular Board Meeting February 19, 2009