

AGENDA ITEM

Subject: Purchase of new or used portable classrooms.

Rationale: Much discussion has been held about the need to expand facilities due to HISD's increased enrollment. Two years ago, we moved 6th grade to the junior high campus to alleviate crowding at the intermediate, as well as provide students a smooth transition into junior high activities. Even with increasing the number of classrooms through remodeling, overcrowding is occurring at the junior high. Research has been done on the addition of portables. Our choices are to move portables to Hillsboro Intermediate and return 6th grade to that campus or keep 6th at HJHS and add the portables there. As it is beneficial for students to remain at the junior high campus, research was conducted for additional classroom space at HJHS.

Before the March Board Meeting, initial research on portables was conducted by Gallagher construction. Since that time, Jeff Fisher and Raymond Nors have continued research and found there is a shortage of used portables due to Hurricane Harvey. With great difficulty, a couple of available used classrooms were located. We could purchase 2 approximately 20 year old buildings for about \$6,000 less than new ones. After reviewing the pictures of them and taking into account the repairs that would have to be done, it would be more efficient to purchase new portable classrooms. Additionally, we can place two new buildings near the garden area of the junior high. In contrast, if we purchase two used double classrooms, they would have to be located in an 'L' shape next to and behind the junior high. Attached is information from Mr. Fisher's research on 1997 and 2001 model buildings, as well as the costs of the original portables for comparison. Also attached is a proposal developed by Mr. Nors that gives a complete picture of costs and placement of the expansion.

Recommendation: Approve new portable classrooms to be installed at the Hillsboro Junior High School not to exceed the amount of \$150,000.