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Meeting Minutes

“The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the district administration building, the president, Mr. Hughes chairing the meeting and the secretary, Ms. Stewart in attendance.

Mr. Hughes, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. Present in addition to the president and secretary were Mrs. Walsh, Mr. Snyder, and Dr. Dickson.

The superintendent recognized students and teachers for awards and honors earned during the past month. The president presented a resolution honoring the Academic Decathlon Team for their recent state championship victory. The resolution was adopted by unanimous consent.

At 7:20 the president opened the floor for citizen comments according to the district's policy for public participation in board meetings. Five citizens spoke. The president closed the Public Comments at 7:40.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as corrected.

The board heard and discussed a report from the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum on the sixth-grade math program.

The board heard a report on high school failure rates in core subjects for the previous year. After discussion, the board, by general consent, directed the superintendent to report to the board again in November on progress made by the campus' plan to reduce failures.

The board reviewed the staff development plan and schedule for the coming year, developed by the district-level improvement committee, and discussed its relationship to the district goals and improvement plans.

The board heard an update on the development of the district budget for 2000-2001, and discussed related staff reports on the proposed compensation plan for classified employees, cost to purchase new band uniforms, and requests for new teaching positions.

The board heard and asked questions about summary progress reports from principals on activities accomplished in the past year as part of the campus improvement plans. The board received an update from the superintendent on end-of-year enrollment and expected enrollment for the opening of school and discussed how these changes might affect the budget under development.

The board reviewed and discussed a report from the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum on TAAS scores. The board, by general consent, asked the superintendent to bring an analysis of the scores and their implications for district goals and student performance objectives by the September board meeting.

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The superintendent presented the district's monthly financial summary. The board accepted the monthly tax collection report. Ms. Stewart moved to approve the requests for refunds as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Refunds will be made to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones for \$528, and to Mrs. Jane Brown for \$618.

Mrs. Ryan and Mr. Hamilton arrived at 8:30 p.m.

After hearing the superintendent's report of bids received, Mr. Snyder moved to award a contract for purchase of athletic equipment to Acme Enterprises, the low bidder, for \$33,000. The motion was approved 5-1, Mrs. Ryan voting "no," and Mrs. Walsh not voting.

After a report from the superintendent on the condition of the middle school roof, Mr. Hamilton moved to direct staff to issue requests for proposals for repairs to the middle school roof. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Ryan moved to approve the Elementary Attendance Zone Boundary plan recommended by staff and the Community Boundary Zone Committee. After discussion, the motion passed 5-2, Dr. Dickson and Mr. Snyder voting "no."

The board reviewed the Student Handbook as revised for the 2000-2001 school year. At 9:05 p.m. Mr. Hughes announced that the board would go into closed meeting to discuss personnel, student discipline, real estate purchase, and pending litigation as allowed by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.074, 551.082, 551.072, and 551.071.

The board reconvened in open session at 9:45.

Mr. Snyder moved to approve contracts for new teachers as recommended by the superintendent. The motion passed unanimously. (The complete list of teachers approved for hiring is appended to these minutes.)

The board took no other action as a result of discussions in closed meeting. There being no further business, Mr. Hughes adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Ms. Emily R. Stewart, Secretary "