

B) Quarterly Investment Report

The board packet included a graph which shows TexPool & TexPool Prime versus 90-day Treasury Bill going steadily up. Total interest earned year to date is \$17,366.16. (See Quarterly Investment report with agenda.)

3. A) SUMMARY OF S.E.C.O. REPORT

A \$50,000 grant from the State Energy Conservation Office has been received. The grant is available under the Efficient School Partnership Program, which helps schools at a low socio-economic advantage. The district is looking at using the money to replace outdated air-conditioning window units in the intermediate building.

B) ACCEPTANCE OF S.E.C.O. GRANT

A motion was made by Sara Terrazas to accept the \$50,000.00 grant offered by the State Energy Conservation Office. Ronnie Hobbs seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF HILLCREST FOUNDATION GRANT

Frank Taylor recently applied for a \$54,000.00 grant from the Hillcrest Foundation for technology use. The district was awarded a grant for \$50,000.00 and will be used to purchase/upgrade our PLATO services. In addition, the district will be able to purchase several computers pursuant to PLATO system requirements.

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to accept the \$50,000.00 Hillcrest Foundation grant, pending funding. Sara Terrazas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. ANNUAL SPECIAL POPULATIONS REPORTS: BILINGUAL/ESL & MIGRANT

Hector Jimenez gave the annual special populations report for Bilingual/ESL & Migrant programs. An overview of distribution by grade level showed a grand total of 36 students for grades PK-GR 12. Mr. Jimenez gave a forecast of things to come; the Advanced Reading Proficiency test will be renamed the Reading Proficiency Test II, and will now include second grade. The new test will be in-line with TAKS. Field tests will be conducted in March and April. Students in PK-GR 6 are pulled out of class for approximately 30 minutes. Junior High and High School students are instructed for 45 minutes.

6. NOMINATIONS: KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD, 2005-2007

Of the three expiring positions on the Kinney County Appraisal District Board, two are representatives for the school district; Tim Ward and Tom Ertle. Following discussion, the board agreed to nominate Tim Ward, Tom Ertle, and Wes Robinson. Brackett I.S.D. is entitled to 51% of the 2004 levy, and 1,530 votes. Votes will be cast at the December board meeting.

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to nominate Tim Ward, Wes Robinson, and Tom Ertle as candidates for the Kinney County Appraisal District Board, 2005-2007 term. Tony Ashley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSIDER & ADOPT NEW NAME FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

A motion was made by Sara Terrazas to adopt "Brackett Educational Academy" as the new name for the Alternative School. Tony Ashley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS