

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 24, 2010**

The Board of Trustees for the Clear Creek Independent School District met in a regular meeting in the Board Room at the Education Support Center, 2425 E. Main Street, League City, Texas 77573, on May 24, 2010.

1. *Call to Order*

President Stromeyer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. *Establishment of a Quorum*

President Stromeyer established a quorum.

Trustees present: Stuart Stromeyer, President
Dee Scott, Vice-President
Ken Baliker, Secretary
Bob Davee, Trustee
Ann Hammond, Trustee
Winifred Weber, Trustee
Charles Pond, Trustee

Staff present: Superintendent, Greg Smith, Ph.D.
Members of the Superintendent's Cabinet

3. *Administer Oath of Office*

Jolene Engel, Secretary to the Board, administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Board Members Ann Hammond and Bob Davee.

4. *Election of Board Officers*

The Board voted on new Board officers. Stuart Stromeyer nominated Ken Baliker as President. The nomination was not seconded. Ken Baliker then nominated Dee Scott as President. The nomination was seconded by Bob Davee. The vote carried 5-1-1 with Stuart Stromeyer voting against and Dee Scott abstaining.

Bob Davee nominated Ken Baliker as Vice-President. The nomination was seconded by Ann Hammond. The vote carried 6-0-1 with Ken Baliker abstaining.

Charles Pond nominated Ann Hammond as Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Bob Davee. The vote carried 6-0-1 with Ann Hammond abstaining.

Trustees present: Dee Scott, President
Ken Baliker, Vice-President
Ann Hammond, Secretary
Bob Davee, Trustee
Stuart Stromeyer, Trustee
Winifred Weber, Trustee
Charles Pond, Trustee

5. *Closed Session*

President Scott called the meeting into closed session at 6:08 p.m.

President Scott reconvened the meeting into open session at 7:00 p.m.

6. *Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge*

The Clear View Education Center and Clear Creek High School JROTC students led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

7. *Moment of Silence*

President Scott led the Board and the audience in a moment of silence.

Jolene Engel readministered the Oath of Office to re-elected Board members Ann Hammond and Bob Davee for the benefit of the audience.

8. *Recognition*

A. *Business Professional of America (BPA)*

Students from Clear Brook and Clear Creek High Schools were recognized for competing at the Business Professionals of America National Convention in Anaheim, California. The team earned a top ten rank. Kris Adams, Elizabeth Nguyen, and Joseph Kasbaum finished as three of the top ten in the nation.

B. *Certified Nurse Assistant (CAN) Honorees*

Thirty-one students from Clear Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Lake, Clear Springs, and Clear View Education Center were recognized for earning their Certified Nurses Assistant designation

C. *Culinary Arts State Honors*

No recognition was made at the meeting.

D. *Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) State Honors*

Clear Creek, Clear Springs, and Clear Lake High School students were recognized for earning honors in events such as Business Law and Ethics, Marketing Management, Technical Sales, and Fashion Merchandising at the international competition in April.

E. *Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) State Honors*

Students from Clear Brook and Clear Springs High Schools were recognized for earning state honors with a few of the students advancing to the national competition in Orlando, Florida this summer.

F. HEB Excellence in Education Award Winner

Robinson Elementary fifth grade teacher, Leda Smith, was recognized for winning the HEB Excellence in Education Award in the Leadership Elementary category. Ms. Smith won \$10,000 for herself and \$10,000 for her campus. The goal of the award is to make a statement about the great things going on in Texas public schools, to spotlight best practices, and to celebrate the work of Texas educators.

G. Herdsman Award Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

CCISD students were recognized for earning the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeos highest achievement, the Herdsman Award. The students qualified every one of their longhorns for the national show for the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America.

H. Clear Creek High School JROTC

During their April Federal Inspection, Clear Creek High Schools JROTC Wildcat Battalion received the nation's rating of "Honor Unit with Distinction". This is the highest rating a JROTC unit can achieve.

I. UIL Centennial State Championship in Editorial Writing

Clear Creek High School student, Allie Hinga, earned a Centennial Gold Medal in the UIL Centennial State Championship in the editorial writing category. This is the highest honor in UIL journalism in the state of Texas.

J. Music and Arts Centers Give the Gift of Music

Seabrook Intermediate Student, Aarzu Maknojia, earned the grand prize in the 4th Annual Give the Gift of Music Band Contest with Music and Arts Centers. Her winning essay won Seabrook Intermediate \$27,000 worth of Jupiter band instruments. Ms. Maknojia also received a two-year full tuition paid scholarship to Harvard University.

K. 2009 Project Lead the Way Model School

Clear Springs High School was recognized for being selected as one of 12 Project Lead the Way Model Schools in the nation. The school was selected for its innovative approaches to teaching science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

L. Robotic State Honors

Westbrook Intermediate Robotics students participated in the Space City BEST Robotics Competition. The students were recognized for winning first place in the prestigious BEST Award, first place in the Robot Performance competition, first place in the Oral Presentation, first place in Team Spirit, and second place in T-shirt design. The team also won a \$500 Jacobs Engineering Technology and Service Excellence award.

The 2010 Robonaut Team was recognized for earning the Regional Chairman's Award which honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST at the state competition. They also earned the Engineering Excellence Award, and the Gracious Professionalism Award.

9. Program Spotlight

Aspiring Leaders Academy

Superintendent Smith introduced Dr. Tina Farrell, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, and Dr. Steven Ebell, Deputy Superintendent. Dr. Farrell and Dr. Ebell presented information to the board pertaining to the Aspiring Leaders Academy. The academy is a leadership development program to develop teamwork, simulate school projects and experiences, and incorporates job-embedded learning opportunities to prepare participants for leadership roles within CCISD. The 2009-2010 class consisted of 22 students. Dr. Farrell and Dr. Ebell showed two videos depicting the program. The Board asked questions about the academy. Dr. Farrell and Dr. Ebell answered the Board's questions.

10. Community Input

- A. Nancy Harvey recognized Director of Library and Media Services, Ty Burns.
- B. Michelle Vyoral spoke about transportation issues at Ross Elementary.
- C. Stacie Lampo spoke about transportation issues at Ross Elementary.
- D. Michelle McNeal spoke about transportation issues at Bauerschlag Elementary.
- E. Troy Froboese spoke about transportation issues at Ross Elementary.
- F. Jon Thornsburg spoke about transportation issues at Ross Elementary.

11. Action on Closed Session Items

- A. *Consider Approval of Recommendation for Assistant Principal – Clear Creek High School*

Trustee Davee moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Jennifer Childs as Assistant Principal of Clear Creek High School. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pond. The motion carried 7-0.

- B. *Consider Approval of Recommendation for Assistant Principal – Clear Lake High School*
Vice-President Baliker moved to accept the administration's recommendation of Mr. John Palumbo as Assistant Principal for Clear Lake High School. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hammond. The motion carried 7-0.

- C. *Consider Approval of Recommendation for Assistant Principal – Creekside Intermediate School*

Trustee Weber moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of Alison McBride as Assistant Principal. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pond. The motion carried 7-0.

- D. *Consider Approval of Recommendation for Assistant Principal – Elementary*

Secretary Hammond moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for two Assistant Principals for elementary school, Ms. Laila Glenn and Ms. Elena Self. The motion was seconded by Trustee Weber. The motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Smith announced that Ms. Self will be assigned to League City Elementary School and Ms. Glenn will be assigned to Whitcomb Elementary School.

Other lateral personnel transferred were announced as follows:

1. Ann Arrington, current Principal at Wedgewood Elementary will move to Brookwood Elementary as the Principal.
2. Cathy Homer, current Principal at Brookwood Elementary will move to League City Elementary as the Principal.
3. Carla Massa, current Principal at League City Elementary will move to Wedgewood Elementary as the Principal.
4. Jepsey Kimble was named the new Principal of Clear Lake City Elementary.
5. Michael Rivera, current Assistant Principal at Greene Elementary will move to Bay Elementary as the Assistant Principal.
6. Ann Begley, current Assistant Principal at White Elementary will move to Greene Elementary as the Assistant Principal.
7. Tammy Gonzalez, current Assistant Principal at League City Elementary will move to Stewart Elementary as the Assistant Principal.
8. Kristina Lasserre, current Assistant Principal at Bay Elementary will move to White Elementary as the Assistant Principal.
9. Debbie Johnson, currently in the Assistant Superintendent pool will be assigned to Mossman Elementary as the Assistant Principal.
10. Amy McDonald, current Assistant Principal at Clear Creek Intermediate will move to Clear Lake High School as an Assistant Principal.

12. Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

Trustee Pond moved to accept the consent agenda as presented with the exception of item number 14. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Baliker. The motion carried 7-0.

1. *Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes*
2. *Consider Approval of Human Resources Report*
3. *Consider Approval of Monthly Financial Statements*
4. *Consider Approval of Tax Refunds Over \$500*
5. *Consider Approval of Donations*
6. *Consider Approval of Budget Amendment #9*
7. *Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2010 Fourth Quarter Expenditures Via Purchasing Cooperatives*
8. *Consider Renewal of Contract 2008.603 Annual Financial Audit*
9. *Consider Renewal of Contract 2008.628 Textbooks and Related Materials, New and Used*
10. *Consider Renewal of Contract 2008.636 Armored Car Service*
11. *Consider Approval of Construction Contract 2010.412 Relocate Portable Buildings Summer 2010*
12. *Consider Award of Contract 2010.521 – Food Services Point of Sale (POS) System*
13. *Consider Renewal of Contract 2010.601 Visual and Performing Arts Equipment, Supplies and Services*
14. *Consider Approval of Space Act Agreement Between CCISD and NASA for Reduced Gravity Flight for Hydroponics and Aeroponics Experiments*

15. *Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between Harris County and Clear Creek ISD for the 2010-2011 Stay in School Truancy Program and Financial Agreement*
16. *Consider Approval of Extension to Facility Rental Agreement – Living Word Church*
17. *Consider Approval of a Bus Service Agreement Between Clear Creek ISD and League City Parks and Recreation Department*
18. *Consider Approval of Policy DEC(LOCAL): Compensation and Benefits: Leaves and Absences – FIRST READING*
19. *Consider Approval of Policy DIA(LOCAL): Employee Welfare: Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation – FIRST READING*
20. *Consider Approval of Policy FB(LOCAL): Equal Educational Opportunity – FIRST READING*
21. *Consider Approval of Policy FFH(LOCAL): Student Welfare: Freedom From Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation – FIRST READING*
22. *Consider Approval of Policy GKB(LOCAL): Community Relations: Advertising and Fund Raising in the Schools – FIRST READING*

Consent Agenda Item #14: Consider Approval of Space Act Agreement Between CCISD and NASA for Reduced Gravity Flight for Hydroponics and Aeroponics Experiments

This consent agenda item was pulled because the content of the contract has changed and the Board has not had enough time to review the changes. The agenda item will be placed on a subsequent board meeting agenda.

B. Consider Approval to Award Contract 2010.524 Learning Portal Annual Maintenance and Support Services

Superintendent Smith introduced Dr. Chad Stevens, Chief Technology Officer, and Lea Castillo, Director of Learning Technology. Dr. Stevens and Ms. Castillo presented historical information concerning the learning portal as well as an overview of new items that have been or will be added. The Board asked questions and held discussion regarding: (1) indicators used to determine when the needs are complete, (2) increased enrollment in Clear Access, and (3) the difference between “users” and “active users”. Dr. Stevens and Ms. Castillo answered the Board’s questions.

Secretary Hammond moved to accept the Superintendent recommendation to award the subject contract to Blackboard for the period beginning June 1, 2010 and ending May 31, 2011. That’s contract number 2010.524. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pond. The motion carried 7-0.

C. Consider Approval of Professional Architect Services for the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Conversion Project at the Central Support Facility

Superintendent Smith introduced Ron McPherson, Associate Superintendent for Operations, and Dean Lewis, Director of Transportation. Mr. McPherson and Mr. Lewis explained that the district is partnering with BP to convert 44 buses from diesel to compressed natural gas (CNG) as well as building an extra bay at the Central Support Facility and expanding a parking area. The entire cost of converting the buses and adding the bay and parking lot is being paid through BP using an energy grant.

The Board asked questions and held discussion regarding: (1) other school districts using CNG, (2) wholesale bulk gas prices, (3) cost of diesel per year, and (4) safety concerns. Mr. McPherson and Mr. Lewis answered the Board's questions.

Vice-President Baliker moved to approve professional architect services for the compressed natural gas conversion project at the Central Support Facility. The motion was seconded by Trustee Weber. The motion carried 7-0.

D. Consider Approval of Election to Participate in TRS ActiveCare Effective January 1, 2011

Superintendent Smith introduced Paul McLarty, Chief Financial Officer, and Alice Benzaia, Director of Benefits. Both explained that the District has historically been self-funded for health insurance. Deficits caused by high claim activity have been covered by the District's general fund in the past. Projections show the deficits increasing in the next few years. Mr. McLarty and Ms. Benzaia are recommending that the District move away from a self-funded plan and join TRS ActiveCare. A comparison was given explaining the differences in plans and the difference in cost. The targeted time for the change would be January 1, 2011.

The Board asked questions and held discussion regarding: (1) percentage of cohorts already in this program, (2) loss of plan flexibility, (3) dental coverage, (4) potential deductible problems with a short year, and (5) financial status of TRS. Mr. McLarty and Ms. Benzaia answered the Board's questions.

Secretary Hammond moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the irrevocable election to participate in TRS ActiveCare as of January 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stromeyer. The motion carried 7-0.

E. Consider Approval for Request to Utilize Capital Funds for Virtualization

Superintendent Smith introduced Dr. Chad Stevens. Dr. Stevens presented information pertaining to the cost of replacing obsolete technology equipment. In his opinion, virtualization would extend the life of existing hardware and be more cost effective to the district as a whole. The future plan would be to submit an RFP to move forward with virtualization using capital funds. The Board asked questions regarding the funding of virtualization. Dr. Stevens answered the Board's questions.

Trustee Stromeyer moved to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the use of capital funds unless some other plan or mixture can be brought about to our satisfaction in order to fund virtualization which we may see sometime in the latter part of this summer by way of an RFP to approve which will cover the years 2010-2011 through 2012-2013. There was no second to the motion.

Trustee Pond moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to consider approval of an RFP to fund the virtualization plan. The motion was seconded by Trustee Weber. The motion carried 7-0.

13. Information and Discussion

A. CCISD Communications Assessment

Superintendent Smith introduced Elaina Polsen, Director of Public Information. Ms. Polsen explained that the department is trying to find out a way to enhance communication with its stakeholders and asked the community to come forward with what they wanted in terms of communication from the District. An outside company was hired to assess the District's current communications through media analysis, phone survey, focus groups, and planning team recommendations. Feedback was positive. Goals have been created to improve communication with the public.

The Board held discussion and asked questions regarding: (1) capturing e-mail addresses, and (2) obtaining communication preferences during registration.

14. Adjournment

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m.

Dee Scott, President

Ann Hammond, Secretary

Date Approved: _____

*Minutes prepared by:
Jolene Engel, Secretary to the Board of Trustees*