

**DUMAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Trustees**

Date: March 8, 2010  
Meeting: Regular Meeting  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Central Administration Building  
4<sup>th</sup> and Miller

Members Present: Joe Ballard, Board Vice-President  
Len Sheets, Board Secretary  
Jordan Mills, Board Member  
Kirk Pope, Board Member  
Johnny Schmucker, Board Member  
Kevin Weatherford, Board Member  
Larry Appel, Superintendent  
Mark Stroebel, Assistant Superintendent  
Greg Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Members Absent: Patty Willis, Board President

Guests: Robert DeLaRosa, DHS Student  
Ashley Eleric, Moore County News-Press  
Selenda Hightower, DHS Art Teacher  
Kelly Legg, Curriculum Director 3-12  
Jessica Sutterfield, Special Services Director

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

In the absence of Board President Patty Willis, Joe Ballard, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. INVOCATION**

Jordan Mills gave the invocation.

**3. RECOGNIZE GUESTS**

Guests were welcomed to the meeting.

**4. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

DHS Level 3 Sculpture student Robert DeLaRosa and art teacher Selenda Hightower were in attendance to present two "State Bound" art projects to the board. Robert's framed sculpture and former student Alex Silva's neon oil pastel of his dog qualified for the competition. Congratulations and "Good Luck" at State!

**ACTION ITEMS**

**5. Consent Agenda**

The following consent agenda was approved with a motion made by Jordan Mills, seconded by Kevin Weatherford and approved 6-0 by the board.

- A. Minutes of February 22, 2010 Regular Meeting
- B. Resolution of Nomination to nominate Larry Appel for the T ASB Superintendent of the Year award
- C. Gifts – There were no gifts to present at the meeting.

**6. 2010 Property Tax Value Exemptions**

For several years, the district has allowed the optional homestead exemption to its taxpayers. A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Len Sheets and carried 6-0 by the board to continue the optional homestead exemption of 20% for the 2010 tax year.

**7. 2010 Textbook Adoption**

A motion was made by Len Sheets, seconded by Johnny Schmucker and carried with a 6-0 board vote to adopt all titles and to ratify the submitted selections as recommended by the textbook committee.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>
ELA & Reading, Grade K-1 (Eng/Span)	Texas Treasures	MacMillian/McGraw Hill
Reading, Grade 2-5 (Eng/Span)	Texas Treasures	MacMillian/McGraw Hill
Reading, Grade 6-8	HM Literature & Portals to Reading	Holt McDougal, HMH
Literature, Grade 6-12	HM Literature	Holt McDougal, HMH
Literature, Grade 6 (Span)	HM Literature & Portals to Reading	Holt McDougal, HMH
ESOL II, II, Grade 9-12	Edge ESOL I, II	Hampton Brown
ELPS (TE only)		
AP English Language/Literature	HM Literature	Holt McDougal, HMH

**8. International Classroom Program**

In order to meet the needs of the district's refugee/immigrant population, as well as all other English Language Learners, program enhancements are needed at the 2 elementary campuses with the highest concentration of refugee students – Morningside and Cactus. One successful strategy piloted this year has been the concept of the International classroom. The International classroom helps students develop language, literacy and life skills, passes on important cultural information, enables a learner to gain confidence and contributes to his or her overall well being.

A motion to approve the International classroom program at Morningside and Cactus Elementary was made by Jordan Mills, seconded by Kirk Pope and carried with a 6-0 board vote.

**9. Personnel**

The following personnel items were presented for consideration.

- Retirements - Lena Davidson, Sunset 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher
- Resignations - Jessica DeVos, Morningside 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher
- Appointments: - None

A motion was made by Len Sheets, seconded by Kevin Weatherford, and carried with a 6-0 board vote to approve the personnel agenda as presented.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**10. Board Policy Update #87 – First Reading**

TASB's (Texas Association of School Board's) policy update was presented to the board for discussion. Update 87 covers changes as a result of recent legislative and judicial action.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**11. Enrollment Report**

Current enrollment figures show 4,322 students as of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, as opposed to 4,349 last week and 4,191 this time last year.

**12. Construction Update**

The board was updated on the district's construction projects.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**13. 2010-2011 Budget Work Session**

The board reviewed preliminary 2010-2011 budget numbers in preparation for the upcoming school year.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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