



School Board Update

August 27, 2008

The Royse City ISD Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 6 PM in the Administration Office Board Room. A quorum being present the following business was conducted.

Public Hearing - Discussion of proposed budget for the 2008-09 School Year and proposed tax rate for 2008.

Open Forum—None

Superintendent's Reports:

Construction Report: Mr. Von Gallagher, Gallagher Construction Management Services and Mr. Nathan Morgan, Claycomb and Associates

High School Projects:

Certificates of Occupancy have been secured for both projects. We are continuing to work with the manufacturer of the logo that goes on the exterior of the press box. Additional sod will be laid around the stadium. Believe that both of these projects will come in slightly under budget.

New Intermediate School

Soil testing has been accomplished, awaiting civil survey. Continuing to coordinate with the City of Fate officials. Most bids have been awarded and the next bid package will be presented in the near future.

Intermediate School

The only work that has not been completed is the canopy and completing the roof over the gym. We expect both to be completed in the next couple of weeks. Landscaping and paving are finished—Looks good!

Superintendent's Reports:

Mr. Jimmy Butler—Reserved football ticket sales: Sold 563 seats with a revenue of \$19,705.00 and reserved parking, \$1,250 for a total of \$20, 960.

Mr. Randy Hancock—Opening and dedication plans for the stadium is scheduled for Friday, September 5, 2008 at 7 PM—Bulldogs vs Atlanta. Auditorium dedication will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2008 at 6:30 PM and will include a mini concert by our high school students.

2008 First Day enrollment—Mr. Mark Dodson

RCMS—1051, RCMS—617, Intermediate—342, Davis—467, Fort—505, Scott—599, Vernon—618, ALC—17

Total 4216 - Growth over summer 2.11%

Miscellaneous Announcements—Mr. Randy Hancock

TASB Fall Convention, Dallas, Texas, September 26-28, 2008. Mr. Palmer is our delegate and Mr. Carroll is our alternate. Please advise Fraya of your plans to attend so that registrations can be completed.

TASB District Policy Review will be conducted by TASB Staff on September 30 and October 1, 2008. As part of the review it is required that the board meets with the TASB representatives in a workshop. That special meeting will be Tuesday, September 30, 2008. We will advise you later of the time.

Technology—Mr. Jimmy Butler and Mr. Theo McDonald - The district has encountered viruses during the summer which lead to hardware failure, lost internet capabilities and email service. The entire network has had to be rebuilt. To date no data has been lost and we are looking at full service again perhaps by this weekend.

Mr. Hancock thanked Theo and his staff for the long hours they have worked contending with this problem. Fine job.

Actions resulting from Executive Session

- The board voted to hire new teachers: Julie Jordan, Thomas Lowry and Kariann Marquis and to accept resignation from Jeremi Finn as presented by administration.

Action Items:

- The consent agenda was adopted which included, minutes of prior meetings, financial reports, Budget Amendments, donations, bid for blinds and mechanical; plumbing, HVAC at new intermediate school.
- The board adopted the proposed budget for the 2008-09 School Year as presented and the resolution explaining difference in expenditure targets. Copies of the budget can viewed on the web site, www.rcisd.org.
- The tax rate for 2008 was adopted at \$1.04 for Maintenance & Operations and \$0.39 for Interest & Sinking for a total tax rate of \$1.43.
- A request was approved from The Quarterback Club to use the Dawg House, located in the stadium press box for the October 3, 2008 game between Bulldogs and Richardson Pearce.
- The Royse City-City Council, Police and Fire Departments and Fate City Council were approved as guests in the Dawg House for the remaining two home varsity games.
- The PDAS Calendar and Appraisers were approved for the 2008-09 School Year.
- The board voted to appoint Julie Stutts to fill the Place 7 vacancy on the school board.
- The board adopted Policy Update 83 with the recommended changes from Schwartz and Eichelbaum.
- Don Palmer and Jerry Richardson were nominated to study, review and update the calendar portion of the Board's Policy and Procedures Manual. Updated the Board's Policy—Board Meetings and Agenda (BE Local) page 5 by adding—*special attention should be given to ascertain that all board members be in attendance for workshops and meetings addressing: Goal Setting and Superintendent's Evaluation.*
- The board adopted a resolution to give district administration the authority to adopt a 403(b) Plan Document.
- Mr. Hancock recognized and congratulated Paula Walker, Principal of Miss May Vernon, our first Exemplary Campus. He thanked her for her guidance and leadership, to not only her staff, but other principals and assistant principals within the district. Job well done!
- There being no further business the meeting adjourned.