



Highlights and Action

From the September 14 Regular Business Meeting of the FBISD Board of Trustees

Progress report on the 7-8 grade initiative at three FBISD middle schools

Lance Hindt, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools, presented a progress report of the District's 7-8 Grade Instructional Initiative implemented last year at the Missouri City, Christa McAuliffe and Quail Valley Middle School campuses. The primary goal of the initiative was to systematically plan for smaller student enrollments at the three campuses to support an increase in student achievement. Based on a TAKS growth analysis by sub-populations at the three 7-8 grade campuses, 7th grade students in the TAKS tested areas of reading and math had greater growth in six of eight sub-populations, with the greatest growth seen among economically disadvantaged students. A growth analysis provides comparison data of students as they progress or grow from year to year. The 8th grade TAKS growth analysis in the tested areas of reading and math also showed that the 7-8 grade campuses had greater growth in six of the eight sub-populations tested than the traditional 6-8 grade middle school campuses.

Hindt told Board members that given the growth analyses done to project future progress, the 7-8 grade campuses are on track to make larger increases during the 2009-2010 school year.

Special Recognitions

The following newly appointed administrators were introduced:

- **Tim Castilaw** – Executive Director of Facilities and School Services
- **Michele Riggs** – Director of Elementary Curriculum
- **Melissa Stadtfeld** – Director of Secondary Curriculum
- **Jill Clay** – Principal, Dulles Elementary School

New Personnel Approved

- **Dee Knox**, Principal, Holley Elementary School

Board Members' Special Report

Board Secretary **David Reitz** reported that Board members had attended and participated in the following district activities/events since the August 25, 2009 meeting:

- Willowridge High School Drop Out Recovery Walk
- Superintendent's *State of the Schools* presentation at the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce
- Reading Recovery Board Meeting
- School visits to Clements, Hightower and Travis High Schools, Crockett and Missouri City Middle Schools, and Mission West Elementary School
- Sugar Mill Elementary CBLT meeting
- Marshall High School "Recognized" flag raising ceremony
- 2009 Fort Bend Salute – Shared Dreams Program (the program was the recipient of partial proceeds from the event)
- Lake Olympia and Hodges Bend Middle School volleyball game
- Interviewed for KGAJ Television at Jones Elementary

Consent Agenda Approved

- Previous Board Meeting Minutes
- Budget Amendments (as presented)
- Donations in Excess of \$5,000:
 - \$12,600 donated by Scanlan Oaks Elementary PTO for educational materials for the classrooms
 - \$5,000 donated to Walker Station Elementary by Kinder Morgan Foundation to purchase technology equipment and hardware as part of the "Cash for Computers" fundraiser
- Bids Exceeding \$25,000:
 - \$815,588 to SHI for Symantec Antivirus License Renewal
 - Sole Source Vendor List
- Interlocal agreement between Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) and Fort Bend ISD for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (after school programs)
- Agreement with Communities in Schools Houston Inc. for services to Armstrong Elementary, MR Wood Alternative School, Hodges Bend, Missouri City and McAuliffe Middle Schools for an amount not to exceed \$208,080
- Consulting agreements with Academic Testing & Counseling and Learning Systems for a maximum expenditure of \$55,800 to provide the National Merit Review Program and the DUKE Talent Identification Program
- An aerial easement agreement with CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for Ridgemont Early Childhood Center
- An easement agreement with CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for High School #11
- Terms and Conditions (T&C) utility package with CenterPoint Energy Houston, LLC for High School #11
- Administrators who will serve as PDAS second appraisers for 2009-2010

(No Action Items)

Information Presented

- Status report for year one of the 7-8 Grade Initiative
- Revisions of Policy DH (LOCAL) providing guidelines for employee use of social media and personal electronic communication devices
- Fort Bend County tax collection report for period ending July 31, 2009

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