

BOARD



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Independent School District

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The Board of Trustees meets in regular session on the third Tuesday of each month, and at other times as necessary.

The meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. at the TISD Services Building, 1600 Waterall, or at other designated locations in the District. The public is welcome to attend all meetings.

Citizens wishing to address the Board may speak on issues other than personnel during the Public Forum, an agenda item for all regular Board meetings.

A Summary of the Minutes from the TISD Board of Trustees Meeting September 21, 2010

At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, the Board of Trustees conducted the following business:

- ADJOURNED** *to a one hour and ten minutes closed session.*
- RECOGNIZED** *TISD's Tiger Learning Centers as a Texas Rising Star by Ms. Marian Crowder from the Workforce Solutions Northeast Texas – Spring Lake Park Elementary, Wake Village Elementary, Nash Elementary and Morriss Elementary.*
- CONDUCTED** *an open forum. Dr. James S. Grant expressed his appreciation to the district after his recent illness, and Reverend Paul Keener presented Mrs. Tina Veal-Gooch with an award from the Community Journal.*
- CONDUCTED** *public hearings concerning Schools FIRST, the Financial Accountability Rating System; Internet Safety Policy; and class size waiver for Highland Park and Westlawn Elementary Schools.*
- RECEIVED** *a presentation from Mr. Doug Whitt from Southwest Securities regarding a potential bond refunding opportunity.*
- RECEIVED** *a reminder from Superintendent Russell about the upcoming annual TASA/TASB Convention September 24-26, 2010 in Houston, Texas, noting that Superintendent Russell and Board members Mrs. Wanda Boyette, Mrs. Donna Chatman, and Mr. Bill Kimbro would be attending the convention. The Board received an update on Texarkana College from TC President Dr. Alan Rasco and Dr. Lyn Persyn.*
- APPROVED** *field trip requests for Westlawn fifth grade to the Little Rock Zoo September 24, 2010 and Texas High Dance/Drill Team competition in Santa Fe, New Mexico March 9-12, 2011.*
- APPROVED** *minutes of the August 17, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.*
- APPROVED** *personnel recommendations listed below:*
- 1) Resignations/Retirement**
 - Dunbar Elementary**
Owen-Bell, Kathy, Principal – resigning effective September 1, 2010
 - 2) New Contracts for 2010-2011**
 - Texas High School**
Crittenden, Kristen – Special Education Social Studies teacher
- APPROVED** *monthly investment report.*
- APPROVED** *1) proposals for Child Nutrition food, small equipment, paper and supplies to Ben E. Keith Foods, PFG, Sysco East Texas, UniPro Tankersley Foodservice, William George; 2) items as surplus – overhead projector cards, file cabinets, bookshelves, copy machines, printers, computers, monitors, televisions, tables, chairs, couch, desks; 3) phone system hardware and software upgrade to I. T. Works totaling \$64,239.94; 4) travel vehicle to Philpott Ford totaling \$30,123.08.*
- ACCEPTED** *PIE donations for the period August 2010 totaling \$20,048.00.*
- APPROVED** *amendment to 2010-2011 TISD Employee Handbook as presented.*
- APPROVED** *TASB Policy Update 88 with exception of Policy DH(Local).*
- APPROVED** *amendment to Policy DH(Local) – Employee Standards of Conduct as presented.*
- APPROVED** *submittal of class size requirement waiver for Highland Park 1st grade, Morriss Elementary 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades, Nash 1st, 3rd and 4th grades, Spring Lake Park 1st grade, Wake Village 4th grade, Westlawn Kindergarten through 4th grades (PDS School).*
- APPROVED** *Texas High School course offering addition of Driver and Safety Education as a ½ credit elective course through the Texas Virtual Schools Network.*
- APPROVED** *monthly financial report.*
- APPROVED** *monthly expenditures.*
- APPROVED** *adoption of order authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds, establishing that at least \$600,000 of interest cost savings must be achieved, and delegating to the administration the authority to execute the final documents.*
- APPROVED** *construction of a day care facility at the Nash Elementary location.*
- APPROVED** *appointment of Mr. Bryan DePriest as the official voting representative to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Advisory Board (TIRZ Board) established by the City of Nash, Texas.*
- TABLED** *action on Reform Governance in Action Participation Resolution.*
- RECEIVED** *reports on 1) Partners in Education; 2) English as a Second Language and Bilingual Education Annual Report; 3) Morriss Elementary draft Kindergarten 2010 proposal for application and selection process.*