

BOARD BRIEFS

Volume 16 Number 6 Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting August 26,
2009

Delegations & Recognitions

Duke Talent Search Students

AHJS Destination Imagination State Recognition

Leslie Ticku, President, AHHS Student Council---Leslie

Mary Wright, President, Alamo Heights Chapter of the Associate of Texas Professional Educators—Mary discussed the opening of school breakfast sponsored by ATPE to promote membership for new employees. Additionally, upcoming scholarship opportunities were presented.

2009-2010 Budget and Tax Rate Hearing

Mr. Mike Hagar, Director of Business presented an overview of the proposed budget and tax rate and held a public hearing to discuss the 2009-2010 Budget and Tax Rate.

Consideration of Adoption of 2009-2010 Budget

Trustees approved the 2009-2010 Budget in the amount of \$59,916,963.00 as presented by Mr. Mike Hagar, Director of Business.

Consideration of Adoption of 2009-2010 Tax Rate

Trustees approved the M&O tax rate of \$1.04 and the I&S rate of \$0.122 for a total tax rate of \$1.162.

Consideration of Salary Schedule 2009-2010

The 2009-2010 Salary Schedule was approved by trustees as presented by Mr. Mike Hagar, Director of Business. The updated schedule can be found on the district website:

<http://www.ahisd.net/personnel/benefits.htm>.

Presentation of Stimulus Funding Plan

Trustees heard the plan for spending Federal Stimulus money in both the Title I program and Special Education program for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years. Dr. Alfaro, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Kris Holliday, Director of Special Education, presented the needs assessment process that took place in a collaborative effort on all campuses to create this plan.

Consideration of Summer 2010 Trip to Europe

A 2010 Summer Trip to Europe that begins in Madrid and culminates in Rome was approved by the trustees for June 7-21, 2010. This trip will be offered to any student who has successfully completed graduation requirements at AHHS. Mr. Randy White, Assistant Principal and Mary Spradley, P.E. / Health Teacher will be the faculty sponsors of the trip.

Consideration of Wellness Coordinator

Trustees approved the addition of an AHISD Wellness Coordinator after hearing from Dr. Kevin Brown, Superintendent, who discussed the result statements that arose from research and discussion from the work of strategy two action team members regarding the need to “aggressively confront the social and emotional issues of our community.”

The AHISD Wellness Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating district-wide education programs for students, parents and staff. Special focus will be placed on alcohol and drug intervention, substance abuse counseling and education that include a variety of age-appropriate interventions to eliminate drug and alcohol use.

At this time, \$100,000 has been raised for the year-one implementation of this position through private donations to the Alamo Heights School Foundation. The donors have committed to funding this position for two years.

Presentation of Spring 2009 TAKS Results

Trustees heard the presentation of the 2009 TAKS Data as prepared by Mrs. Mary Zeigler and Dr. Kristin Karrh. AEIS-IT and Data Director information was shared along with longitudinal data from grade 3-12 for reading, math, science and social studies.

Consideration of Approval of the 2009-2010 Memorandum of Understanding between AHISD and the Bexar County Juvenile Board

Trustees approved the memorandum of understanding between AHISD and the Bexar County Juvenile Board as presented by Dr. Kevin Brown. The only change in the memorandum from previous years is that there is not a transportation provision for AHISD students provided by Bexar County JJAEP.

Consideration of Board Policy Update 85

Trustees approved Board Policy Update 85 as presented by Dr. Kevin Brown, Superintendent of Schools.

Consideration of Policy DEC(Local) (Leaves and Absences)

Trustees approved Policy DEC (Local) as presented by Dr. Dana Bashara, Director of Personnel and Public Information.

Presentation of Administrative Regulation FD (Admissions and Attendance)

Dr. Kevin Brown presented Administrative Regulation FD regarding children who receive “substantial care” from a grandparent residing in the district.

Presentation of Impact of New High School Graduation Requirements

Mrs. Mary Zeigler presented the graduation requirements for the minimal, recommended and distinguished plans according to HB 3 Graduation Credit Requirements for 2009-2010.

Presentation of OLSAT and Stanford 10 Testing Calendar

Trustees heard recommendations by Mrs. Mary Zeigler for the OLSAT and Stanford 10 Testing Calendar. OLSAT and Stanford 10 testing for third grade students will be eliminated this year, the testing of second grade students will move from the fall to the spring semester.

Donations:

1. Donation from the Woodridge PTO in the amount of \$1,410 to be used to reimburse teachers for classroom expenses.
2. Donation from the Cambridge PTO in the amount of \$99,784.97 for curriculum enrichment and PTO Grants and \$20,000 for auditorium upgrades for the 2009-2010 school year.
3. Donation from the Alamo Heights School Foundation in the amount of \$328,200 for the following:

District FACE Gift for teachers' salaries	\$250,000
District Gift for Teacher for Excellence in Science	\$ 50,000
Cowden Award (year 3) - \$16,000 – Salary, \$1,000 – Stipend	\$ 17,000
Caroline Gose Award @ AHHS - \$1,200 – The Big Even, \$1,800 – Flight to North Pole.....	\$ 3,000
Rent to district	\$ 2,400
2008-2009 Boldrick Award – Norm Collins.....	\$ 800
Designated gift to send Student Council Members @ AHHS to national conference	\$ 5,000

4. Donation from Invent Now Kids, a division of the National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 to Woodridge Elementary. This is the parent company of “Camp Invention” which was held at Woodridge July 13-17, 2009.

Business Recommendations:

- 1) Trustees approved payment of the bills.
- 2) Trustees approved amendments to the budget.
- 3) Trustees approved the district investment policy
- 4) Trustees approved the Chapter 41 Option 3 contract

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m., in the Alamo Heights Central Office Board Room.

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