

**COLLEGE STATION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD WORKSHOP**

**January 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
Administrative Conference Room**

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Valerie Jochen called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and declared a quorum was present with seven members present.

B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

In attendance were President Valerie Jochen, Vice President Paul Dorsett, Secretary Jeff Harris, Trustees Randall Pitcock, Carol Barrett, Garland Watson and Kimberly McAdams.

C. WORKSHOP SESSION

C-1. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to Board Reports and Recognitions

Discussion occurred regarding current practice and proposed ways to recognize a broader spectrum of people. Board Reports will focus on more campus happenings instead of departments. Trustees would like to see Education Foundation grants at work, engagement examples, student involvement, robotics, teacher innovation with smart-boards, focus on what we are doing to develop students to go out in the workforce, and to include academics beyond the test.

C-2. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to the CSISD leading indicators of grades, attendance, and discipline

Trustees reviewed the data associated with leading indicators of grades, attendance, and discipline and discussed.

C-3. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to the Schlechty Center Training

Trustees discussed what ways the board can lead and support in the community by sharing information related to what they have learned at the Schlechty Center Training and what the district is facing. Discussion occurred about hosting forums for the community. The issue that the board would most like to communicate to the community is: The test is not the standard. Education in CSISD is bigger than the test. Forums would also be an opportunity to listen. The Board is still having conversations and this would be a chance to invite more community members to attend. The "dollar bill" presentation should be included.

C-4. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to a new vision for Texas public schools

Superintendent Eddie Coulson led discussion with the Trustees related to a New Vision for Texas Public Schools. The Public Education Vision Institute, together with the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA), has developed themes for school reform with a focus on accountability, assessment, learning standards and digital learning environment.

Trustees discussed how it can continue to provide leadership to the district in curriculum, instruction and assessment. The potential use of six early-release days in order to provide more time for teachers and staff for instructional training was discussed.

C-5. Consideration, discussion and possible action related to school finance and the CSISD budget

Superintendent Coulson reported that the Thompson Horton law suit has been filed. He reported that the administration is losing confidence daily on being able to keep the refund money from the Wolf Pen TIF. This is a perfect opportunity to get the word to the community that the system is broken.

CSISD administration is developing a budget that meets the needs of the students, meets the needs of the staff, and meets the needs of the community.

Superintendent Eddie Coulson focused budget discussions on two major portions of the CSISD budget: The maintenance and operations (M&O) budget and the interest and sinking debt budget (I&S). According to state law, I&S tax revenue cannot be used to fund any portion of the M&O budget. Discussion occurred.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, President Jochen adjourned the workshop at 6:56 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY