

**COLLEGE STATION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

October 1, 2002

5:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Susan Lowy called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

President Susan Lowy, Vice President Marc Chaloupka, Secretary Dayne Foster, Trustees Tim Jones, Steve Aldrich, and Mary Broussard were present. Trustee Larry Johnson was absent. Steve Aldrich left to take a phone call at 6:03 p.m. and returned at 6:06 p.m.

C. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

1. Discuss and Consider Approval of TRS ActiveCare Health Insurance Plan

Steve Johnson, Superintendent, gave overview of CSISD current Employee Insurance plan, a brief background of information relating to employee health coverage, and introduced Mike Ball, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations. Mike Ball shared information regarding CSISD's eligibility to join TRS ActiveCare. Representatives of the Teacher Retirement System have notified the district that upon sixty days notice, College Station ISD would be admitted into the TRS ActiveCare plan. TRS ActiveCare would provide more choice, lower rates, and accessibility of local physicians for CSISD employees. The Employee Health Insurance Committee has met for the purpose of discussing this issue and recommends that the TRS ActiveCare plan be adopted effective January 1, 2003. Across the State of Texas, over 900 Texas school entities with in excess of 149,000 participating employees have entered the TRS ActiveCare plan. The concern was expressed regarding handling immediate health care needs for employees and families. The administration is proposing that CSISD treat health providers who were considered "in network" prior to September 1, 2002 in conjunction with the Alliance Provider Network to be treated as "in network" during the transition from our current insurance plan to the TRS ActiveCare plan, effective January 1, 2003.

It is recommended that the College Station ISD Board of Trustees consider the following regarding the employee health insurance plan:

1. Authorize the participation in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas TRS ActiveCare Plan effective January 1, 2003.
2. Authorize the termination of the College Station Independent School District Medical Insurance Plan and the termination of the contract with HealthFirst Third Party Administrators and any associated reinsurance contracts effective December 31, 2002.
3. Authorize the continuation of the District contribution toward the cost of employee health insurance as previously approved for the 2002-2003 budget year.

MOTION 3398: I move approval of the Recommendation as presented. The motion was made by Marc Chaloupka, but failed to get a second. The motion was then amended.

MOTION 3398: I move approval of authorizing the participation in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas TRS ActiveCare Plan effective January 1, 2003; and authorizing the termination of the College Station Independent School District Medical Insurance Plan and the termination of the contract with HealthFirst Third Party Administrators and any associated reinsurance contracts effective December 31, 2002.

The Motion was amended by Marc Chaloupka and seconded by Mary Broussard. The motion passed with six ayes.

D. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 3399: I move to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Tim Jones and seconded by Steve Aldrich. The motion carried with six ayes.

Without objection, President Susan Lowy adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

SUSAN LOWY
PRESIDENT

DAYNE M. FOSTER
SECRETARY