

**COLLEGE STATION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 21, 2003
7:00 p.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Susan Lowy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

President Susan Lowy, Vice-President Marc Chaloupka, Secretary Dayne Foster, Trustees Steve Aldrich, Mary Broussard, and Tim Jones were present. Trustee Larry Johnson was absent.

C. DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS

C-1 Board

a. Board of Trustees

Ann Ganter, Director of Public Relations and Education Foundation, addressed the Board of Trustees in appreciation for all that they do in their commitment to excellence in education in CSISD. Ms. Ganter introduced Ron Silvia, Mayor of College Station, who, on behalf of the citizens of College Station, thanked the Board of Trustees for their commitment to seeking excellence in education by their service on the College Station Independent School Board. This recognition is in celebration of Board Recognition Month, January 2003. Ron Silvia read this proclamation honoring the trustees.

WHEREAS, the mission of the public schools is to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

WHEREAS, local school board members work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are responsible for ensuring the structure that provides a solid foundation for our school system; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Silvia, Mayor of College Station, do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the College Station ISD School Board and proclaim the month of January 2003, as

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH. I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's children.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this 21st day of January, 2003. *Ron Silvia*

A "hats off to our board" theme captured the focus, with quite an assortment of hats adorning the Board Room. Additionally, each person was given a cap as they entered the Board Room and at the designated moment, everyone stood and raised their hat to the CSISD Board of Trustees in appreciation.

Students across the district presented gifts to the Trustees representing each campus. Those students that participated are Courtney Abney and Taylor Strawn from Cypress Grove Intermediate, Rachel Nixon and Andrew Meyer from Oakwood Intermediate, Kathryn Laza from AMC Middle School, Laura Casper and Daniel Casper from College Hills Elementary, Paige Vajdos, Chris Taylor, and Candace Taylor from Rock Prairie Elementary, and Julia Edrington and Thomas Edrington from Southwood Valley Elementary.

- b. Presentation to CSISD Foundation
Chrissy Hester, Principal of A&M Consolidated High School, along with Eric Hadden and Kelli Logan, representing the Senior Class, recognized and thanked the Education Foundation for the Foundation's partnership in securing *Tiger Pride*, the new bronze mascot donated to A&M Consolidated High School. The presentation was made to Randall Pitcock, Dayne Foster, and Tim Jones, representing the Education Foundation.

D. HEARING OF CITIZENS (Non-Agenda Items/Agenda Items)

None

E. HEARING OF EMPLOYEES (Non-Agenda Items/Agenda Items)

Lana Walsh, Counselor at A&M Consolidated Middle School, thanked the Board of Trustees for their efforts in serving the children of College Station, specifically their decision to split the middle school campus into two campuses as growth occurred, thus allowing smaller schools.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes; Curriculum and Instruction: Consider Approval of Continuation of Innovative Courses for A&M Consolidated High School School year 2003-04; Personnel: Consider Approval of Resignations/Retirements, Consider Approval of Employments; Business Affairs: Consider Approval of Agreement for Use of Facilities, Consider Approval of Bids: HVAC Supplies and Equipment, Consider Appointment of VLK Architects as architects for College Station ISD roofing renovation for the 2002-03 fiscal year, Consider Approval of Monthly Financial Reports, and Consider Approval of Monthly Budget Amendments.

MOTION 3420: I move approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was made by Tim Jones and seconded by Marc Chaloupka. The motion carried with six ayes.

G. BOARD

G-1. Committee Reports (DEIC, PAC, Facilities, Foundation, BISD/CSISD Liaison, City Liaison, TIF, Superintendent Evaluation, Legislative Advisory)

Dayne Foster reported that DEIC reviewed the District Improvement Plan (DIP), reviewed the process for adoption of a school calendar, and discussed the Long Range Technology Plan.

Mary Broussard reported that PAC is reviewing items that comprise the PAC Agenda regularly and the process by which items are placed on the agenda. PAC also was updated on the district's Chapter 41 status.

Marc Chaloupka reported that the Facilities Committee has a meeting scheduled for January 30, 2003 @ 11:30 a.m.

Dayne Foster reported that the Foundation is restructuring the Financial Report, is very proud to have been a part of *Tiger Pride*, is in the process of reviewing Spring grants, and is currently working on the Golf Tournament.

Tim Jones reported that the CSISD/BISD Liaison Committee has a quarterly meeting scheduled later this week on January 23, 2003 @ 12:00 noon.

Steve Aldrich reported that the City Liaison Committee has completed joint presentations to the respective governing boards/councils. These

presentations were informational in nature. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 31st.

Marc Chaloupka reported that the TIF Committee is focused on the Wolf Pen Creek project. He reported that on January 19th the finance amounts collected by the city and the school district were approved. The final payment for Melrose TIF is approaching. The Committee is also looking at their Bylaws.

Susan Lowy reported that the Superintendent Evaluation Committee is in the process of completing the Superintendent's evaluation. The committee has completed the Formative and plans to schedule the Summative Evaluation in February.

In reporting about the Legislative Advisory Committee, Marc Chaloupka announced that the legislative session has begun.

I. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

I-1. Consider Approval of Submission of First Day of Instruction Waiver

Eddie Coulson, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction/Personnel, briefly reviewed the process for recommending a 2003-2004 school calendar, and the role the *Submission of the First Day of Instruction Waiver* plays in that process.

MOTION 3421: I move to approve the Submission of the First Day of Instruction Waiver. The motion was made by Steve Aldrich and seconded by Dayne Foster. The motion carried with five ayes. Marc Chaloupka voted no.

I-2. Report on Technology Evaluation

Clark Ealy, Director for Assessment, Evaluation and Accountability, presented a report summarizing the findings of the Technology Evaluation. In tying technology to student achievement, the committee chose to look at the impact of technology in three areas: 1) what impact does technology have on teachers' ability to teach and students' ability to learn, 2) how has technology made CSISD more efficient as a system and 3) how effectively do we use technology.

K. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

K-1. Consider Approval of Independent Auditor's Agreed-Upon Procedures Report on College Station Independent School District's Compliance with State Compensatory Education Requirements

New state law requires that an independent audit firm be engaged to perform agreed upon procedures to test the District's compliance with the requirements of the State Compensatory Education funding. Mike Ball, Deputy

Superintendent for Business and Operations, reported that Patillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P., the audit firm that performs the District's financial audit, was engaged by the Board of Trustees of College Station ISD to perform this work. He briefly reviewed their report which indicates in detail the procedures that were performed and the findings and recommendations of the audit firm. The report must be submitted to Texas Education Agency in the same manner as the Annual Financial and Compliance Report on or before January 28, 2003. State law also requires that the report be approved or disapproved by the Board of Trustees.

MOTION 3422: I move that the Independent Auditor's Agreed-Upon Procedures Report be approved as presented. The motion was made by Marc Chaloupka and seconded by Mary Broussard. The motion carried with six ayes.

L. BOARD DIRECTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The College Hills Elementary School artwork displayed on the walls of the Board Room was appreciated.

Steve Johnson, Superintendent, invited everyone to join in a Board Reception immediately following the meeting. Cake and punch was served in honor of CSISD Board of Trustees.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

N. OPEN SESSION

None

O. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 3423: I move to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Tim Jones and seconded by Marc Chaloupka. The motion carried with six ayes.

Without objection, President Susan Lowy adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

SUSAN LOWY
President

DAYNE FOSTER
Secretary