

**COLLEGE STATION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 18, 2003
7:00 p.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Susan Lowy called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

C. DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS

C-1 Students

a. Class 5A All State Football Players

Zach Myatt and David Nixon were recognized by the Board of Trustees as being named to the Class 5A All State Football Team by the Associated Press and the Texas Sports Writers Association.

b. Journalism Education Association Award

The Roar newspaper staff, along with their sponsor, Courtney Wellmann, attended the National Journalism Convention November 21-24 in Dallas, Texas. The conference was sponsored by the Journalism Education Association and the National Scholastic Press Association. The convention included more than 5000 students and their advisors from high schools across the nation. CSISD students received awards from the Journalism Education Association as follows:

Merie Adams, Excellent Rating in Editorial Writing
Eric Aguirre, Honorable Mention for News Writing
Sarah Hoque, Honorable Mention for On-Air Reporter
Myrth Killingsworth, Honorable Mention for Feature Writing
Eric Ransom, Superior Rating in Sports Writing

c. BV Symphony Orchestra Youth Concerto Competition

Competing against all ages of youth, including high school seniors, Lulu Chang, a fourth grader at Southwood Valley Elementary School, won First Place in the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra's Youth Concerto Competition.

C-2 Staff

a. Child Nutrition A+ Awards

The Child Nutrition A+ Award is awarded to employees by the Child Nutrition Office for excellence in the areas of Attitude, Appearance, Attendance, Accuracy, and being Accident-Free. The following Child

Nutrition employees received recognition for this award: Lety Corpes, Eileen Allen, Lenora Bullock, Sonia Cardenas, Teresa Castillo, Shirley Davis, Patricia Fontenot, Carla Forehand, Pamela Hanks, Elma Howard, Betty Jean McIntosh, Terry Miles, Sonia Moore, Martha Neal, Katrina Reinecke, Vivian Robinson, Brenda Wasik, Tammy Wells, Paula Williams, Suzanne, Wolfenden, and Elsie Young.

C-3 Teacher

a. Mary McCarty, Art Teacher at Oakwood Intermediate

Mary McCarty was recognized for her leadership with students at Oakwood Intermediate School, in the creation of the awesome sculpture, *Behind the Flag*. The multicultural relief sculpture will eventually be permanently displayed at Oakwood; however, it is currently on a tour of displays which include the George Bush Library, CSISD Board Room, and possibly The Med. The sculpture was dedicated to Oakwood Intermediate School by the sixth grade art students “in remembrance of the many faces lost, and those whose lives were risked in an effort to save others after the attack on America on September 11.” Those students are Carson Aldrich, Gabby Allen, Morgan Allen, Hosea Austin, Breeahnah Baber, Vincent Bazy, Jessica Brown, Billy Cheyne, Deepak Chona, Jose Diaz, Travis Drewyor, Mildred Duran, Dale Feldman, Louis Fowler, Jennifer Gutierrez, Miriam Hamilton, Jacob VandeVanter, Kait Humphrey, Haley Isball, Joseph Jaques, Matt Jones, Hayden Landry, Annie Lin, Monica Lopez, Bobby Mastrobattista, Virginia McCall, Abby McFadin, Daniel Menchaca, Chandler Moreau, Corbin Nixon, Sasha Novikova, Jessica Padron, Arthur Portillo, Pim Watanasirisuk, Kourtney Rankin, Jerome Ricks, Jose Rodriguez, Ryan Simmons, Jordan Smith, Kira Stearns, Matt Stefanczak, Yu-xin Sun, Amanda Trapani, Ryan Turton, Taylor Pounds, Chris Ware, Megan White, Amanda Wiggins, Stewart Wilding, and Tyler Hatch.

C-4 Community

a. Chris Ferrell, The Eagle

Chris Ferrell, reporter for The Eagle, was recognized by the Board of Trustees for outstanding news coverage of College Station Independent School District.

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

- a. Edgar Meyer, professor at Texas A&M University, presented to the Board of Trustees a molecule model which he made of red oak in a joint project with John Tolar, Chemistry teacher at A&M Consolidated High School. Mr. Meyer praised College Station ISD for its efforts to achieve excellence in education and expressed kind words regarding his personal experiences with the district.

- b. Denise Hudson addressed the Board of Trustees regarding PFLAG, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, an organization that she is campaigning to begin in College Station public schools.
- c. Andy Wisner, representing Apple Computers, addressed the Board of Trustees speaking in favor of CSISD purchasing Apple Computers. He expressed concern over the possibility of the Board approving Agenda Item K-1 which would approve the purchase of PC computers rather than MAC computers.

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

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes; Curriculum and Instruction: Consider Approval of Head Start Application; Personnel: Consider Approval of Contracts for Administrators; Business Affairs: Consider Approval of Tax Refund based on payment to incorrect account: Refund to be payable to Lawyers Title Company, Account R26188, property owner Carlvine Company, Inc., refund amount \$15,163.63, Consider Resolution Providing For the Sale of Property Acquired by The County of Brazos At Delinquent Tax Sale. Lot 10, Block 1, Sweet Briar Addition to the City of College Station, Brazos County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 466, Page 80 of the Deed Records, Brazos County, Texas and Volume 4683, Page 111 of the Official Records, Brazos County, Texas, Consider Approval of Monthly Financial Reports; Elections: Appointment of Designees for Filing Purposes, Consider Approval of Joint Resolution for 5/03/03 Election.

MOTION 3426: I move approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Agenda Item K-6 which was pulled from the Consent Agenda by the administration. The motion was made by Marc Chaloupka and seconded by Dayne Foster. The motion carried with seven 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 met on February 12, 2003. At that meeting the committee approved the Long Range Technology Plan, reviewed the District Improvement Plan and looked at the program changes for the 2003-2004 school year in the ESL and Bilingual programs.

Mary Broussard reported that PAC also met on February 12, 2003. The agenda items discussed were Out Of District Student Transfers of District Employees, Mandated State Training, Paraprofessional Pay Scale, and District-wide End of Year Celebration plans.

Marc Chaloupka stated no report regarding the Facilities Committee.

Dayne Foster reported that the Foundation is currently working on the Golf Tournament.

Tim Jones reported that the CSISD/BISD Liaison Committee met on January 23rd and discussed program cooperation.

Steve Aldrich reported positive feedback from the City Council regarding joint information sessions in January and February, 2003.

Marc Chaloupka reported no report for the TIF Committee.

Susan Lowy reported that the Board will be discussing the Superintendent Summative Evaluation in Executive Session this evening.

Marc Chaloupka reported no report for the Legislative Advisory Committee.

I. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

I-1. Consider Approval of Long Range Technology Plan

Eddie Coulson, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction/Personnel, presented the Long Range Technology Plan for approval which the CSISD Long Range Technology Planning Committee developed. The committee is comprised of teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, computer technicians and technology facilitators who worked together to develop the four goals that the plan is centered around. These goals are: 1) Provide all students with learning, life and workplace technology skills needed to be successful in the 21st century, 2) Educational technology will be used as a catalyst for professional growth to advance teaching and learning, 3) Provide an administrative infrastructure to support teaching and learning, and 4) Develop a strong connection with families and communities to maximize the benefits of technology. The Long Range Technology Plan and the 2003-2004 District Improvement Plan work together in order to provide a consistent vision for the College Station School District regarding student achievement and the use of technology. Upon approval of the 2003-2006 Long Range Technology Plan, The plan will be submitted to the Region VI Education Service Center. Region VI will then review the plan. Once approved by Region VI, the plan will be submitted to the Texas Education Agency.

MOTION 3427: I move to approve the Long Range Technology Plan as presented. The motion was made by Larry Johnson and seconded by Marc Chaloupka. The motion carried with seven ayes.

K. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

K-1. Consider Approval of Bids

Mike Ball, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations, presented the following information regarding bids.

a. Computers and Printers RFQ#3-014

A Request for Quotations #3-014 was distributed requesting proposals on both computers and printers. Subsequent to the release of the RFQ, a decision was made to change the type of computers to be purchased (e.g., MAC vs. PC). The computer portion of this RFQ was recircularized as Request for Quotations #3-018. The printer needs have not changed with the move to PC compatible hardware. Although the lowest bidder on the printer portion of this RFQ is CDW Government, the recommendation from the purchasing and technology departments is to reject the computer portion of this RFQ and award the printer portion to the lowest bidder meeting minimum specifications.

b. Printer Cartridges RFQ#3-016

This Request for Quotations is a routine annual bid for these consumable printer cartridges. The technology department and the purchasing department recommend that the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder meeting minimum specifications, The Tree House, Inc.

c. Computers RFQ#3-018

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MOTION 3428: I move that the Bids be approved as presented. The motion was made by Larry Johnson and seconded by Tim Jones. The motion carried with seven ayes

K-2. Consider Master Lease-Purchase Agreement for financing acquisition of computer equipment and school busses.

A Request For Proposals has been issued for the purpose of obtaining quotations regarding availability and cost of capital lease-purchase agreements to be utilized for financing the acquisition of school busses and computer equipment during the current fiscal year. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of College Station Independent School District consider approval of a Master Lease-Purchase Agreement with Banc One Leasing Corporation for the acquisition of school busses and computer equipment in the total original

principal amount of \$539,660 and that Michael Ball, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations, be authorized to sign documents necessary to execute such lease agreement.

MOTION 3429: I move approval of the Master-Lease Purchase Agreement for financing acquisition of computer equipment and school busses as presented. The motion was made by Tim Jones and seconded by Marc Chaloupka. The motion carried with seven ayes.

K-6. Consider Approval of Monthly Budget Amendments

Mike Ball, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations, presented information regarding proposed budget amendments for adoption. With the following exceptions, they are routine transfers within the previously approved budget:

Item 5 This would provide budget authority for the execution of a lease-purchase agreement for the acquisition of busses and computer equipment. The net decrease in fund balance from this proposed transaction for the current year is \$184,647.

MOTION 3430: I move approval of the Monthly Budget Amendments as presented. The motion was made by Marc Chaloupka and seconded by Larry Johnson. The motion carried with seven ayes.

L. ELECTIONS

L-3. Receive Report on School Board Continuing Education

Beth French, Board Secretary, read into the minutes the continuing education hours completed by each Board member. Board Policy BBD Legal requires that at the annual Board meeting at which the call for election of Board Members is normally considered, the Board President shall cause the minutes to reflect the members who have and have not completed the required continuing education. Each member of the College Station ISD Board of Trustees has completed all of the Continuing Education requirements for this year.

M. BOARD DIRECTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

M-1. Steve Johnson, Superintendent, reported that the current legislative session should prove to be interesting. Several bills have been proposed that would affect public school funding. Governor Perry has reported that TIF will probably continue, but be re-allocated through technology funds. This could prove to be a significant decrease in technology funding for College Station ISD should this occur. The administration has had an opportunity to provide input on several occasions regarding state mandated funding and will continue to provide information to state legislators regarding any issues that affect College Station Independent School District.

The Pebble Creek Elementary School artwork displayed on the walls of the Board Room was appreciated.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Lowy announced that in accordance with Section 551.071 through 551.084 of the Texas Government Code, the Board of Trustees will go into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's Formative Evaluation. The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 8:10 p.m.

O. OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:03 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

P. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 3431: I move to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Tim Jones and seconded by Marc Chaloupka. The motion carried with seven ayes.

Without objection, President Susan Lowy adjourned the meeting at 10:04 p.m.

SUSAN LOWY
President

DAYNE FOSTER
Secretary