

**COLLEGE STATION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP MEETING
February 4, 2003
5:00 p.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Susan Lowy called the workshop meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

President Susan Lowy, Vice President Marc Chaloupka, Trustees Steve Aldrich, Tim Jones and Mary Broussard were present. Trustee Larry Johnson was absent. Mary Broussard left at 5:05 p.m. to take a phone call and returned at 5:07 p.m. Mary Broussard left meeting at 5:15 p.m. and returned at 5:25 p.m.

C. WORKSHOP SESSION

1. Capital Improvements

Mike Ball, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations, was introduced by Steve Johnson, Superintendent. Mr. Ball discussed the district's needed capital improvements and financing options. These improvements include Southwood Valley Elementary School Energy Management System, Track at Tiger Field, and the Fire Sprinkler System at AMC Middle School.

2. Technology

Eddie Coulson, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction/Personnel, discussed a brief history of grant monies that CSISD has taken advantage of to provide technology. Mr. Coulson reviewed CSISD's technology needs throughout the district. The technology evaluation determined that until teacher computers are replaced, it would be difficult to use the software that is available. Staff Development will not be a beneficial to teachers until they have new desktops. Teachers are very limited in the software applications they are able to use now. There is a high frustration level among staff due to the lack of performance from their computers.

Most new computers would replace teacher desktop units so that all CSISD teachers have updated computers. Other computers will replace library computers so that we can effectively run the latest version of our library management software. Laser printers will help us phase out the DeskJet printers that each teacher currently has. The district will move to a centralized printing effort on each campus. The district will begin using Windows 2000 by January 2004. New PC computers will run Windows XP. The transition from Apple to Windows machines will require an investment in updated software. This technology update will allow us to develop a list of technology proficiencies for teachers and administrators. It will allow us to provide meaningful technology professional development and will allow us to continue standardization of software applications. The new technology will also allow us to raise our expectations regarding teacher/staff use of technology.

D. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 3424: I move to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Steve Aldrich and seconded by Tim Jones. The motion carried with five ayes.

Without objection, President Lowy adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

SUSAN LOWY
PRESIDENT

DAYNE M. FOSTER
SECRETARY