

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Susan Lowy called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 Students

a. National Merit Finalists

Fourteen A&M Consolidated High School students have been named Finalists in the 2003 competition for National Merit Scholarship Awards out of 16,100 Semifinalists. Those students are Michael Adams, Elizabeth Banks, Felix Huang, Ruvin Jayasuriya, Seth Johnson, Suzanne Kim, Meghan Knobel, Joshua Lake, David Jamor, Krishna Shanmugam, Jonathan Sneed, Adam Wang, Seth White and Harold Williams.

b. Spelling Bee Regional Competition

A&M Consolidated Middle School eighth-grader, Deepika Chona, took first-place honors for the third consecutive year at the *Eagle* 2003 Brazos Valley Spelling Bee. Deepika competes in the Regional Spelling Bee in Houston on March 26th.

c. AMC High School – Tigerland Yearbook

The 2001-2002 A&M Consolidated High School Yearbook staff has been honored with an Award of Excellence from Taylor Publishing Company. Each year, Taylor evaluates each yearbook published by the company for excellence in the areas of cover design, theme development, and page design. As an Award of Excellence recipient, the *Tigerland* will be included in the 2003 edition of Taylor's annual "Yearbook Yearbook" publication. The AMCHS yearbook was selected by judges as among the best in the country. Liz Davis, Adviser for AMCHS *Tigerland*, was recognized by the Board on behalf of Leah Connatser, 2001-2002 *Tigerland* Editor, Mercedes Kraus, the 2001-2002 Assistant Editor and now the 2002-2003 *Tigerland* Editor, and the entire yearbook staff.

Trustee Tim Jones announced that Mary Broussard, Board Trustee, has been named Board Member of the Year for *United Way*.

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

None

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

- a. Judy LeUnes, representing College Station Educators Association, expressed thanks to Dr. Steve Johnson and the Board Executive Committee for proposing approval of a Board Resolution taking a stand against school vouchers, which is being considered in the current state legislative session.
- b. Mary Jones, teacher at College Hills Elementary School, addressed the Board of Trustees regarding the proposed 2003-2004 school calendar. Ms. Jones questioned the absence of the Labor Day holiday on the calendar and expressed her desire for the Board to add that holiday to the proposed calendar and adjust the start date for students from August 19, 2003 to August 18, 2003.
- c. Ruth Wilkinson, teacher at A&M Consolidated High School, addressed the Board of Trustees as a parent of school-age children and a teacher, as well as a member of the DEIC Committee. Ms. Wilkinson spoke in favor of the proposed calendar as presented.
- d. Marsha Herron, teacher at College Hills Elementary School, addressed the Board of Trustees regarding the proposed 2003-2004 school calendar. Ms. Herron asked the Board to consider adjusting the start date for students from August 19, 2003 to August 18, 2003 and to add the Labor Day holiday to the proposed calendar.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Board: Consider Approval of Resolution regarding School Vouchers, Approval of Minutes; Curriculum and Instruction: Consider Textbook Adoption for Social Studies Pre-K and Grades 1-12; Personnel: Consider Approval of Resignations/Retirements, Consider Approval of Professional Staff Contracts for 2003-2004; Business Affairs: Consider Approval of Proposal for Educator's Legal Liability Insurance for the policy period beginning March 27, 2003, Consider Approval of engagement letter with Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P. to perform agreed-upon procedures to assist College Station Independent School District in evaluating its internal controls and compliance with reporting of student records for the 2001-2002 school year as reported in the fall resubmission report submitted in January 2002, as required by Texas Education Code §42.006 and §39.005, Consider Approval of Resolution and Interlocal Agreement between College Station Independent School District and The City of College Station, Consider Approval of Competitive Sealed Proposals for the replacement of the energy management system at Oakwood Intermediate, Timber Academy, LEAP and Venture Center complexes, Consider Approval of Quarterly Investment Report for the three months ended February 28, 2003, Consider Approval of Monthly

Financial Reports, Consider Approval of Monthly Budget Amendments;
Elections: Consider Approval of Notice of Elections.

MOTION 3433: I move approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Agenda Item I-4 which was pulled from the Consent Agenda by the administration. The motion was made by Marc Chaloupka and seconded by Tim Jones. 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 stated no report for DEIC.

Mary Broussard stated no report for PAC.

Marc Chaloupka stated no report for the Facilities Committee.

Dayne Foster reported that the preliminary reports show that the Golf Tournament made over \$33,000.00.

Tim Jones stated no report for the CSISD/BISD Liaison Committee.

Steve Aldrich stated no report for the CSISD/City Liaison Committee.

Marc Chaloupka stated no report for the TIF Committee.

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

Marc Chaloupka encouraged everyone to keep abreast of the current legislative activity in Austin as the Legislature is currently in session.

I. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

I-1. Report on Community Survey

Eddie Coulson, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction/Personnel, introduced Clark Ealy, Director for Program Assessment, Evaluation and Accountability, who presented preliminary results of the Community Survey. Part of evaluating a school district is having a good understanding of parent and community perceptions of the district's overall performance. Hence, College Station ISD conducted a community-wide survey of district performance during the 2002 fall semester. A committee comprised of district and campus administrators, teachers, and community representatives developed the survey, examining several existing surveys designed to evaluate performance in each of the Correlates of

Effective Schools (CES), picking out the items that worked the best for CSISD. The seven correlates are:

1. Safe and Orderly Environment
2. Climate of High Expectations for Success
3. Clear and Focused Mission
4. Instructional Leadership
5. Opportunity to Learn, Time on Task
6. Frequent Monitoring of Student Progress
7. Positive Home/School Relations

The survey was designed to be a comprehensive look at parent and community perceptions of College Station ISD. Due to the length of the survey and the resources used to gather the data, this type of assessment should be given about once every five years. The following questions were addressed:

1. What are community perceptions of CSISD on each of the seven CES?
2. How does CSISD communicate with the community, and what are the community's information needs?
3. What are the strengths of and challenges facing College Station ISD?
4. What is the overall perception of CSISD performance?
5. What are the differences in participant opinion based on the following characteristics?
 - a. Respondent category
 - b. Respondent ethnicity
 - c. Level of school
 - d. Length of time in CSISD

Steve Johnson reported that in a recent gallop poll regarding "grading" a school system, it was reported that parents grading the school which they attended as students was given the grade of "A", while parents grading the school which their children now attend was given the grade of "C".

The average grade given to CSISD was "A-" with 1,659 total responses and 65% of those respondents were parents. CSISD will continue to analyze the data and the next steps to use this information will be determined by the administration and DEIC.

I-2. Consider Approval of 2003-2004 School Calendar

Eddie Coulson, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum/Instruction and Personnel, gave a brief presentation of the 2003-2004 calendar proposal. The proposed calendar was developed by the District Educational Improvement Council and highlights of the calendar include:

- New Teacher Induction from August 5-8, 2003
- First day of instruction for students on Tuesday, August 19, 2003
- Staff Development days on August 13, 14, 15, 18, October 3, January 5, 6, February 13, 16 and May 28
- Friday, December 19 is scheduled for a student early release day

- Monday, September 1, 2003 (Labor Day) is a regular school/work day
- The first semester ends on Friday, December 19, 2003
- There are 85 days for the first semester and 92 days for the second semester

MOTION 3434: I move approval of the 2003-2004 school calendar as presented. The motion was made by Tim Jones. There was no second so the motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION 3435: I move approval of the 2003-2004 school calendar with the following changes: Add Labor Day Holiday on September 1, 2003; Change the start date for students from August 19, 2003 to August 18, 2003; Change Staff Development days from August 13, 14, 15, 18, October 3, January 5, 6, February 13, 16 and May 28 to August 12, 13, 14, 15, October 3, January 5, 6, February 13, 16 and May 28. The motion was made by Marc Chaloupka and seconded by Dayne Foster. The motion tied. Tim Jones, Steve Aldrich, and Susan Lowy voted no, while Marc Chaloupka, Dayne Foster, and Mary Broussard voted yes.

MOTION 3436: I move to reconsider my vote. The motion was made by Steve Aldrich and seconded by Dayne Foster. The motion carried with six ayes.

MOTION 3437: In the interest of time and recognizing that too much time and energy has been spent by all concerned in development of the 2003-2004 school calendar, I move that the 2003-2004 school calendar be approved with the following changes: Add Labor Day Holiday on September 1, 2003, change the start date for students from August 19, 2003 to August 18, 2003, and change Staff Development days from August 13, 14, 15, 18, October 3, January 5, 6, February 13, 16 and May 28 to August 12, 13, 14, 15, October 3, January 5, 6, February 13, 16 and May 28. The motion was made by Steve Aldrich and seconded by Dayne Foster. The motion passed with four ayes. Steve Aldrich, Dayne Foster, Marc Chaloupka and Mary Broussard voted yes while Susan Lowy and Tim Jones voted no.

I-4. Consider Approval of Policy Update 69

Eddie Coulson, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum/Instruction and Personnel, presented Policy Update 69 from the Texas Association of School Boards for approval with the exception of FFAA (LOCAL). The policies are as follows:

AC (LEGAL)	CCG (LEGAL)
BBB (LEGAL)	CDA (LEGAL)
BBB (EXHIBIT)	CDA (LOCAL)
BDAA (LEGAL)	CDA (EXHIBIT)
BDD (LEGAL)	CHG (LEGAL)
BE (LEGAL)	CKA (LEGAL)
BE (LOCAL)	CL (LEGAL)
BJCE (LEGAL)	CMD (LEGAL)

CNB (LEGAL)	EIE (LEGAL)
CO (LEGAL)	EIF (LEGAL)
CQ (LEGAL)	EJ (LEGAL)
CQ (LOCAL)	EK (LEGAL)
CRB (LEGAL)	F (LEGAL)
CRD (LEGAL)	FD (LEGAL)
CRE (LEGAL)	FDC (LEGAL)
CRG (LEGAL)	FDC (LOCAL)
CS (LEGAL)	FDD (LEGAL)
DBA (LEGAL)	FDD (LOCAL)
DBA (LOCAL)	FDE (LEGAL)
DEA (LEGAL)	FDG (LOCAL)
DEC (LEGAL)	FEA (LEGAL)
DG (LEGAL)	FEA (LOCAL)
DH (LEGAL)	FEB (LEGAL)
DH (LOCAL)	FEB (LOCAL)
DH (EXHIBIT)	FEC (LEGAL)
DHE (LEGAL)	FEC (LOCAL)
DK (LEGAL)	FED (LEGAL)
DK (LOCAL)	FEF (LOCAL)
DP (LEGAL)	FFAA (LEGAL)
DP (LOCAL)	FFG (LEGAL)
E (LEGAL)	FL (LEGAL)
EEB (LEGAL)	FL (LOCAL)
EF (LEGAL)	FL (EXHIBIT)
EF (EXHIBIT)	FNCF (LEGAL)
EHAB (LEGAL)	FNF (LEGAL)
EHBA (LEGAL)	FOD (LEGAL)
EHBAB (LEGAL)	FOE (LEGAL)
EHBAD (LEGAL)	GBA (LEGAL)
EHBC (LEGAL)	GBA (EXHIBIT)
EHBD (LEGAL)	GKA (LEGAL)
EIA (LOCAL)	GKC (LEGAL)
EIAB (LOCAL)	GNA (LEGAL)

MOTION 3438: I move approval of Policy Update 69 with the exception of FFAA (LOCAL). The motion was made by Marc Chaloupka and seconded by Mary Broussard. The motion carried with six ayes.

M. BOARD DIRECTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Steve Johnson, Superintendent, encouraged everyone to stay tuned to the legislative actions that are currently being considered in Austin. The Legislature is currently in session. Several bills that are being considered could have a negative financial impact on College Station ISD if those bills are voted into law.

Susan Lowy announced that the Board was more than pleased with the results of the Head Start Federal Review. The CSISD Head Start program was cited as a model program for the country. The program is under the direction of Sharon Jackson.

K. 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 Summative Evaluation. The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 8:15 p.m.

O. OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:05 p.m.

MOTION 3439: I move to extend the Superintendent's Contract for one year. The motion was made by Marc Chaloupka and seconded by Steve Aldrich. The motion carried with six ayes.

P. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 3440: I move to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Marc Chaloupka and seconded by Steve Aldrich. The motion carried with six ayes.

Without objection, President Susan Lowy adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m.

SUSAN LOWY
President

DAYNE FOSTER
Secretary