

**COLLEGE STATION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 16, 2002
7:00 p.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Susan Lowy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

C. DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS

Naveen Cunha, Teacher at Oakwood Intermediate School, was recognized by Texas Education Agency as being selected as one of the state-level finalists in the 2002 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching program.

The administration pulled the Administrative District Recognition due to the fact that Kevin Harris, the recipient, was out of town for training.

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

None.

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

None

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes; Curriculum and Instruction: Consider Approval to accept Criminal Justice Division Grant in the amount of \$4,518; Personnel: Consider Approval of Resignations/Retirements, Consider Approval of Employments, Consider Approval of Amendment to Superintendent's Contract for 2002-2003; Business Affairs: Consider Approval of Building Use Agreement with Grace Bible Church, Consider Approval of Monthly Financial Reports, Consider Approval of Monthly Budget Amendments.

MOTION 3393: I move approval of the consent agenda. The motion was made by Marc Chaloupka and seconded by Steve Aldrich. 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)

Tim Jones reported that the PAC Committee has resumed its meeting schedule; that being the first Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. Marguerite Anthony is serving as the Chairperson and the committee is getting organized for the 2002-03 school year.

Dayne Foster reported that the Education Foundation has met for the new school year and is getting organized. The strategic plan was reviewed and subcommittees formed. The Foundation announced that there will be a new permanent display at the High School and is scheduled for unveiling on 11/7/02.

Tim Jones reported that the CSISD/BISD Liaison Committee is scheduled to meet on 10/10/02 at noon and discuss common issues.

Steve Aldrich reported that the CSISD/City of College Station Liaison Committee last met on 8/30/02. Funding potential joint resolutions was of major interest. The committee plans to meet quarterly on the last Friday of the month, beginning in October, again in January, April and then again in July.

Marc Chaloupka reported that the Legislative Advisory Committee continues to work on priorities for state funding. Denton ISD Coalition has formed and scheduled a meeting for interested parties in Dallas during the TASA/TASB Annual Conference on 9/28/02.

Susan Lowy reported that the CSPA, Coalition for Support of Public Schools, has announced a Town Hall Meeting regarding Public School Finance in Texas: The Future of Robin Hood. The featured speaker will be Senator Steve Ogden. The forum is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2002 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the College Station Conference Center. The purpose of this Town Hall Meeting is to explore public school finance in the next legislative session. Mr. Ogden will converse with residents about Robin Hood and other strategies for funding public schools in Texas.

I. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

I-1 (a). Report on Enrichment Summer School

Eddie Coulson, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum/Instruction and Personnel, introduced Debbie Hudson, Principal for Elementary Enrichment Summer School 2002, who presented a brief overview of the basic program and background information. The CSISD Elementary Enrichment Summer School 2002 program

helped move the College Station Independent School District forward in its effort to help all students be successful. The Enrichment program is designed to allow students to attend enrichment programs that go beyond a regular elementary curriculum. As in years past, the Enrichment program was able to generate enough revenue to cover the cost of the program. The program served a different group of students than it has in the past. Ms. Hudson attributed that fact to a different location and online catalog registration. In planning for next summer and in anticipation of continued success, Ms. Hudson recommends that CSISD continue the online catalog registration process, sending catalogs to private schools, accepting credit card payments and offering more academically based programs.

I-1 (b). Report on Extended School Year Program

Eddie Coulson introduced Donna Adams, Director of Special Services, who presented a brief overview of the basic program and background information. Donna Adams introduced Katie Chirhart, teacher at Southwood Valley, and commended her for her commitment to helping students be successful. The CSISD Extended School Year Program for students with special needs is composed of elementary and secondary components. In both programs the goal is to provide services to special needs students so that the students will progress academically, socially and behaviorally, rather than regress during the summer months. Unlike the elementary and secondary regular education summer programs, the Extended School Year Program operates in both June and July.

K. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

- K-1. Consider Approval of contract with the law firm of Ray, Wood & Bonilla, L.L.P. for representation that includes research, documentation, analysis, and advocacy of changes in the district's local tax roll values reported to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts for purposes of the Comptroller's annual student and certification of school districts' local property tax values.

Mike Ball, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations, presented a proposal to enter into contract with the Austin law firm of Ray, Wood & Bonilla, L.L.P., who has a practice in the area of auditing the property records used in State school funding formulas. Their work involves statistical studies of the various categories of property in a given district. Where they find areas that can be beneficial to a district, an appeal is filed with the Comptroller of Public Accounts. If no benefit is available to the district, no appeal is filed. This law firm proposes to audit the property records of College Station ISD for the purpose of lowering the value certified by the Comptroller for use in calculating the State funding for the 2001 tax year. In the case of College Station ISD, this would involve a potential reduction in the amount of our recapture payment. The proposed fee arrangement would be a contingent fee. This audit process would

have no effect on the individual value of any property owner or the amount of any tax due from any property owner. This process only involves values used by the Comptroller of Public Accounts in the computation of school funding.

It is recommended that the College Station ISD Board of Trustees consider approving the contract with Ray, Wood & Bonilla, L.L.P. for legal representation in connection with the preparation of a school district audit request as provided by Section 403.302(h) of the Texas Government code, beginning with the tax year 2001.

MOTION 3394: I move approval of the contract with Ray, Wood & Bonilla, L.L.P. as presented. The motion was made by Marc Chaloupka and seconded by Dayne Foster. The motion carried with six ayes.

K-2. Consider Approval of documents authorizing issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$4,000,000 utilizing the Texas Association of School Boards as the financial advisor.

Mike Ball, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations, presented proposal to approve the issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes. Because of our new status as a Chapter 41 district CSISD will no longer receive a significant portion of State funding during the fall months. This lack of cash flow during those months has created the necessity to borrow money in order to meet our cash flow needs during the late fall.

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) has a program to assist districts with this process. The vehicle used for borrowing funds for short term needs is called a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note. We are proposing to issue \$4,000,000 in short-term debt that will be repaid before August 31, 2003. Those funds will enable us to meet our cash flow needs during the fall. It appears now that this will be an annual need as we continue in our Chapter 41 status.

Susan Lowy, Board President read the Resolution authorizing the issuance of College Station Independent School District Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2002C; and containing other provisions relating thereto.

MOTION 3395: I move approval of the recommendation 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 REPORTS

Susan Lowy reminded everyone about the CSPA Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 10/1/02, at 7:00 p.m. at the College Station Conference Center.

Steve Johnson announced that the CSISD Board of Trustees would be attending the annual TASA/TASB Conference in Dallas on September 27 – 30, 2002.

O. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 3396: I move to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Dayne Foster and seconded by Mary Broussard. The motion carried with six ayes.

Without objection, President Lowy adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

SUSAN LOWY
PRESIDENT

DAYNE M. FOSTER
SECRETARY