

**COLLEGE STATION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP MEETING
September 23, 2002
5:30 p.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Susan Lowy called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

President Susan Lowy, Vice President Marc Chaloupka, Secretary Dayne Foster, Trustees Mary Broussard, Tim Jones, and Larry Johnson were present. Trustee Steve Aldrich arrived at 5:40 p.m. The group took a short break at 7:05 p.m. and resumed at 7:10 p.m. Mary Broussard left at 7:50 p.m. to take a phone call and returned at 7:53 p.m. Susan Lowy left at 8:28 p.m. to take a phone call and returned at 8:30 p.m. Larry Johnson left at 8:40 p.m. to take a phone call and returned at 8:41 p.m.

C. WORKSHOP SESSION

1. Establish Board Goals for 2002-2003

Steve Johnson, Superintendent, introduced Clark Ealy, Director for Assessment, Evaluation and Accountability, who gave an overview of CSISD District Data. Clark Ealy led discussion regarding district assessment data. The discussion covered the district's current assessment tools, CSISD's background in regard to assessment, and the changes in assessment for the district. Accountability and state funding were topics that generated discussion.

After a short break, Eddie Coulson, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel, presented an overview of the development of District Goals. Through discussion, the Board needs to decide if the 2002-2003 Board Priorities still meet the needs for the 2003-2004 school year. The current Board Priorities are:

Actively communicate to the community, staff and students the district's strengths and challenges to an environment that promotes trust.

Provide a safe learning environment that encourages academic, social, and emotional success for each student.

Maximize resources in order to create highly successful students.

Susan Lowy questioned if the current Board Priorities specifically address discrepancies within the district in all areas. Eddie Coulson pointed out that through DEIC, which allows public input, discrepancies are addressed, generally speaking. Specifically, student test scores are a focus. Marc Chaloupka stated that students needing encouragement have been identified and now the transition to help those students is necessary. Steve Johnson reported that, indeed, that process has begun.

Susan Lowy expressed concern over health issues in CSISD in regard to several items, but, specifically, in regard to snack foods. Ms. Lowy stated that in an education environment, like CSISD, it speaks loudly by what we permit, such as snacking. Mike Ball distributed information that was compiled by Diane Dahm, Director of Child Nutrition Services, regarding foods of minimal nutritional value. The brief overview of what CSISD is currently doing to combat the health concerns of obesity in children proved good information; however, the Board asked that Ms. Dahm attend a Board Workshop to discuss this matter. The Workshop was scheduled for October 1, 2002 at 5:30 p.m.

2. Report on current status of Employee Insurance

Steve Johnson, Superintendent, introduced Mike Ball, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations, who gave a brief overview of CSISD's current insurance plan. He expressed concern about a number of items in regard to the plan, especially the unavailability of local physicians to participate in CSISD's employee insurance plan. Additionally, CSISD has received notice of eligibility to participate in the Teacher Retirement System's ActiveCare Insurance Plan, with 60 days notice. In order to terminate current agreements with CSISD's Third Party Administrators and any associated reinsurance contracts would require 90 days. TRS ActiveCare will provide more choice, lower rates, and accessibility of local physicians for CSISD employees. The two optimal times to change plans would be January 1, 2003 when deductibles begin, or September 1, 2003 in conjunction with a new school year. A discussion occurred regarding employee insurance. The Board asked for a grid of providers by specialization.

D. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 3397: I move to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Dayne Foster and seconded by Larry Johnson. The motion carried with seven ayes.

Without objection, President Lowy adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

SUSAN LOWY
PRESIDENT

DAYNE M. FOSTER
SECRETARY