

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MARCH 20, 2012**

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Harlingen CISD Administration Building located at 407 N. 77 Sunshine Strip, Harlingen, Texas. Gerry Fleuriet, Board President, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

Gerry Fleuriet, Dr. Cesar Maldonado, Verna Young, Greg Powers and Dr. Nolan Perez

**MEMBERS  
ABSENT:**

George McShan and Javier De Leon

**OTHERS  
PRESENT:**

Dr. Steve Flores, Arturo Cavazos, Michelle Everett, Julio Cavazos, Michelle Everett, Rosalinda Vargas, Oscar Tapia and Sonia Brown.

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE:**

The pledge leader for the evening was Mathew Garcia, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Rodriguez Elementary School. Mathew's parents are Jesse and Ruth Garcia.

**AWARDS &  
RECOGNITIONS:**

The Board recognized the following PTSA February Students of the Month: From HHS – Jessica Davis and Rachel Dunham; from HHS-South – Rachel Anderson and Katlin Fox; and from ECHS – Earl Maris and Nicole Harvey.

The Board recognized the following HHS-South students who qualified for the National Forensic League National finals to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 9-16, 2012: Angel Yanez, Erik Rodriguez, Devon Fierro, Matthew Almaguer, Christian Young and Adam Engleskes.

The Board recognized the following HHS-South students who qualified for the National Individual Events Tournament of Champions to be held in Union City, California on May 10-14, 2012: Angel Yanez, Erik Rodriguez and Devon Fierro.

The Board recognized the following HHS-South student who qualified to compete at the Tournament of Champions in Extemporaneous Speaking to be held in Evanston, Illinois on May 10, 2012: Jan Soto.

Girls' basketball Coach Nora Zamarripa was recognized by the Board for having earned her 700<sup>th</sup> career victory this past season.

The following students were recognized by the Board for having been selected 2012 All State Music Students: Thomas Gonzales, Brandon Hawkins, Roel Benitez, Sylvia Lopez, Kathis Dalum, Aaron Gomez, Amanda Lozano, Juan Maldonado, Elora Balleros, Aaron Bravo, Shelby Brewer, David Flores, Evany Jackson, Sarah Lapaz, Joshua Rangel and Chris Sanchez

**SUPT'S REPORT:**

Dr. Steve Flores presented a Superintendent of Schools Report on "Transforming our Public Schools" with a focus on the Digital Literacy. Shane Strubhart, Director of Communications, and Traci Gonzalez, Principal at Rodriguez Elementary School, presented information on how digital literacy will benefit students and prepare them for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Allan Brumley appeared before the Board and Administration to express his appreciation for their efforts in passing the bond issue and stated he looks forward to the construction of the Performing Arts Theater.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** A motion was made by Dr. Nolan Perez to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the February 14, 2012 Public Hearing as corrected, the February 14, 2012 Regular Board Meeting as written and February 22, 2012 Special Board Meeting as written and as recommended by the Administration.
- b. Approval of a Proclamation declaring National Library Week on April 8-14, 2012.
- c. Approval of Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification form as presented by Tom Hopkins and as recommended by the Administration.
- d. Award of Proposals and Contracts as presented by Tony Gracia and as recommended by the Administration.
- e. Tax Refunds as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration.
- f. Budget Amendments as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration.

Dr. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.  
**(Proclamation, Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification Form, Award of Proposals and Contracts, Tax Refunds and Budget Amendments are filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRIP FOR MILAM CHESS TEAM:** A motion was made by Dr. Nolan Perez to approve an out-of-state trip for Milam Elementary Chess Team to attend a National Chess Tournament in Nashville, TN on May 10-14, 2012 as presented by Rosie Cobarrubias and as recommended by the Administration. Greg Powers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRIP FOR HOUSTON CHESS TEAM:** A motion was made by Dr. Nolan Perez to approve an out-of-state trip for Sam Houston Elementary Chess Team to attend a National Chess Tournament in Nashville, TN on May 10-14, 2012 as presented by Norma Garcia and as recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRIP FOR SOUTH SPEECH STUDENT:** A motion was made by Greg Powers to approve an out-of-state trip for Harlingen High School South Speech/Drama/Debate Team student to attend Extemporaneous Speaking Tournament of Champions in Evanston, IL on May 11-13, 2012 as presented by Tasha Kneis and as recommended by the Administration. Dr. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRIP FOR SOUTH SPEECH TEAM:** A motion was made by Greg Powers to approve an out-of-state trip for Harlingen High School South Speech/Drama/Debate students to attend National Individual Events Tournament of Champions in Union City, California on May 11-13, 2012 as presented by Tasha Kneis and as recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRIP FOR SOUTH SPEECH TEAM:** A motion was made by Dr. Cesar Maldonado to approve an out-of-state trip for Harlingen High School South Speech/Drama/Debate Team to attend the NFL National Finals in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 9-16, 2012 as presented by Tasha Kneis and as recommended by the Administration. Greg Powers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF HCISD AG FARM PROJECT:** A motion was made by Dr. Nolan Perez to award the HCISD Ag Farm Project to Scoggins Construction Co., Inc. as presented by Oscar Tapia and Tony Gracia and as recommended by the Administration. Dr. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Bid and ranking tabulations are filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF HVAC PHASE III UPGRADES:** A motion was made Dr. Cesar Maldonado to award the HVAC Phase III upgrades at HHS-South, Early College High School, Coakley Middle School, Dishman, Wilson, Austin, and Long Elementary Campuses to Central Air & Heating Services as presented by Oscar Tapia and Tony Gracia and as recommended by the Administration. Greg Powers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Bid and ranking tabulations are filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF DISTRICT WIDE TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES FOR ELEMENTARIES:** A motion was made by Greg Powers to award the bid for district wide technology upgrades for elementary campuses to Insight Networking as presented by Oscar Tapia and Tony Gracia and as recommended by the Administration. Dr. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Bid and ranking tabulations are filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF DISTRICT WIDE TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS:** A motion was made by Greg Powers to award the bid for district wide technology upgrades for middle schools and high schools to Insight Networking as presented by Oscar Tapia and Tony Gracia and as recommended by the Administration. Dr. Nolan Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Bid and ranking tabulations are filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FOR MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL:** A motion was made by Greg Powers to approve a Betterment Fund Change Order for the Memorial Middle School relocation project in the amount not to exceed \$37,488.00 as presented by Oscar Tapia and as recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FOR BOGGUS STADIUM:** A motion was made by Greg Powers to approve a Betterment Fund Change Order for Boggus Stadium field turf and all weather track renovations in the amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 as presented by Oscar Tapia and as recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF REVISION TO UPDATE 92:** A motion was made by Dr. Cesar Maldonado to approve revision to board policies from Update 92 (Legal and Local), DFF (Local), DFAA (Local), DFFB (Local) and policy EI (Local) on first reading as presented by Arturo Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Greg Powers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL FOR BOARD TO SUSPEND EIA & EIC (LOCAL):** A motion was made by Greg Powers to approve a Resolution for the Board to suspend portions of EIA (Local) and EIC (Local) for the 2011-2012 school year only as presented by Michelle Everett and as recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Resolution is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL TO EXTEND TEACH FOR AMERICA AGREEMENT:** A motion was made by Greg Powers to extend the agreement for Teach for America Services as presented by Rosalinda Vargas and as recommended by the Administration. Dr. Nolan Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Agreement for Teach for America Services is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED STATUS:** A motion was made by Greg Powers to approve the certification of unopposed status as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Verna Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Certification of Unopposed Status is filed with these minutes.)**

**APPROVAL OF ORDER OF CANCELLATION:** A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the order of cancellation declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office as presented by Julio Cavazos and as recommended by the Administration. Greg Powers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. **(Order of cancellation declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office is filed with these minutes.)**

**REGION ONE ESC ELECTIONS:** Ballots were distributed to Board Members for voting purposes for Region One Board of Directors vacancies.

**INTERNAL AUDIT QTLY REPORT:** Nelly Ledesma, Internal Auditor, provided an Internal Audit Quarterly Report for the Board review. **(Internal Audit Quarterly Report is filed with these minutes.)**

**QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT:** Julio Cavazos provided a Quarterly Investment Report for the Board's review. **(Quarterly Investment Report is filed with these minutes.)**

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT:** Oscar Tapia presented a Facilities Committee Report regarding the following construction projects: **Discussion regarding possible Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Air Monitoring Station on 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy property location:** Mr. Tapia presented information on a proposal from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to do some air monitoring on the ozone air quality of this general area. TCEQ is requesting to utilize a corner of the property of the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy to place their monitoring station and related equipment. If approved, TCEQ would begin this process within 4 to 5 months. **Discussion regarding request from IOC Construction to use the HCISD 70 acre tract of land on Primera Road as a staging site for the TXDOT Primera Road Improvement Project:** Mr. Tapia reported that the District has been contacted by IOC Construction about the possibility of using part of the District's 70 acre property as a staging area to store their equipment and materials for their project for about one year. This is where the District will be building the Agriculture Farm Building. **Discussion regarding Energy Management Performing Contracting:** Legal Policy CL was reviewed on energy and water conservation measures. This policy allows the Board to enter into an energy savings performance contract for energy or water conservation measures to reduce energy or water consumption or operating costs of new or existing school facilities in which the estimated savings in utility costs resulting from the measures is guaranteed to offset the cost of the measures over a specified period. District staff is recommending going out for RFQ's for energy management performance contracting services for various energy savings projects district-wide. **Update on 2010 School Bond Program - Performing Arts Center:** Project has been awarded to Journeyman Construction. Construction is scheduled to be completed by March 2013. **Aquatic Center:** The Preliminary floor plans and exterior conceptual drawings have

been approved. Project is scheduled to bid out in August 2012 and should be completed for the 2013-2014 school year. **Boggus Stadium Track and Turf:** Field Turf is about 30% complete. The target completion date is April 2012. **Boggus Stadium Eastside Renovations:** SpawGlass is about 20% complete, with demolition at about 99%. This project is projected to be completed by August 2012. **New Middle School:** The project is about 65% complete. Completion of this construction project is on target for July 2012. **Agriculture Farm:** Bids have been received and project has been ranked. A recommendation will be taken to the March, 2012 School Board for awarding. **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy:** Architect is about 85% complete with the construction documents. The targeted timeline for this project is July 2013. **Vernon Band Hall:** Project is 64% complete. The roof work is 90% complete at the main campus. A/C work at annex is complete. Phase 1 timeline is on schedule to be completed by May, 2012. Phase II is scheduled for summer of 2012. **HVAC Renovations and Upgrades (ACR Engineering):** Project is 100% complete with the exception of controls which will be completed over spring break. **Multi Purpose Buildings Project (ACR Engineering):** Construction is about 25% complete. Project is targeted for completion by mid-April. **HVAC Renovations and Upgrades Phase III (ACR Engineering):** Project has been bid and has been ranked. A recommendation will be taken to the March, 2012, School Board meeting for award. This project consists of Harlingen South, Early College HS, Coakley, Dishman, Long, Wilson and Austin. **Lighting Upgrade:** This project is about 100% complete, and the final payment will be taken to April School Board meeting for approval. **HVAC Renovations and Upgrades (Half Engineering): Phase I:** Electrical and ductwork installation is complete at Treasure Hills, Milam and Lamar. All A/C equipment has been ordered. Installation of HVAC units will start in March. Multi Purpose buildings will be completed in early April. **HVAC Renovations and Upgrades (Half Engineering): Phase II:** This phase consists of Bowie, Sam Houston, Stuart Place and Travis. Central Air and Heating Services, Inc. has been awarded this project. Substantial completion is scheduled for August, 2012. **Re-Roofing Projects:** Phase I work has been completed at Lamar, Long and Austin is in progress. Treasure Hills and Zavala will begin within the next few weeks. **Parking Lot & Drainage Improvement Projects - Brown & Leal Engineering:** The transportation parking lot improvements project is 85% complete. The bus parking is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  complete, and the north and south entrances have been poured. Project is set for completion in April or May 2012. **Parking Lot & Drainage Improvement Projects - Guzman & Munoz Engineering:** Improvements on the parking lot and drainage work at Austin, Bonham, and Sam Houston are 100% complete. **Classroom Wing and Crockett, Lamar, Rodriguez, and Treasure Hills Elementary Classroom Wing Additions:** Construction documents are 95% completed. Project should be ready to bid in May 2012 and targeting award in June, 2012. **Kitchen Upgrades:** Construction documents are 95% complete. This project will be divided into two phases, with the first phase being Harlingen South and Long scheduled to be bid out in April and construction will take place during the summer to the fall of 2012. Scheduling of work at Harlingen High School will be delayed until the spring of 2013. **Maintenance Projects: Seco Grant at Harlingen High School –** Project is 100% complete. **Lee Means Elementary Renewable Energy Grant:** Project is 100% complete, and engineer and district staffs are reviewing the possibility of using the balance of \$50,000.00 of this grant to install panels at Harlingen South High. **Discussion of Construction Funds:** Mr. Julio Cavazos gave an update on the construction financial report and reported the latest activity on the bond expenditures and encumbrances.

**MONTHLY TAX  
COLLECTION  
INFORMATION:**

Julio Cavazos provided Monthly Tax Collection Information for the Board's review. **(Monthly Tax Collection Information is filed with these minutes.)**

**MONTHLY  
FINANCIALS  
REPORT:**

Julio Cavazos provided a Monthly Financials Report for the Board's review. **(Monthly Financials Report is filed with these minutes.)**

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

**Presiding Officer Gerry Fleuriet called for an Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. in accordance with Sections 551.071, 551.074 and 551.082, the Texas Open Meetings Code, to discuss:**

- a. Discuss Level IV Grievance – L.R.**
- b. Discuss Employment of Teachers and Other Professional Staff**
- c. Discuss Harlingen CISD Administrators' Contracts for 2012-2013**

**OPEN SESSION:**

**The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 10:51 p.m.**

**CONSIDER  
LEVEL IV  
GRIEVANCE:**

A motion was made by Dr. Nolan Perez to deny the Level IV grievance brought forth by L. R. as discussed in Executive Session. Dr. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**EMPLOYMENT  
OF TEACHERS &  
OTHER PROF.  
STAFF:**

A motion was made by Greg Powers to approve the employment of teachers and other professional staff as presented by Rosalinda Vargas and as discussed in Executive Session. Dr. Nolan Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
ADMIN.  
CONTRACTS:**

A motion was made by Verna Young to approve the Harlingen CISD administrators' contracts for 2012-2013 as presented by Rosalinda Vargas and as discussed in Executive Session. Dr. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

**READ AND APPROVED:**

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**PRESIDING OFFICER**

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**DATE**