

Teague I.S.D. Board of Trustees Meeting Summary

The Board of Trustees of the Teague Independent School District met in Regular Session in the TISD Central Administration Office on January 27, 2005 beginning at 5:15 p.m.

Board Members present were: Debra Lawrence (President) Jeff Gonzales (Vice President), Lovie Whyte (Secretary), Randy Bruce (Member), Scott Hamilton (Member), J.D. Hancock (Member) and Richard Steen (Member). Members absent: None. Administrative staff members present were: Ned Burns, Jerry Burger, Mary Clary, Darrell Evans, Lenny Jackson, Ron Lackey, Ryan McCabe and Fred Tucker.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established.

Student Council President Jennifer Barrentine, Treasurer Royce Lawrence and Vice President Austin Harper presented a statement of thanks and a token of appreciation to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Evans (High School Principal), Mr. Jackson (Intermediate School Principal) and Mr. Lackey (Elementary School Principal) expressed the appreciation of their faculties for the work of the Board of Trustees.

President Lawrence presented Mr. Ron Lackey and the Elementary School Staff a Texas Education Agency certificate for being an Exemplary School.

Mr. Fred Tucker (Director of Maintenance) presented an overview of the proposed Intermediate School Gym. Bid proposals for construction of the gym are due on February 22, 2005. Also Mr. Tucker presented information regarding the proposed construction of a restroom facility near the softball field.

Mr. Herb Casey, THS agriculture teacher, presented the award winning Tractor Mechanics team of Keith Carroll, Kevin Griffin and Corey Smith. The THS tractor mechanic team recently won first place in Area Competition in Waco and will compete in the state competition on March 15, 2005 in Houston.

Current bills (including payroll) in the total amount of \$665, 357.85 were approved.

At 5:40 p.m., President Lawrence opened the public hearing regarding the school district's annual report (including the 2003-04 Academic Excellence Indicator {AEIS} Report, campus performance objectives, a report of violent/criminal incidents {if any} for 2003-04 and information received from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board {THECB}). Superintendent Burns reviewed the AEIS report, informed the Trustees that there were no reportable violent/criminal incidents in 2003-04 and THECB information regarding THS graduates for 2002. There were no additional comments or questions. The TISD annual report information will be placed in each school district campus office for inspection/review by the public. The AEIS report may also be found on the internet at www.tea.state.tx.us. The public hearing was closed at 5:55 p.m.

Mary Clary, Business Manager, presented the December 2004 Tax Collector's Report and the Financial Report for December 2004.

Superintendent Burns presented the enrollment report indicating a total student enrollment of 1,132 students on January 21, 2005 (8 fewer students as compared to the same time last school year). The enrollment projection for the 2005-06 school year estimates no significant growth in the total student enrollment.

An election was ordered/called for May 7, 2005 for purpose of electing (full three year terms) for Trustee place #1 and Trustee place #3. Early voting was set to begin on April 20, 2005 ending on May 3, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the TISD central office.

The Trustees discussed the proposed 2005-06 calendar that has the first day of student instruction on August 15, 2005. The TISD calendar committee and administrative staff are recommending a calendar very similar to the 2004-05 school calendar.

Teague ISD Calendar Committee's proposal for the 2005-2006 school year.

August 8-11	Staff Development
August 12	Teacher work day
August 15	Begin first 6-weeks
September 5	Labor Day Holiday
September 23	End first 6-weeks
September 26	Begin 2 nd 6-weeks
October 7	Early release-campus staff development
October 10	Columbus Day Holiday
November 4	End 2 nd 6-weeks
November 7	Begin 3d 6-weeks
November 22	Early release-campus staff development
November 23-25	Thanksgiving Holiday

December 16	End Semester-Christmas Holiday An early release day will be requested-hosting elementary UIL
January 2	Teacher work day (comp-day)
January 3	Begin 4 th 6-weeks
January 16	ML King Holiday
February 10	Early release-campus staff development
February 17	End 4 th 6-weeks
February 20	Begin 5 th 6-weeks
March 3	Early release (staff development)
March 6-10	Spring Break
April 7	End 5 th 6-weeks
April 10	Begin 6 th 6weeks
April 14	Bad Weather-Good Friday
April 24	Bad weather Holiday (use this date first if needed)
May 25	End Semester
May 26	Work Day/graduation (comp day)
May 29	Memorial Day-Holiday
July 4	Holiday

In order to consider a 2005-06 school calendar that sets the first day of student instruction prior to the week of August 21, 2005, the Trustees authorized the district administration to call for a public hearing as required by the Texas Education Agency.

The Trustees confirmed/approved the special education policies as requested by the BiCounty Special Education Cooperative.

The Trustees approved the proposed TASB policy update 74.

The Trustees discussed the possibility of contracting with the Texas Association of School Boards to place an informational copy of the TISD policy manual on-line (and continued updating) for access by Trustees, staff and patrons. The Superintendent will bring a recommendation with associated costs to the February meeting.

The administrative staff presented information regarding the possible addition of American Sign Language classes and cosmetology dual credit classes with the Trustees. The administration will survey students as to interest in the classes and report back to the Trustees at a later date.

The Superintendent reported that the school district had been approached by Headstart officials regarding the possibility of placing a Headstart class at the elementary school. Headstart officials indicated after May 2005 that Teague area students will no longer be transported to the Fairfield Headstart program. At this time there is not space available for a Headstart class in the elementary building. The administration will study the possibility of assisting Headstart children with transportation. The Superintendent will confer with Headstart officials regarding this matter.

At 6:34 p.m. President Lawrence stated that the Board of Trustees would adjourn into closed session pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act (Texas government code sections 551.071 through 551.088 and others as they may apply). At 7:27 p.m., President Lawrence declared the meeting back in open session stating that the information received in closed session was received and taken under advisement by the Trustees.

The resignations of Jamey Waldrip (Business Office) and Miriam McAlpine (central office receptionist) were accepted as presented.

The additional substitute teachers were approved as recommended by the administration.

There being no further business before the Trustees, President Lawrence did adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. on January 27, 2005.