

# **BOARD BRIEFS**

March 23, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President Bailes. Six Board members were present.

**Open Forum:** Fran Manwaring, Middle School Natural Helpers sponsor, presented the board members with thank you notes that students had written. The students appreciate the board allowing them to attend an overnight retreat at which they were involved in team building and character building activities. The Natural Helpers, with monies raised through the annual lock-in, sponsor names from the Christmas Angel Tree, purchase school supplies for students, recognize teachers during teacher appreciation week and pay for the retreat.

Jimmy Meekins, High School principal, recognized the Pirate Pride Drill Team and sponsors, Holly Harrison and Jennifer Rudolph. The members of the team shared their accomplishments, awards and trophies, ending the 2008-2009 season with over 30 awards.

A motion was made by John Page and seconded by David Smith to approve Consent Items (approve minutes of previous meeting, financial reports including investment reports, and the monthly check register for February). Darryl Richardson abstained.

## **Informational Items and Reports:**

	Enrollment	Average Daily Attendance
Primary	477	93.8%
Intermediate	424	95.4%
Middle School	443	95.9%
High School	472	95%

## **Reports**

**High School:** Students have been involved with the Houston Livestock Show, baseball and softball district games are underway, Color Guard will be attending competition and students have been attending power lifting and track meets. Art students Colton Bowen, Jessica Gibbs and Jarrell Wyatt have been recognized for their outstanding art work.

**Middle School:** Mrs. Jordan congratulated the 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the great job on the Reading TAKS test with 90% passing. Upcoming activities include a motivational speaker, district boys and girls track meets and on March 26<sup>th</sup> there will be an 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation at the high school.

**Intermediate School:** Mrs. Lowe also congratulated the students for a job well done on their TAKS Reading test. 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders had 77% passing with 45 students making commended. 5<sup>th</sup> Graders had 68% passing. The first annual Spelling Bee, organized by Mrs. Sublett and Mrs. Brawner was a huge success. Fourth Grader, April Champion was the winner!

**Primary School:** Mrs. Smith reported that the Fridays in February designated for moms, dads and grandparents to eat breakfast with their child was enjoyed and well attended. Open House during Public School Week was also well attended with door prizes being given to students, parents and teachers. March 27<sup>th</sup> they will be hosting a family movie night with an outdoor screen. Kindergarten Roundup will be April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup> will be Read All Day.

**Construction Update:** Mr. Murphy reported on the new construction, the replacement of the high school gym floor and concrete pours being made at the Intermediate and High School campuses within the week. Drymala provided a slideshow presentation on the progress of the middle school construction, additions to the intermediate and high school campuses.

**Curriculum/Special Programs:** Connie Carr, High School Counselor and Cindy Dillon, High School Assistant Principal, made a presentation for the board to consider an alternative high school for at risk students who are not succeeding in the traditional high school setting.

Laura Redden, Coordinator of Curriculum and Special Programs, presented the district Dyslexia Plan, Gifted and Talented Plan and the Parental Involvement Plan.

**Action Items:**

Mike Courvelle made a motion to approve the application for Appraised Value Limitation on property of East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. Charles Dodd seconded the motion. The motion carried. Darryl Richardson abstained.

Mike Courvelle made a motion to accept a donation of personal property. David Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Charles Dodd made a motion to waive the building use fees for the Miss San Jacinto County Pageant. John Page seconded the motion. The motion carried.

John Page made a motion to approve the district program plans as presented: Dyslexia Plan, Gifted and Talented Plan, Parental Involvement Plan. Darryl Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mike Courvelle made a motion to approve the purchase of nine sound field systems for the primary campus. Charles Dodd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Executive Session:**

Executive session was entered into at 9:18PM and exited from at 10:00PM.

A motion was made by David Smith and seconded by Darryl Richardson to accept employee resignations and employee contracts as presented with the exception of L. Bridges, L. Courvelle, M. Quick and R. Fernandez. The motion carried.

A motion was made by David Smith and seconded by Darryl Richardson to accept the contract of Linda Bridges as presented. The motion carried. John Page abstained.

The motion was made by John Page and seconded by Darryl Richardson to accept the contract of Lisa Courvelle as presented. The motion carried. Mike Courvelle abstained.

The motion was made by Mike Courvelle and seconded by Charles Dodd to accept the contract of M. Quick as presented. The motion carried.

The motion was made by John Page and seconded by David Smith to accept the contract of R. Fernandez as presented. The motion carried.

Darryl Richardson made a motion to adjourn. David Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:08PM.

**Closing Activities:**

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:00PM.