

School Board Summary August 20, 2007

This month's meeting was conducted at the junior high with Vice-President Kay Whisnand presiding. Other members present included Janine Adams, Ben Segler and Wayne Cranford.

The first order of business was honoring the district's students who received Commended status on the 2007 administration of TAKS.

Next, Mr. Nightingale presented a request from a group of former students to name the tennis courts in honor of Mrs. Elizabeth Sachse, long-time tennis coach for the district. The vote was unanimous to approve the request. The former students are to mark the dedication during this year's homecoming activities. They will also place a plaque at the courts.

Then members approved the tax resale of four properties owned by the district. The Consent Agenda was accepted as presented. Mr. Nightingale reported that 97.9% of taxes had been collected.

An amendment to the budget was approved. It dealt with an increase in debt service due to an increase in tax collections. A total of 17 individuals were approved as substitute teachers for the district and the DAEP.

The second reading and adoption of local policies in TASB Update 80 was approved. Mr. Clark and the campus principals were named as second appraisers for the coming year.

The Board agreed to meet at 7 pm Monday, August 27, to approve final amendments to the 2006-2007 budget and hold budget hearings for the coming year. The Board also decided to stay with the TASB Risk Management Unemployment Compensation Program for the coming year.

The revised Appraisal Calendar was approved. This version included the TAKS revisions listed on the state's updated testing calendar. Members voted to support the candidacy of David A. Ickert to serve as the Region 9 representative to the TASB Board.

Mary Mimms was appointed to represent the community on the Head Start Policy Council. Final reading and adoption of local policy FNA was held. This policy deals with student expression.

Members agreed to meet Monday evening to tour district facilities. Their schedule will be high school 5:30 pm; Dinsmore, 6 pm and junior high, 6:30 pm. They will look at improvements made at each campus during the past year and summer. Principals will present a list of desired improvements at the September meeting.

Mr. Nightingale presented the following information during the superintendent's report:

The accountability ratings are high school and Dinsmore, recognized; junior high, academically acceptable and the district, academically acceptable.

Arrangements for the TASB convention which will be held September 28-30 were discussed.

Options for upcoming board training were reviewed.

A list of projects completed at each campus and at the district level was distributed.

The Board went into a Closed Meeting. Upon their return they accepted the resignation of fourth grade teacher Tonya Walker and hired LaRae Collins as part-time high school counselor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.