

Manor Independent School District

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BOARD NOTES

MISD Board of Trustees

The Manor ISD School Board met on Monday, April 20, 2009 for the monthly regular School Board Meeting.

Representatives from Blake Manor Elementary and the FFA led the audience in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance" and the "Texas Pledge". The BME students created a video on "Character Counts".

Board Recognition

➤ Customer Service Recognition

Dr. Jones introduced Becky Resendes, Vaquetta Hudson, and Sandra Coronado, and awarded them with certificates in recognition of their outstanding customer service skills.

➤ Recognition of Athletes

Coach Carter presented trophies to the athletes and coaches for boys basketball for making it to the 2nd round, girls basketball for 3rd round, boys soccer for 2nd round, and girls soccer currently in the 3rd round.

➤ Recognition of Manor New Tech High for Receiving the Apple Distinguished School Award and Les Simpson as an Apple Distinguished Educator

Ms. Jennifer Lanier Spille with Apple, presented Mr. Zipkes with a plaque and banner proclaiming New Tech High as an Apple Distinguished School, and then presented Mr. Simpson with an Apple trophy for being selected as one of the Apple Distinguished Educators.

➤ Recognition of School Board Trustees

Manor ISD celebrated the retirement of Mr. Stan Voelker, a 15 year school board member. Mr. Kim and others presented Mr. Voelker with a Manor ISD shirt, a photo gallery with all campuses and his years of service on the school board, a plaque, a pen, a ball cap, and lifetime memberships to all athletic and UIL functions in the district.

Board Approvals

The board approved five consent agenda items and five action items. These included:

- The minutes of the regular school board meeting on March 9, 2009
- Hiring recommended administrators, teachers, and support staff
- Approved Inter-District Student Transfers
- Approved the motion to repeal current TASB localized policy manual and previously adopted policies contained therein, and readopt previously adopted (LOCAL) policies as prepared by TASB Policy Service in the reconstructed TASB Localized Policy Manual. The end results will be a revised hard copy of our MISD Local Policy Manual.
- Approved an inter-local agreement with Travis County for the purchase of six propane buses. The grant contract governs Travis County's use of funds in the Local Initiative Project, which is a project designed to improve Texas air quality, as provided for in Health and Safety Code section 382.220. Travis County shall reimburse MISD fifty percent of the actual cost of the purchase, not to exceed \$271,515 for the buses.
- Approved the 2009-2010 District Calendar – option A.
- Accepted certification of unopposed candidates in special vacancy and general trustee elections scheduled for May 9, 2009.
- Approved to order election of unopposed candidates for special vacancy and general trustee elections and to cancel such elections scheduled for May 9, 2009.
- Project Mustang is in its final year of grant funding, and the board approved a district run fee-based program.
- MISD received a Prekindergarten Early Start Grant for \$600,000.00. The grant must meet four requirements: School Readiness, School Readiness Integration, School Readiness Certification System and Sustainability Plan. MISD is collaborating with Region 13 and has entered into a shared service agreement and they will be providing extensive

professional development to our teachers and teacher assistants. A Children's Progress Monitoring for students will be implemented. Teaching materials and supplies will be purchased for all pre-k classrooms. Funds will also be used for four additional teaching positions and four teaching assistants in order to provide a full day prekindergarten at Oak Meadows and Decker Elementary. Implementation will be monitored throughout the school year. Modifications and adjustments will be made in order to apply these changes into our next grant application.

Information, Updates, and Reports

College Forward: District Partnership

Mr. Kim reported that Manor ISD is engaged in creating an atmosphere of college readiness and college going culture. Currently, we have three counselors who serve multiple roles and college support has been minimal. MISD wants to bring a not for profit organization called College Forward as a partner in the district to help support our students with SAT, PSAT, ACT, and college information support.

Policy Governance 101

Policy Governance is a model adopted by school districts in providing board training, leadership, policy expectations, strategic goals, superintendent evaluation, and sustainable efforts in initiatives. Manor ISD through its Board President's leadership presented the beginning of a series of information on Policy Governance that will structure the work of the board and align the work to the administrative teams.

New Facilities Update

Dean Sharp gave a summary of the monthly construction and development activities.

OBR provided a written report of the following details:

MISD Athletics Additions

- Installation of the curbs and gutters and paving of the parking lot is complete.
- Erection of the structural steel for the press box continues as does masonry and roofing of the concession stands and locker rooms.
- Retesting of the Chemical stabilization of the track is in progress.
- Aqua Water Supply is still awaiting a counter offer on the water line easement from Ms. Holly. Aqua's engineers are proceeding with the design of the water line.
- Permit for the revised septic system has been issued by Travis County.

Pioneer Crossing Elementary – 13 Acre "Samsung" Site

- Parking lot base and curb and gutter work is in progress.
- Installation of the classroom casework is on-going.
- Interior painting, flooring and ceiling grid installation continues throughout.
- Furniture is tentatively scheduled to be delivered the week of July 6th.

Administration Facility

- Site work for the new parking lot on the north side continues and paving is scheduled to be complete by the end of the week.
- Installation of the new water line is complete.
- Installation of the flooring and plumbing fixtures continues throughout the building.
- Painting of the interior and installation of the hollow metal doors and frames continues as does installation of the ceiling grid.
- Construction of the new technology HUB is substantially complete.

Business Office Report

Willi Dion provided the Board with the following information:

- Monthly Security Report
- Taxes Collected Report

Ms. Dion also provided the compiled financial reports for the following:

- General Fund
- Special Revenue fund
- Food Service fund

The interim financial statements were prepared utilizing data generated from the Skyward general ledger system and did not include any information related to other capital project funds or trust and agency funds.

High School Redesign Update: Course Guide and Academic Achievement Records

Mr. Willis and Larson reported that in October 2008 the high school administration discovered errors in reports being generated. An aggressive effort to correct current and past issues is underway as well as is development of systems to prevent such errors in the future.

NCLB Report Card

Ms. Stone reported that based on requirements of the NCLB Act, all Local Education Agencies as well as State Education Agencies must publish a "Report Card" highlighting achievement information. The NCLB Report Card is posted on the MISD website.