

# **Manor Independent School District**

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## **MISD Board of Trustees**

*The Manor ISD School Board met on Monday, May 18, 2009 for the monthly regular School Board Meeting.*

Representatives from Decker Middle School led the audience in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance” and the “Texas Pledge”. The DMS students created a video on “Character Counts”.

### **Board Recognition**

#### **➤ Customer Service Recognition**

Dr. Jones recognized the school nurses and our district RN for their customer service skills, but most of all their dedication to the health and well being of the Manor ISD student body. She awarded Jennifer Sanchez, Donna Kammer, Dori Smith, Kathi Girod, Marcy Evans, Meghan Wiler, Cherrie Richardson, Helaine Jackson, Leslie Collins, and Cindy Cobia with certificates of appreciation. Dr. Jones also announced that May 6<sup>th</sup> was National School Nurses Day, and read a proclamation from the National Association of School Nurses.

#### **➤ Recognition of and performance by Bluebonnet Trail Elementary Violin Program**

Ms. Barrett Johnson introduced the instructor of the BTE violin program, Ms. Danielle Solan, and 10 talented 5<sup>th</sup> graders. They played a rendition of *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* for the Board and audience. The students have only been playing for a few months and impressed everyone with their performance.

#### **➤ Recognition of Manor New Tech High’s First Robotic Team**

Mr. Zipkes brought in the robot that NTHS’s First Robotics Team built and the students gave a demonstration. They took the robot and competed against 26 other districts. He introduced the team, teachers, and business partners that made it all possible.

#### **➤ Recognition of New Tech High Business Professionals of America**

Mr. Zipkes informed the Board that 20+ students made it to State Competition and one is going to National.

#### **➤ Recognition of New Tech High winners of the Young Mind Digital Times National Student Film Festival**

Mr. Zipkes introduced the three students who won in the Young Minds Digital Times National Film Festival.

#### **➤ MNTHS was recognized as a 21<sup>st</sup> Century School by the New Technology Foundation.**

Mr. Zipkes informed the Board that MNTHS was one of only two schools in the entire network of 38 schools to be recognized as a 21<sup>st</sup> Century School.

#### **➤ Recognition of Bridget Wildschuetz for receiving an award for being one of the few 21<sup>st</sup> Century Certified teachers in the Nation.**

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#### **➤ Recognition of LEEP Teachers & Teacher Appreciation**

Ms. Villerot introduced Manor ISDs Leadership in Educational Excellence Program (LEEP) Teachers and informed the board that these teachers were honored with an appreciation dinner for all of their accomplishments in the classroom.

#### **➤ Recognition of MHS & MMS’s Preliminary AVID National Certification Status**

Mr. Barrett Johnson introduced the AVID students and they all spoke a few words in appreciation of the program and administrators.

### **Board Approvals**

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

- The minutes of the regular school board meeting on April 20, and the special meeting on May 11, 2009

- Hiring recommended administrators, teachers, and support staff
- Approved the revised District Calendar with a nine weeks grading period for 2009-2010 school year
- Approved hiring the new Manor Middle School Principal
- Approved the recommended Curriculum and Assessment System
- Approved a College Readiness Support Partnership with Manor ISD Students and Lease Agreement with College Forward. The motion was to approve the partnership and lease contract, but allow the Superintendent and Attorney to make a few minor changes to the lease
- Approved the Reconstitution Plan for Decker Elementary
- Approved the effective transition date regarding payment of unused local leave

**Information, Updates, and Reports**

***Excel High School Redesign***

Ms. Lofton gave the Board an overview of the MAARC and Excel programs, data supporting the need for enhanced credit recovery and acceleration programs, a proposed format for Manor ISD alternative education programs, the creation of an Excel High School Redesign Task Force, and a timeline for execution of the Excel High School Redesign. She then introduced the students currently enrolled in the MAARC Program, and they informed the Board of the excellent progress they have made toward graduation. The support these students receive from their instructors and each other, and the pride of their accomplishments was reflected in their voices and demeanor.

***Leadership in Educational Excellence Program***

Ms. Villerot reported to the Board that the Leadership in Educational Excellence Program (LEEP) has been developed to build capacity on each campus with teachers who are qualified in delivering district aligned embedded professional development. Manor ISD Professional Development Department's goal is to build strong on-going, data-driven, embedded professional development. Central Office Administrators and Campus Administrators nominated Manor ISD Teachers who have exemplified strong leadership qualities in the areas of mentoring and professional development. Applications were submitted to the Professional Development Department based on these recommendations. A panel of four directors and one specialist (Professional Development Director, Curriculum Director, Bilingual Director, Special Education Director, and Professional Development Specialist) reviewed all submitted applications and chose a cohort of 21 teachers based on a rubric that was shared with the Board.

***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.