

# **Manor Independent School District**

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**BOARD NOTES**

## **MISD Board of Trustees**

**The Manor ISD School Board met on Monday, September 21, 2009 for the monthly regular School Board Meeting.**

**Representatives from Manor New Tech High led the audience in reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance*.**

### **Board Recognition**

- Mr. Brackmeyer introduced the MHS FFA Officers, and announced that the MHS FFA has been recognized as a 2-Star Chapter in the National Awards Program. They will be travelling to Indianapolis for the 82<sup>nd</sup> National FFA Convention. Since the FFA will be raising funds for the trip, Mr. Jonse challenged the Board and audience to match his donation.
- Ms. Arenaz introduced two of BTE's students who had art work displayed in the Board room.

### **Board Approvals**

The board approved five of six consent agenda items, tabled one, and approved four action items. These included:

- The minutes of the Regular Board Meetings on August 31, and Special Board Meeting on September 15, 2009.
- Approval to hire recommended administrators, teachers and support staff.
- Approval of PDAS & TAP Appraisers & Evaluation Models.
- Approval of a stipend request for Academic Enrichment Sponsorships.
- Approval of the changes to EIA(LOCAL).
- Approval of the 2009-2010 Tax Rate Adoption.
- Approval of the September Budget Amendments.
- Approval of Investment Policy Review – Policy CDA Legal and Local.
- Approval of Investment Training Sources for MISD Investment Officers – Policy CDA Legal,

### **Information, Updates, and Reports**

#### **New Facilities Update**

#### **MISD Athletics Additions**

- Aside from establishing the vegetation and other minor details, the construction of the new stadium is complete.
- After the August Board meeting I sent a request to TXDOT to expedite processing the refund due MISD from the unused portion of the Advanced Funding Agreement.
- Aqua Water Supply Corporation (AWSC) completed the installation of the booster pump station September 4th. Upon testing the system, we found we did not have adequate fire flow to operate the fire sprinkler system in the press box or to control a fire in the other buildings if such an event should occur. This is directly related to AWSC installing a booster pump system rather than constructing the elevated storage tank that was discussed over three years ago.
- Fortunately, we are still tied to Manville Water Supply Corporation (MWSC) with the "temporary" three-inch line connected at a fire hydrant on Gregg Lane and by using both

water supplies; we were able to provide “minimum” fire flow acceptable to the Travis County Fire Marshal’s office.

- The Fire Marshal has issued a “temporary” Certificate of Occupancy (CO) with the stipulation that a final CO will not be issued until such time as adequate fire flows can be achieved. At this time we feel the best solution is to establish a permanent connection with MWSC for the fire loop. I have met with the MWSC General Manager and he has authorized us to maintain the temporary connection and has agreed “in theory” to allow us to make a permanent connection. Details of this interconnection with Manville are in the process of being developed.

#### **Administration Facility**

- ✓ Baird/Williams Construction is addressing warranty issues and preparing the close out documents.

#### **Pioneer Crossing Elementary – 13 Acre “Samsung” Site**

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#### **Transportation Facility Expansion**

- ✓ Design of the new transportation facilities and renovations is complete and the construction documents have been released for sub-contractor bids.
- ✓ Bids are due to Baird/Williams October 7, 2009. The GMP will be presented to the Board in October.

#### ***Policy on Naming of Schools***

Ms. Sanders informed the Board that Policy CW(LOCAL) was adopted by the Board in January of 2006 to provide guidance to the Board in the naming of new facilities. The purpose of the agenda item was to allow discussion of the policy to be sure that it is still relevant and reflects the current board’s wishes.

#### ***Discuss Board Members application(s) for stipends from TASB to travel to Washington, DC to attend the 2010 Federal Relations Network (FRN) Conference***

Mr. Kim explained to the Board that The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) will be offering a stipend for school board members interested in attending the 2010 Federal Relations Network (FRN) conference in Washington, DC. The goal of the FRN stipend program is to get one trustee from each of the 32 congressional districts in Texas to attend the conference.