

Manor Independent School District

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BOARD NOTES

MISD Board of Trustees

The Manor ISD School Board met on Monday, October 19, 2009 for the monthly regular School Board Meeting.

Representatives from Manor Excel Academy led the audience in reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Board Recognition

- Ms. Rivera introduced Marygrace Caballero and presented St. David's Dental Program with a certificate of appreciation for the free dental care provided to students of Manor ISD.
- Dr. Jones announced the Customer Service Award Winners from Presidential Meadows, Helen Ellis, Edna Herrera-Romero, and Sherri Dzienowski and presented them with a certificate. Ms. Dzienowski was not present at the meeting.

Public Hearing(s)

A. Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas

Mr. Andersen presented a PowerPoint and informed the Board and audience that Manor ISD has received a rating of Superior Achievement for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Twenty-five criteria are used to determine the rating. The criteria and the actual results were presented. Other required information includes all reimbursements or expenses paid on behalf of the Superintendent(s) and Board members.

B. High School Equivalency Program

Mr. Peters gave the Board and audience a review of the HS Equivalency Program for students who do not have a reasonable expectation of graduating on schedule. They will be provided an opportunity to earn a GED through preparation programs and waiving of testing fees.

C. Optional Flexible School Day Program

Ms. Stone presented a PowerPoint and informed the Board and audience that the implementation of OFSDP will allow Manor ISD to collect revenue for students who may attend classes in the afternoon (and are therefore not there for the traditional 10:00am attendance count) or on Saturday.

Board Approvals

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

- The minutes of the Regular Board Meetings on September 21, 2009.
- Approval to hire recommended administrators, teachers and support staff.
- Approved the Budget Amendments
- Approved a GMP for the transportation renovations.
- Approved the HS Equivalency Program.
- Approved the CTE Position Upgrade for college Readiness.
- Approved the Instructional Math Coach at MHS funded by Applied Materials Grant.
- Approved the Year-end Investment Report
- Approved the RFP #10-01 – Propane Fuel
- Approved the Optional Flexible School Day Program

Information, Updates, and Reports

Policy Governance Board Governance System

Ave Wahrmond, Doyle Valdez, and David Duty, gave the Board an update on the model adopted by school districts providing board training, leadership, expectations, strategic goals, superintendent evaluation, and sustainable efforts in initiatives.

Business Office Report

Monthly financial updates were provided to the Board. The financial statement provided prior year actual revenue and expenses, current year adopted budget, current year amended budget, current year actual revenue and expenses, current year encumbrances, percentage received and spent to date, current year balances available, current fund balance for the General Fund, Interest and Sinking fund, and Food Service Fund. Tax collection information was also provided.

CRE Food Services Purchasing Cooperative

Mr. Andersen informed the Board that a law added by acts 207, 80th Legislature, required that school districts disclose the amounts spent on purchasing cooperative fees on an annual basis. Mr. Andersen provided the Board with that data.

School Improvement: CIT Report

Manor ISD currently has two “Academically Unacceptable” campuses: Manor High School, which is in its second year of AU status; and Decker Middle School, which is in its first year of AU status. The District is also required to monitor Decker Elementary for one more year, due to its AU status during the previous three school years. TEA requires that these three campuses be monitored closely, on a monthly basis, throughout the 2009-2010 school year to ensure that progress is being made. Dr. Jones and Dr. Amon provided an update to the Board to ensure the Board’s full knowledge of current issues and progress being made at the two “Academically Unacceptable” campuses in MISD.

2009-2010 District Improvement Plan and Campus Improvement Plans Update

District and Campus Improvement Plans are documents required by the Texas Education Code and the Financial Accountability System Resource Guide, as well as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Ms. Stone gave the Board a report on the status of the DIP and CIPs and a timeline for implementation.

Update of Long Range Capital Improvement Projects

Mr. Gadbois gave the Board a summary of the capital needs identified, a schedule for completion, and a discussion of recommended funding sources.

Discipline Management: Rights of Students

Mr. Samaripa requested that discipline and the rights of students be addressed. Mr. Levatino and two law enforcement officers were in attendance to answer questions.