

# CONROE ISD BOARD SUMMARY

August 7, 2007

Special Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

*A Public Hearing was held prior to the meeting at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed Conroe ISD 2007-2008 budget and tax rate for the District. This hearing is the first of two planned public meetings to discuss the proposed 2007-2008 budget and tax rate. The hearing was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.*

## Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Miscellaneous contract with Montgomery County Youth Services
- Human Resources report, as amended

## Curriculum & Instruction

The Board received the elementary and secondary summer school report presented by Dr. Cathy Gibson, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, and Ms. Gale Drummond, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education. Dr. Gibson gave an overall summary of the elementary summer school program which included Camp TAKS, Title I, Bilingual and SMART Programs, and Extended School Year Services. Ms. Drummond highlighted several of the secondary programs that were offered, noting that 1853 students attended secondary summer school programs and approximately 95% of the high school and junior high school courses taken were completed successfully.

The Board also accepted information on the application for the Governor's Educator Excellence Award Program – Texas Educator Excellence Grant from Anderson Elementary, Reaves Elementary, Runyan Elementary, and Travis Intermediate. This grant program awards funds to campuses that have high percentages of economically disadvantaged students and have demonstrated high levels of student achievement or marked improvement in student performance.

The Board approved Mathematics, Science, Special Education, Languages other than English, and Bilingual/English as a Second language as the acute areas of teacher shortage for CISD. The identification of these areas is vital to CISD's obligation to maintain 100% Highly Qualified teachers.

The Board of Trustees approved the revision of the 2007-2008 school calendar as recommended by the CISD District-Level Planning and Decision-Making Committee. The recent passage of Senate Bill 1031 requires that starting in 2007-2008, assessment instruments are to be administered at least two weeks later than the date on which they were administered during the 2006-2007 school year. This legislation was initiated because of the later school start date.

This change in the State's Assessment Calendar by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has resulted in one conflict with the Conroe ISD 2007-008 School Calendar. The current 2007-2008 CISD Calendar includes a holiday/inclement weather day on April 28, 2008. However, this date is now a TAKS testing date.

Based on the unanimous recommendation of the CISD District-Level Planning and Decision-Making Committee, the Board approved that the April 28 holiday/inclement weather day be moved to President's Day, February 18, 2008, to accommodate the TEA's revised calendar for TAKS testing. Because of the change in the 2007-2008 school calendar, the Board also approved the recommended change reflected in the 2007-2008 Teacher Appraisal Calendar.

### **Administration**

In Administrative action, the Board voted to approve the GMP for The Woodlands High School renovations and athletic additions, mitigation site and various campus improvements including safety and security. This project will provide for a new weight room and support facilities, renovation of existing space for ROTC at The Woodlands High School, drainage improvements at Oak Ridge Elementary, band hall renovations at Collins Intermediate, safety and security at The Woodlands High School and Stadium Complex, and elevator modifications at McCullough Jr. High School.

### **Legal**

The Board of Trustees accepted for review revisions to Local Board Policy FNA Student Rights and Responsibilities – Student Expression; Local Board Policy CKC Safety Programs/Risk Management – Emergency Plans; and Local Board Policy GKG Community Relations – School Volunteer Program. Revisions were prompted by legislation passed during the 80<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Texas Legislature.

The Board also accepted for review the Daktronics, Inc. Customer Agreement for Installation of Equipment and Marketing and Granting of Advertising Rights.

The Board voted to uphold the Level II hearing officer's decision in the Level III Grievance Hearing of Ms. Jo Duplechin, and denied the requested relief.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.