

CONROE ISD BOARD SUMMARY

October 20, 2009

Regular Board Meeting

6:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing was held prior to the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. to review the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST).

Awards/Recognition

The Board of Trustees gave special recognition to the 2010 Conroe ISD National Merit Scholar Semifinalists. Mrs. Gale Drummond, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, introduced the students to the Board.

Conroe ISD Semifinalists in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program are: Casey L. Flores, Oak Ridge High School; Kristen J. Carroll, Christopher J. Conlon, Matthew Duszynski, Connor F. Hoppe, Matthew Y. Kim, Liam B. McMahon, Shirlene Y. Obuobi, William C. Price, Srikrishna Raghavan, John A. Roberts, and Gage E. Swan, The Woodlands College Park High School; and Carlos D. Barreto, Colin J. Bauer, Buddy L. Brown, Jennifer M. Burson, Alexander M. Fischer, Scott Henry, Casey T. Nice, Anthony E. Quinones, Janice Rosado, Dustin L. Taylor, and Kevin A. Wang, The Woodlands High School.

National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalist for 2010 recognition has been earned by Shirlene Y. Obuobi from The Woodlands College Park High.

National Hispanic Recognition recipients are Chynna Abram and Luis Rivas Guardado from Conroe High School; Samuel Cannon, Casey Flores, Alex Mondragon, Romeo Solis, and Mario Torres, Oak Ridge High School; Erin Herran, Brian Jenkins, Federico Paredes, Cary Ramos, and Anthony Sorensen, The Woodlands College Park High; and Maria Alvarez, Carlos Barreto, Buddy Brown, Nicolas Chona, Rachel Erazo, Erik Espino, Anton Kharoufeh, Noriko Merida, Anthony Quinones, Janice Rosado, and J. Maximilan Trebino, The Woodlands High School.

The Board also recognized Charlotte N. Royall, Band Director for The Woodlands College Park High School, for being awarded the 2009 Texas Bandmasters Association Meritorious Achievement Award.

The following citizens addressed the Board: Adrian Heath

Consent Agenda Items

The Board of Trustees approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the regular meeting held on September 15, 2009, Public Hearing on September 15, 2009, and the special meetings held on October 6 and October 9, 2009
- Amendment to the 2009-2010 budget
- CSP #29-020 – General Merchandise & Groceries for Walk-In Purchases
- Re-Award CSP #29-013 – New & Used Vehicles
- Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Learning Technology Purchase Over \$25,000

Curriculum & Instruction

The Board of Trustees approved the request for Grangerland Intermediate, Travis Intermediate, and Washington Jr. High School to apply for the non-competitive formula grant, Texas Fitness Now. The purpose of the grant program is to further the goal of reducing childhood obesity and Type II diabetes. *Texas Fitness Now* places specific emphasis on the importance of physical education and fitness for students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 as the foundation for a life of healthy choices. The criteria for eligibility is limited to selected campuses that serve grades 6, 7, and 8 and that have 60% - 100% of their students who are economically disadvantaged.

The Board of Trustees also accepted a report on the 2009 SAT, ACT, Advanced Placement test, and the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) results. The results show that Conroe ISD students continue to outperform the State and Nation.

Administration

The Board received information regarding the progress and status of completed and current bond referendum projects.

Business/Finance

The Board of Trustees approved a Tentative Schedule of Events for the sale of fixed rate Series 2009 Refunding School Bonds and approved the order authorizing the issuance of Conroe ISD unlimited tax refunding bonds, Series 2009; setting certain parameters for the bonds; authorizing the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer to approve the amount, the interest rate, price, including the terms thereof and certain other procedures and provisions related thereto; authorizing the redemption prior to maturity of certain outstanding bonds; authorizing the advance refunding of certain outstanding obligations and the execution and delivery of an escrow agreement and the subscription for and purchase of certain escrowed securities. The Board also selected Option 3 (purchase attendance credits from the State) to reduce its wealth per resident student; and received the year-to-date financial reports as information.

Human Resources

The Board approved the Human Resources Report as presented.

Legal

The Board of Trustees approved the Agreement for Educational Services with Education for Tomorrow Alliance, and approved the License Agreement with Inova Center, Ltd. This License Agreement transfers ownership to Inova Center, Ltd. of a computer program developed by Dr. Scott Barrett to assist CISD administrators in analyzing data generated through the Inova Program. Inova Center will make the program available to other clients; in return, the District receives monetary compensation and all program updates at no cost to the District.

The Board denied the Level III complaint of Mr. Adrian Heath.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.