

BOARD BRIEFS
March 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with all members present.

Jeff Kelley , Board President, said that this was a time of celebration. He announced that the visit from HEB was excellent and that Salado ISD was one of 3 finalists in the State for being a District of Excellence. He thanked staff, students, and School Board.

Recognitions

Students were recognized for the following outstanding performances!

Denise Jasso: State Qualifier in UIL Powerlifting
23 State Qualifiers and Alternates for the Business Professionals Association
15 FFA and 4H students recognized for top honors received through the Bell County, Houston,
and San Antonio Livestock Shows
Nick Mohammed: State UIL Music Competition
Jamie Burson: 2nd in State Powerlifting Competition
Tyler Cook: National Forensics Competition

Business Items:

Blair Williams, Ken Kjellen, Chuck Fields, and John Moman, Construction Managers and Architects briefed the Board on the results of the bidding process. They were very pleased with the number, quality on prices of the bids.

Miriam Ervi made the motion to approve a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$14,845,301 for the new Salado High School. Debby Aldridge seconded. Motion carried 7-0. This includes an additional 4 classrooms than in the plans, a competition and a practice/PE gymnasium, and a centralized gas distribution system for the science labs. The GMP includes the construction management fees and also a 2-3% contingency.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY!!!! Thursday, April 5, 1:00 p.m. at the corner of Williams Drive and FM 2484. All are welcome to attend!

Lynn Renfro made the motion to approve the teacher, counselor and librarian contracts as recommended by the administration. Jackie Burson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Jackie Burson made the motion to approve the early voting ballot board judge and alternate with the constable as the holder of the second ballot box key. Frank Carlson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Miriam Ervi made the motion to approve Diversified Career Pathways (DCP) for a TEA Innovative Course waiver. Chris Seaton seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Miriam Ervi made a motion to approve bringing the high functioning Life Skills class, which has been housed at Academy ISD, to Salado for the 2007-08 school year. Chris Seaton seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Lynn Renfro made the motion to approve up to \$24,500 for leasing a portable building for one year to afford room for the Life Skills class. Jackie Burson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Miriam Ervi made the motion to contract with TSTC for dual credit courses, including an Auto Mechanics course which will be offered in Fall 2007. Debby Aldridge seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Miriam Ervi made the motion to approve Julie Thomas for high school English for 2007-08. Jackie Burson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Miriam Ervi made the motion to approve AF (LOCAL): Sunset Review Policy. Debby Aldridge seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Lynn Renfro made the motion to approve CTEC (\$4,113) for the Thomas Arnold Elementary gym fire alarm system out of Proposition B bond money and Alliance (\$4,584) to install a new public address system at Thomas Arnold out of the regular budget. Frank Carlson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Jackie Burson made the motion to approve budget amendments for donations from the Athletic Booster Club and from the Thomas Arnold PTO. Debby Aldridge seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Chris Seaton made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Jackie Burson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Debby Aldridge made the motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. with Jackie Burson seconding. Motion carried 7-0.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Substitute Teacher Training: April 4, Civic Ctr.
School Board Candidate's Forum: April 12, Civic Ctr.

TAKS Testing: April 17-20