

SALADO I.S.D. BOARD BRIEFS

October 16, 2006

All board members were present except Chris Seaton.

The Board President gave a report.

The Superintendent reported that Salado ISD continues to work on collaborate relationships with local universities and/or colleges in increasing the number of dual credit courses provided, most notably Texas State Technical College. A draft 2007-08 calendar will be working its way through site based committees and coming to the Board soon. Everyone needs to know that the mandatory school start date is August 27, 2006 and this change will greatly impact holidays and exam schedules for the year. The Salado Mentors has 21 mentors and needs more! The GPA software is fully implemented at this time. The Scantron software is fully implemented and we are conducting benchmark testing this week.

NEW BUSINESS

Frank Carlson made the motion to approve alternates for the bidding process for the new high school. The alternates include bidding for one gym with the option of a second gymnasium. There will also be an alternate to add four additional classrooms. Jackie Burson seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Lynn Renfro made a motion to approve student lockers as an alternate. Miriam Ervi seconded. Motion was withdrawn pending Dr. Battershell receiving input from high school staff.

Miriam Ervi made the motion to approve policies FNAA (LOCAL), FNAB (LOCAL), and GKDA (LOCAL). Debby Aldridge seconding. GKD (LOCAL) was tabled pending further discussion with organizations serving SISD students.

The Capital Improvements Committee scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2006 is cancelled. This will be rescheduled.

Miriam Ervi made the motion to apporve Elizabeth Bryant for the pre-kindergarten position. Debby Aldridge seconded. 5-0-1 with Frank Carlson abstaining. The high school mathematics position remains open.

The TXU Hutto power line was discussed. Dr. Battershell has met with TXU representatives and sent a letter. She will write a letter stating that the Board has expressed concerns over the proximity of the proposed powerline to the current school campuses and 50 acres.

Frank Carlson read a statement regarding concerns on per diem travel expenses. Dr. Battershell responded that according to IRS Publication 463 there are 2 types of travel, 1. accountable and 2. unaccountable. SISD has used an accountable system. Per diem is defined as an unaccountable system. The two types of travel should not be used interchangeably and recommended that the Policy Committee clarify in policy the difference between the two.

Frank Carlson expressed concern over the coding of bills in the check register and brought a document for Dr. Battershell to respond to. Jeff Kelley said that Dr. Battershell needed to have time to read the document. No action was taken.

Miriam Ervi made the motion to approve the consent agenda with Debby Aldridge seconding. The motion was then withdrawn so that the administration could listen to the tape and clarify a point on expenditure limits for construction items for the superintendent. Miriam Ervi restated the motion to include approval of the bookkeepers and tax collectors report with Debby Aldridge seconding. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 16-20	Benchmark Testing
October 21	SEF Cattlemen's Ball
October 23	School Health Advisory
October	Parent Conferencing Month
November 20	Board Meeting
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Holidays

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