



APRIL 2008 SALADO ISD BOARD BRIEFS

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The meeting was called to order by Jeff Kelley at 6:00 p.m. All members were present. Mr. Kelley thanked outgoing Board members Frank Carlson and Jackie Burson and also Debby Aldridge, who is running for reelection.

Janet Kemp reviewed the District's summer programming including summer school, camps, and professional development. Thank you Janet!

The Board saw the Fitness Grams that will be sent home this week.

Congratulations Salado High School Band! Sweepstakes!

The Board and individuals running for the Board who were present were reminded about the May 14 Board training at Temple High School.

Lyndal Cabaniss gave an update of 2007-08 budget enrollment projections and how this impacts this year's budget. We are \$367,785 short of the project revenue. \$233,594 of this is because of reduced special education number and approximately \$50,000-\$60,000 is due to the attendance of our students being lower. With the new federal mandates for No Child Left Behind, school districts are supposed to limit the number of students referred for special education or be cited. Thus we are serving more and more students who formerly would have qualified for special education, in the general education classroom and thus do not receive funding for their services.

Business Items

Jackie Burson made the motion to approve the following individuals for the positions indicated. Miriam Ervi seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Julie Norden, Librarian	Fully Certified
Britton Archer, Licensed Vocational Nurse	Fully Certified
Randall Handerson, Girl's Basketball Coach/Math Full Cert.	
Jamie Wentreck, HS English	Fully Certified

Darrell Street made the motion to approve a staff letter regarding the process for hiring a new superintendent. Burson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Burson made the motion to approve \$12-\$13,000 to replace the van that was involved in an accident, out of fund balance. Chris Seaton seconded. Burson withdrew his motion. Seaton made the motion to finance a new van with Carlson seconding. Motion carried 7-0.

Miriam Ervi made the recommendation to approve the \$30,000 Communities in Schools contract for the 2008-09 school year with Aldridge seconding. Motion carried 7-0.

Noel Schnitz reported on the 2007-08 ESL Sunset Review. The following recommendations were made

- All campuses use the same home language survey
- Emphasize DCP at high school
- Cinco de Mayo festivities
- More recruiting of ESL students for athletics
- Spanish classes for faculty
- ESL Summer teacher workshop(s)
- Analyze present procedure where ESL students are predominantly grouped with low readers
- Evaluate the need for more ESL teachers/aides
- Work with First Baptist church to expand the Adult ESL program
- Review cooperative options with Jarrell ISD
- ESL staff person on District Technology Committee

Aldridge made the motion to approve the state adopted textbook list for 2008-09 with Street seconding. Motion carried 7-0.

Burson made the motion with Street seconding to approve \$65,604 to purchase classroom textbook sets for the new high school since we will not have lockers. Motion carried 7-0.

Burson made the motion with Carlson seconding to approve canvassing the board votes at the regular May 19 meeting.

Emilio Olivarez, District Site Based Chair, reported on needed changes to the 2008-09 calendar per the previously approved Optional Extended Flex Year (OFYP). Students who pass all of their classes and TAKS for the year, are on grade level on the TPRI and who have a 90% or higher attendance rate will be exempt for the last 10 instructional days of school for the 2008-09 school year. Students not meeting these criteria will qualify for the OFYP whereby all staff will work with small groups of students on targeted academic needs. Street made the motion to approve with Burson seconding. Motion carried 6-1 with Carlson voting against.

Carlson made the motion to approve \$69,000 to drill a water well on the new high school site for irrigation purposes. Seaton seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Burson made the motion with Street seconding to approve furniture (\$350,000) and weight room equipment (\$45,000) for the new high school. Motion carried 6-0 with Seaton abstaining.

Ervi made the motion to approve the SEF Ball of Honor (presented by SEF Vice President Lynette Reed) for the new school with Seaton seconding. Motion carried 7-0

Burson made the motion to approve the consent items with Aldridge seconding. Motion carried 7-0.

Carlson made the motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. with Burson seconding. Motion carried 7-0.

