



Highlights and Action

From the December 14 Regular Business Meeting of the FBISD Board of Trustees

Special Recognitions

District's First Employee of the Month Lidia Jimenez, Lead Custodian at Fort Settlement Middle School, was recognized as the FBISD Employee of the Month for November. It is Ms. Jimenez's unsurpassed commitment to excellence that has earned her the respect and gratitude of her colleagues and the recognition of the Employee of the Month Committee. According to the Committee, she truly personifies an exemplary employee.

District Special Olympics softball team won a gold medal in their Special Olympics State Softball Division. The team traveled to College Station, Texas to participate in the Fall Classic and through their excellent hitting and defense, were undefeated in the State games. Representing the team were students: **Jessica Barrera, Kristi Oujesky, Whitney McLaren, Yi-No Cheng, Nicole LaSala, L'Air Robertson, Michael Garcia, Michael Kidd, Stephen Plascencia, Vincent Eubanks, Justin Thompson, Michael Pelz, Davis Caruthers, and Corey Irving**, along with their coaches **Charlotte Sanguinetti, Jo Ellen Kucera, Darin Quintero, Dianne Lebsock and Michael Biasini**.

Austin High School U. S. Navy Junior ROTC Unit was recognized nationally as a Distinguished Unit for the 5th consecutive year. This award recognizes the top third Navy JROTC units in the nation that have performed at the highest level of expectations and have distinguished themselves through outstanding service to their school and community. The unit was represented by officers: **Alex Lukomski, Daniel Jinks, Jennifer Rutledge, Gabby Nabzdyk, Chad Gibbons, Cedric Kudowor**, and their instructors **Ed Sellards and Joe Girdner**.

New Personnel/Personnel Issues Approved

- **Lee Crews**, Principal, Clements High School
- **Karin Grisdale**, Principal, High School #11
- **David W. Rider**, Chief of Police

- **William “Tom” Browning**, Director of Facilities
- **Jennifer Nichols**, Dean of Instruction, Kempner High School
- **Kregg Cuellar**, Assistant Principal, Dulles High School
- **Kasey Lawrence Taylor**, Assistant Principal, Bush High School
- Assigning an employee grievance to a future board meeting
- Allowing outside counsel to pursue litigation in Cause No. 08-DCV-166027

Board Members’ Special Report

Board Secretary **David Reitz** reported that Board members had attended and participated in the following district activities/events since the November 9, 2009 meeting:

- Travis High School Holiday Dinner & Fine Arts Showcase
- Scanlan Oaks Elementary Reindeer Run
- District VIPS Appreciation Breakfast
- Sugar Mill Elementary Campus Based Leadership Team (CBLT)
- Marshall High School CBLT
- School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Meeting
- Elkins High School National Science Honor Society Induction
- Ronald Thornton Candlelight Vigil and Memorial Service
- Elkins High School “Recognized” flag and plaque presentation
- Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Large District Leadership Conference in Austin
- Baines Middle School holiday choir event
- Quail Valley Middle School Math Invitational Tournament
- Austin High School FFA Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Reading to students at Hodges Bend Middle School
- Linda Ruckman retirement reception
- Visit to Townnewest Elementary School
- Lexington Creek Elementary Fund-raiser Night at Spring Creek Barbeque
- Garcia Middle School belt ceremony

School Board Members are required to complete specific training hours in three tiers:

- First year Trustee, Marilyn Glover, has completed the requirements for Tier 1 and Tier 2 training hours. Ms. Glover has completed the required Open Meeting training and has exceeded the 10 required hours for Tier 3 training.
- Trustees Bob Broxson, Laurie Caldwell, David Reitz, Sonal Bhuchar, Susan Hohnbaum, and Daniel Menendez have completed the Tier 1 and Tier 2 training and all have exceeded the 5 required hours for Tier 3 training.

Consent Agenda Approved

- Previous Board Meeting Minutes
- Budget Amendments (as presented)
- Bids Exceeding \$25,000

- \$750,000 (estimated annually) to Demco, Inc., Highsmith, Gaylord Brothers, The Library Store, Educator's Depot, Library Interiors of Texas and Contract Resource Group, L.L.C. for library supplies, equipment and furnishings – as presented
- \$104,760 (estimated annually) to Terminix International for integrated pest management services
- \$39,880 (estimated annually) for software maintenance of the District integrated library automation system. The maintenance will run from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010
- Amendment to the Employee Incentive Program
- \$45,000 to Null-Lairson, P.C. Certified Public Accountants to perform Construction Audit Services
- Proposed Fiscal and Budgetary Strategy
- Fort Bend ISD District Strategic Plan 2007-2012
- Staffing for Travis High School Marine Junior ROTC
- Interlocal agreement with the Lone Star College System for the Tech Prep program
- Services with Be A Champion, Inc. to provide services in the 21st Century After School programs at Jones Elementary and McAuliffe Middle School
- Dedicated easement agreement with CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for Seguin Elementary School
- Dedicated easement agreement with CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for the Alternative Learning Center #2
- Interlocal Agreement between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend ISD for mutually beneficial projects. Past project include the construction of a jogging tract at Burton Elementary, a practice golf course at Willowridge High School, and the construction of a running hill at Travis High School
- \$31,140 annually (Jan 1, 2010 thru December 31, 2010) for Interlocal Agreement with Region 4 ESC to allow FBISD to obtain criminal history information for all applicants, volunteers, new hires, and current employees
- TASB Policy Update 86 and proposed local policy revisions

Action Agenda Approved

- Attendance zones for Elementary School #45 and High School #11
- \$6,704,375 contract award to Gamma Construction for the construction of the Aquatic Facility
- Sterling Construction, Inc. for the renovation of Progressive High School (PHS)
- \$101,108 (not to exceed) Telecommunications Proposal with Windstream Communications for extending 24 fiber optic strands from Hightower High School to Elementary School #45

Information Presented

- The City of Sugar Land plans to create a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) on approximately 700 acres at the intersection of University Blvd and

US Highway 59. The tentative plans for the development of the TIRZ include the development of entertainment district components in addition to a multi-use development which includes substantial corporate sites. The estimated general impact of the TIRZ on property values and tax revenues is approximately \$800 million in new property values

- The Fine Arts Committee presented a comprehensive plan to enhance the visual and performing arts programs in Fort Bend ISD
- Resolution on high school health presented by the Fort Bend ISD Health Advisory Council
- Fort Bend County tax collection report for period ending October 31, 2009

Next Regular FBISD Board Meeting, 7 pm, Monday, January 11, 2010

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2009-2010 Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees and Superintendent