

# Beaumont Independent School District

## *Board Report* **AUGUST 20, 2009**

### **Board of Trustees**

*Woodrow Reece, President \* Janice Brassard, Vice President \* Terry Williams, Secretary  
Members: Dr. William Nantz, Tom B. Neild, Howard J. Trahan Jr. & Bishop O. E. Whitaker  
Dr. Carrol A. Thomas, Superintendent of Schools*

*The following is an unofficial summary of the actions taken during the August 20, 2009 BISD Board of Trustees meeting.*

*A public hearing for the budget and proposed tax rate was held at 6:50 p.m. and a regular meeting of the Public Facilities Corporation was held at 7: 05 p.m. prior to the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.*

### **Report - The Board of Trustee members received the following report:**

- ✓ Status of Campus State Compensatory Education Funds

### **Superintendent's Report**

- ✓ Dr. David Harris, assistant superintendent for secondary schools, gave an overview of the Graduate Assistance Program designed to recover and keep students from dropping out of school
- ✓ Graduation Requirements for the 2009-2010 school year were reviewed which included facts from House Bill (HB) 3
- ✓ Dr. Carrol Thomas presented updates on the bond project schedule and Hurricane Ike repairs

### **Action Items - The Board of Trustees voted to approve and/or adopt the following items.**

- ✓ Minutes of special meeting held August 10, 2009 and regular meeting held July 30, 2009
- ✓ Tax Collection Report of \$576,538.96 for July 2009
- ✓ Business Office Reports for July 2009
- ✓ Amendments to 2008-2009 General Fund Budget and Accepted the Special Revenue Budget Amendments
- ✓ 2009-2010 Operating Budget and Accepted 2009-2010 Special Revenue Budget
- ✓ 2009 Tax Rate of \$1.04 for Maintenance and Operating Fund and \$.2225 for Debt Service Fund for a total tax rate of \$1.2625
- ✓ 2009 Over-65 Optional Homestead Exemption of \$5,000 for homeowners over 65 years of age and residing in the district
- ✓ Designation of Fund Balance for projects or contingencies at a sum of \$3,250,000
- ✓ Reviewed the District's Investment Policy CDA (LEGAL) and (LOCAL) updated in TASB *Update 84*
- ✓ Third Party Administrator Transition from ISC Group to National Benefit Service (NBS) engaged to oversee the district 403(b) tax shelter annuity plan compliance
- ✓ Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits to enable the district to reduce its wealth per weighted student to a level that is not greater than the equalized wealth level in accordance with Section 41.002 of the Texas Education Code
- ✓ Acquisition of Copiers with Xerox utilizing State of Texas TPASS 9825-L2 contract pricing with a projected annual cost of \$420,690 for replacement of approximately eighty-seven (87) machines
- ✓ Authorization to File an Application to participate in the Qualified School Construction Bond Program with an available allocation of \$14,452,500
- ✓ Purchase of a Chiller from Heat Transfer Solutions of BuyBoard in the total amount of \$110,120
- ✓ Installation of Network Cabling for Regina Howell from Micro Integration (TCPN #R4826) in the amount of \$31,297.37
- ✓ Architectural Service for the New Dunbar (\$442,500), Fehl (\$442,500), and French (\$424,500) Elementary Schools with Harrison Kornberg

- ✓ Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Natatorium auger cast piles with Turner/Hallmark to amend the sub-contract with MCM Commercial Concrete in the amount of \$319,638
- ✓ Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Elevators with Turner/Hallmark to sub-contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation in the amount of \$121,690
- ✓ Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for site utilities extensions around the parking lots with Turner/Hallmark to sub-contract with Sendeco Industries in the amount of \$749,208
- ✓ Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Bingman/Blanchette Elementary Site Work Package with Allco with Lazer/Hallmark Construction in the amount of \$747,586
- ✓ Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Martin/Lucas Elementary School Site Work Package with Allco in the amount of \$946,949
- ✓ District Administrators as the 2009-2010 Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS) Appraisers
- ✓ Purchase of Annual District Site Licenses for Exam View Learning Series from elnstruction Corporation in the amount of \$59,865
- ✓ Purchase of Great Explorations in Math & Science (GEMS) Kits and Training from Carolina Biological Supply Company for Children in Grades 3-8 at the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) Sites: Caldwell, Dishman, Fletcher, Homer, Lucas, Pietzsch-MacArthur Elementary Schools and Austin, King, Smith and Vincent Middle Schools in the amount of \$150,000
- ✓ Purchase of Stuff That Works Books and Kit Materials from Heinemann for Grades 3-8 at the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) sites in the amount of \$120,000
- ✓ Purchasing Professional Development Services from Learning Curve Educational Consulting for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) sites in the amount of \$50,000
- ✓ Second Reading of Addition to the DEA (LOCAL) Policy “Disaster Pay” as Recommended by TASB Policy
- ✓ Payment to Bayes Achievement Center, Inc. for Residential Placement of Two (2) Special Education Students for the 2009-2010 School Year at a cost of \$379,359.10
- ✓ Purchase of 200 RM Classpad from RM Easiteach at a cost of \$56,934.00
- ✓ Purchase of The Inova Process from The Inova Center. Ltd. for twenty-nine (29) campuses at a cost of \$54,956.00

***Bids/Proposals -The Board approved the following bids/proposals for the 2009-2010 school year:***

- ✓ Bids for Van and SUV Rental for the 2009-2010 school year to Enterprise Leasing Co. of Houston for the primary and Leaseall Rentall as the secondary
- ✓ Bids (39) for Instructional Teaching Aid Supplies and Equipment Catalog discount necessitates a multiple vendor award due to the volume of work
- ✓ Bids (13) for School Bus Repair and Parts necessitates a multiple vendor award due to the volume of work
- ✓ Second Year Option for Repair, Service and Installation of Electrical Systems with Walker’s Electrical
- ✓ Bid for Purchase of Milk and Milk Products with Oak Farms

***Executive Session:*** Executive (closed) session was held to allow: consultation with school district attorney, as permitted by Section 551.071 (1) and (2), Texas Government Code; consideration of personnel matters of the sort described in Section 551.074 (a) (1 and 2), Texas Government Code, regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. **In open session the Board voted** to accept four (4) retirements, twenty-three (23) resignations and approved fifty-one (51) new employee contract recommendations. Administrative recommendations approved: Dr. Lona Alexander-Mitchell as Project Director/Supervisor for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant; Ms. Dana Lewis as Assistant Principal at King Middle School; and three (3) diagnosticians: Ms. Tara Carter at Fletcher; Ms. Joy Edwards at Bingman/Blanchette and Ms. Lillie Walker at Pietzsch/Macarthur.

***The next regular meeting of the BISD Board of Trustees will be September 17, 2009 at 7:15 p.m.***

***Special meetings are called as posted.***

Beaumont Independent School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer in full compliance with Title VI Civil Rights Act, 1964; Title IX, Education Amendment, 1972; Section 504, Rehabilitation Act, 1973. BISSD does not discriminate on the basis of sex, national origin, race, color, veteran or marital status, age, religion, or the presence of a medical condition, disability or any other legally protected status in making decisions regarding employees or students in all its functions.