

FRANKLIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
July 11, 2007 Board Minutes

The Franklin ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on July 11, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mr. Steve Jones, Mr. Jerry Paceley, Mr. Steve Schultz, Mr. Dennis Varvel, Jr., Mr. Scott Phillips, Mr. Bobby Box and Mr. Walter Commander .

Mr. Dennis Varvel, Jr. called the meeting to order.

Reports:

Tommy Poe and Dr. Stegall with the Region VI Education Service Center expressed their appreciation for the support the Franklin Independent School District has shown through the Chapter 41, Option 3 Partnership Agreement. This partnership sends recapture money to the Region Service Center instead of the state and has provided an opportunity for FISD as well as many other small districts within Region VI to upgrade their local technology.

Jim Hanks provided an update on facility construction stating that the elementary facility has seen outside exterior brick completed and the interior walls for the classrooms are being painted. HVAC, sprinkler and electrical systems are installed. Renovations of the existing middle school facility are underway with August 13th being the completion date. At the high school, the roof and walls in the auditorium area are being installed. All iron in the gym is up and the roof decking is in place. Brick is up in the library and administration areas. HVAC, sprinkler pipe and electrical are up in the administration area and PE dressing rooms. Classroom walls are being painted.

Action Items – Consensus

The Board reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting on June 13, 2007. The Board reviewed the Superintendent's reports including monthly investments and payment of bills. Mr. Phillips made a motion, and Mr. Jones seconded the motion to approve these consensus items. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items – Non-Consensus

Mr. Lowry recommended to the Board that they approve a proposed M&O tax rate for the 2007-2008 school year of \$1.17. The proposed M&O rate approved in the highest final rate the Board may adopt in August for the upcoming school year. The final rate will be determined from the certified property values that arrive late July. Mr. Jones made a motion and Mr. Box seconded the motion to approve this rate. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ely asked the Board to approve the renewal of a five year contract with TEA for the DCP class (Work Program) at F.H.S. This class serves approximately thirty students each year. Mr. Phillips made a motion and Mr. Commander seconded the motion to approve this contract. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:42 p.m. and reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

In open session, Mr. Lowry recommended that the Board approve the hire of Joshua Kreger, Dee Ann Harris, Kim Neichoy, Robert Royer and Rosie Greenawalt as new employees for FISD. Mr. Paceley made a motion and Mr. Box seconded the motion to approve these new hires. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lowry recommended the Board approve extending all administrative contracts one year keeping them on a two year contract through the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Phillips made a motion and Mr. Commander seconded the motion to approve these extensions. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schultz made a motion and Mr. Jones seconded the motion to adjourn.

Adjournment.

Attest:

Board President

Board Secretary

