## FRANKLIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT March 5, 2009 Board Minutes

The Franklin ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on March 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mr. Dennis Varvel, Mr. Jerry Paceley, Mr. Bobby Box, Mr. Walter Commander and Mr. Scott Phillips. Mr. Steve Jones and Mr. Steve Schultz were absent.

Mr. Dennis Varvel called the meeting to order.

## **Open Forum:**

None

# <u>Reports:</u>

Jim Hanks provided an update on facility construction, stating that we are continuing to work on warranty work at all campuses. Work with the Texas Department of Transportation on the sidewalk project that will be located on the north side of FM 1644 from the middle school to Hearne Street is continuing. Design was nearing completion and bidding would start soon. Construction should begin first of April.

## <u> Action Items – Consensus</u>

The Board reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 11, 2009 and the minutes from the special called meeting on February 25, 2009. The Board reviewed the Superintendent's reports including monthly investments and payment of bills. Mr. Commander made a motion and Mr. Phillips seconded the motion to approve these consensus items. Motion carried unanimously.

#### <u> Action Items – Non-Consensus Continued</u>

Mr. Lowry discussed with the Board a local policy that requires all students in grades 3 through 11 to pass all TAKS tested areas as part of promotion requirements to the next grade level. Mr. Phillips made a motion and Mr. Paceley seconded the motion to approve local policy EIE (local). Policy attached. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lowry discussed with the Board changes to the Shared Service Arrangement with the Brazos Valley Regional Day School Program for the Deaf. Mr. Paceley made a motion and Mr. Commander seconded the motion to approve these changes. Changes attached. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lowry recommended to the Board that the district remove Spanish III as a weighted course from the high school curriculum. Mr. Commander made a motion and Mr. Box seconded the motion to remove this course from the weighted list. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Phillips made a motion and Mr. Commander seconded the motion to adjourn.

Adjournment.

Attest:

Board President

Board Secretary