

SMITHVILLE I.S.D.  
BOARD BRIEFS  
MARCH 24, 2003

The Smithville I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 25, 2003 beginning at 6:00 P.M. Items discussed or acted on by members included the following:

## A. Board Recognitions

1. **Recognition of Band, DECA State and International Qualifiers, State Power Lifting Qualifiers** – The Board recognized the talented students of the District for their accomplishments in achieving state level in athletics, DECA and band.
2. **Employees of the Month for February** - The Employees of the Month for February are Robin Ramsay, head girl's coach at the high school, and Marilyn Wood, truant officer at the high school. Both employees were present at the meeting to be recognized.
3. **Recognition of outstanding students for the fourth six-weeks** – The outstanding student for the fourth six weeks from the junior high is Kasey Kellar, daughter of Kim Hemphill and Lonnie Kellar. The students chosen as outstanding students from the high school are Megan Rogers and Justin Betancourt. Megan is a senior, and is the daughter of Mark and Janice Rogers. Justin is a junior, and the son of Susan Betancourt. All of these students were present at the meeting to accept the Board's recognition.

## B. Public Communications

4. **Communications from the Public** – The Board heard from Dwight Stockton regarding budget shortfall concerns and possible cuts in the District to increase the budget, and also from Karen Bell regarding her ongoing concerns with procedures in the Food Service Department.

## C. Consent Agenda

**Consent Agenda** – Peggy Walicek motioned to accept items 5 through 9 as listed on the Consent Agenda. Mike Morgan seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

5. Minutes of the February 17, 2003 regular board meeting
6. Disbursements for the month of February 2003
7. Financial Statements for February 2003
8. Investment Report
9. Tax Collection Report

## D. Information Items

10. **Construction Status Report** - Sam Best and Dale Murphree, of Best Construction, were present at the meeting to update the Board regarding the progress of construction on the new

high school. The Board also heard from Bill Robishire, of Pfluger Associates, regarding the renovation of the existing Junior High and the annex.

11. **Superintendent's Report** - Mr. Sage, along with Food Service Director Annette Kuehler, briefed the Board on current happenings within the district, including the current no charge policy and procedures in the Food Service Department.
12. **Nurse's Report for all campuses** - Included in the board packet was a monthly report of cases seen through the nurse's office at all campuses for the month of February.
13. **Grade 3 Reading TAKS results from March Administration** – Deborah Mayer, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported on the positive results from the first administration of the TAKS reading test for third grade students.
14. **Tentative April Agenda Items** – The tentative agenda items for the April board meeting are:
  - a. Student Transfer Requests
  - b. Board Self Evaluation
  - c. Employment of Certified Personnel
  - d. Resignations of Certified Personnel
  - e. Superintendent's Report
  - f. Construction Status Report
  - g. Nurse's Report
  - h. Employee of the Month for March
  - i. Second Reading of Board Policy Update 69

E. Action Items

15. **Adoption of textbook committee selections** - Board policies EFAA [Legal] and EFAA [Local] address the selection and adoption of textbooks for the district. The district is required to submit a report of textbook adoption by the Board to TEA no later than April 1, 2003.

The following individuals were appointed by the Board to the District textbook selection committee:

Deborah A. Mayer – Committee Chairman

Vertical Team for Social Studies

Lexie Hamm, Brown Primary, First Grade, Social Studies

Peggy Zion, Brown Primary, Second Grade, Social Studies

Cynthia Hoyt, Brown Primary, Third Grade, Social Studies

Adella Smith, Smithville Elementary, Fourth Grade, Social Studies

Laura Schaatt, Smithville Elementary, Fifth Grade Social Studies

Brenda McEntire, Smithville Elementary, Sixth Grade Social Studies

Ken Moree, Smithville Jr. High, Seventh Grade Social Studies

Tony Condit, Smithville Jr. High, Eighth Grade Social Studies

Leona Jones, Smithville H. S., Social Studies Department Chairman

Mike Stone, Smithville H. S., World History

Jeremy Shaw, Smithville H. S., Economics

Darius Bharucha, Smithville H. S., US History

David Edwards, District Representative, All Levels

The textbook committee recommendation is to adopt all titles on the state approved list. From that list, the following textbooks have been selected:

	Social Studies, Grades 1-3 & 5	Macmillan/McGraw-Hill	
	Social Studies, Grade 4	Pearson Education, Inc., Publishing	as Scott
Foresman	Social Studies, Grade 6	Holt, Rinehart and Winston, a Division of Harcourt, Inc.	
	Social Studies, Grades 7-8	Pearson Education, Inc., Publishing as Prentice Hall	
	World Geography	Pearson Education, Inc., Publishing as Prentice Hall	
	World History	Pearson Education, Inc., Publishing as Prentice Hall	
	US History	Pearson Education, Inc., Publishing as Prentice Hall	
	Economics	Pearson Education, Inc., Publishing as Prentice Hall	
	Psychology	Glenco/McGraw Hill, a division of the McGraw-Hill Co., Inc.	
	Sociology	Glenco/McGraw Hill, a division of the McGraw-Hill Co., Inc.	
	AP US History	McDougal Littell, Inc. <u>The American Pageant</u>	
	AP European History	McDougal Littell Inc. <u>Western Civilization- The Continuing Experiment</u>	
	AP World History	Pearson Education, Inc., Publishing as Prentice Hall	
	AP Psychology	The Wadsworth Group/Thomson Learning	
	AP Economics	Pearson Education, Inc. Publishing as Prentice Hall	
	AP Government	Pearson Education, Inc. Publishing as Prentice Hall	
	PreK	Leapfrog SchoolHouse, a division of Leapfrog Enterprises, Inc.	

Craig Williams motioned to approve the recommendation from the textbook committee as presented. Peggy Walicek seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

16. Approve 2003-2004 school calendar - Local school districts may establish any school calendar they choose that meets a few minimum requirements established by the Texas Education Agency. After input from the District and campus site based committees, as well as administrative, central office and campus staff, the Superintendent recommended a calendar for the upcoming school year. Mike Morgan made a motion to approve Draft 1 of the proposed 2003-2004 school calendar as presented. Peggy Walicek seconded, and the vote passed 6-0.
17. Set Board Meeting Date for special meeting to canvass board election results - The election for board trustees is Saturday, May 3, 2003. Election law requires us to canvass the results between three and six days after the election. Mike Wittrock moved to call for a special board meeting

on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at 7:45 a.m. to canvass election votes. Linda Rooks seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

18. Consider Soliciting Bids for a District Utility Truck – The Superintendent expressed to the Board his desire to purchase a vehicle that would serve many uses for the District, ranging from band instrument hauling to One-Act Play contest prop travel to moving furniture, boxes and materials from one location to another throughout the District. He provided the Board with a description and estimation of cost of the truck he is recommending. He also informed the Board of the possibility of purchasing the band trailer currently owned by the Band Boosters for general District use. Mike Wittrock motioned to approve the request to bid and secure a truck as described. In addition, to seek purchase of the existing band trailer from the Band Boosters if they agree to sell it to the school district. With a second from Mike Morgan, the motion carried 6-0.

The Board took a short recess at 8:20 p.m. and returned at 8:30 p.m.

19. Consider First Reading of Update 69 – The most recent TASB Board Policy Update, Update 69, was given to the Board as a supplemental packet. This update deals with “No Child Left Behind”, the new TAKS test and how it relates to promotion to the new grade level, and other, primarily legal, policy changes. This is a very large update, and in order to allow the Board more time to become familiar with its content, the Superintendent recommended that a first reading be approved, with the second reading and its proposed adoption to be conducted at the April board meeting. Howard Burns motioned to approve the review of the first reading of Update 69. Mike Wittrock seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

The Board dismissed to executive session at 8:35 p.m. and returned at 9:20 with no official action taken.

- 20a. 1,2 Consider Contract Renewal/Non-Renewal of Certified Staff – The administrators of the district have submitted their recommendations for contract renewal/non-renewal of existing certified staff members to the Superintendent. In order to stay in compliance with Board Policy DBE [Legal], the motion to approve or not approve the recommendation has been separated into two categories. One category for certified staff not closely related to a board member by affinity or consanguinity, and the other category for those that are closely related by either affinity or consanguinity. Linda Rooks motioned to approve the recommendations for staff members not affected by Board Policy DBE [Legal]. Peggy Walicek seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. Peggy Walicek then motioned to approve the contract recommendations for staff who are affected by DBE [Legal]. Mike Wittrock seconded, and the motion carried 5-0, with Howard Burns abstaining.

- 20b. Resignations of Certified Personnel, Including Director of Curriculum and Instruction – The Superintendent advised the Board of the following resignations:  
Douglas Fonville – Spanish teacher at the high school  
Jennifer Lange – geometry teacher at the high school  
Tony Condit – history teacher at the junior high  
Elisabeth Tomaszewski – teacher at the Elementary  
Ann Watson – teacher at Woodside Trails  
Deborah Mayer – Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Jason Segel – teacher/coach at the high school

21. **Adjournment** – The Board adjourned its meeting at 9:24 p.m.