

SMITHVILLE I.S.D.
BOARD BRIEFS
AUGUST 18, 2003

The Smithville I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 2003 beginning at 6:00 P.M. Items discussed or acted on by members included the following:

1. **Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget and Proposed Tax Rate** – The school is required by state laws and board policies CCG [Legal] and CE [Legal] to conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget and proposed tax rate. Any taxpayer of the District may be present and participate in the meeting. The Board held the public hearing as required by law. There was no participation from the public at the hearing.
2. **Recognition of winners of Food Services menu coloring contest** – Annette Kuehler, Director of Food Services, was present at the meeting to recognize the Smithville I.S.D. students who were winners of a menu coloring contest sponsored by the Region 13 Central Texas Purchasing Coop. The winners were presented certificates and congratulated by the Board.
3. **Communications from the Public** – There were no public communications.

Consent Agenda – Kamron Saunders motioned to approve items 4 through 10 on the Consent Agenda as presented. There was a second by Peggy Walicek. After discussion, Kamron Saunders motioned to approve items 4 through 10 on the Consent Agenda, with the minutes amended as discussed. Mike Morgan seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

4. Minutes of the July 21, 2003 regular board meeting, and the August 4, 2003 special board meeting
 5. Disbursements for the month of July 2003
 6. Financial Statements for July 2003
 7. Investment Report
 8. Tax Collection Report
 9. Band equipment bids
 10. Budget Amendment
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11. **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.
 12. **Superintendent's Report** – Mr. Sage updated the Board on current happenings in the District, and reminded them of the upcoming board training on August 25, 2003.
 13. **District Exit Interview Summary** – This was an information item included to make the Board aware of the results of exit interviews conducted on employees who resigned from the District at the end of the 2002-2003 school year.
 14. **Tentative September Agenda Items** – The tentative agenda items for the September meeting are:
 - a. Approval of District and Campus Improvement Plans
 - b. Site-Based Committee Membership Reports
 - c. Class Size Report

- d. Teacher Certification Status Report
- e. Construction Status Report
- f. Superintendent's Report
- g. Technology Report
- h. Approval of UIL Eligibility Waiver

15. **Adoption of 2003-2004 District Budget** – The Board is required to adopt an operational budget before the beginning of the fiscal year, which is September 1st. Total appropriations for 2003-2004 consist of \$12,849,021 for the General Fund, \$1,431,540 for Interest & Sinking, and \$819,762 for the Special Revenue Funds, which consist of the technology and cafeteria budget. Peggy Walicek made a motion to approve the proposed 2003-2004 district budget as presented. Howard Burns seconded, and the vote passed 6-0.
16. **Adoption of the 2003-2004 Tax Rate** – The Board is required to set a tax rate within 60 days of receiving the certified tax roll but no later than September 30th. Mike Morgan motioned to approve a resolution setting the tax rate at \$1.715 which includes a \$1.50 M&O tax rate and a \$0.215 I&S tax rate. Peggy Walicek seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.
17. **Bank Depository Resolution** – Each school district must select a depository for school funds to be received in the 2004-2006 biennium that begins September 1, 2003 according to Subchapter G, Chapter 45 of the Texas Education Code. The First National Bank of Smithville, depository for the District as of September 1, 2003, requires a board resolution to exercise powers associated with each bank account. Howard Burns made a motion to approve the designation of Gary Sage, Superintendent, and Heather Wilson, Director of Business, as authorities to exercise all powers associated with the bank depository. Mike Wittrock seconded the motion, and the vote carried 6-0.
- 18a. **Resignations of Certified Personnel** – Mr. Sage advised the Board of the resignation of Maria Luberti, teacher at the elementary.
- 18b. **Employment of Certified Personnel** – Mr. Sage recommended the employment of Mary Beathard as a teacher at the elementary. Kamron Saunders motioned to approve the employment of Mary Beathard for the 2003-2004 school year. Peggy Walicek seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.
19. **Adjournment** – The Board adjourned its meeting at 7:07 p.m.