

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
MARCH 24, 2008

The Plano Board of Trustees met Tuesday, March 24, 2008, with the following members present: Duncan Webb, presiding; Missy Bender; Mary Beth King; John Muns; Brad Shanklin; Melody Timinsky; Skip Jenkins and Superintendent Doug Otto.

President Webb called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the hallway outside the Colorado Room at the Sockwell Center, 6301 Chapel Hill Boulevard, Plano, and stated that the meeting has been duly called and notices posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. Mr. Webb announced that the Board will convene in a closed session to consider 1) the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; 2) Personnel: Resignations, employment, evaluation, appointment, assignment, termination, non-renewal, additions and extension and/or renewal of contracts of individual teachers, individual administrators, superintendent, and individual support staff; 3) Private consultation with attorney regarding contemplated litigation; or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551; 4) To discuss purchase, exchange, lease, sale, or value of real property; 5) School children; School district employees; disciplinary matter or complaint; and 6) Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations. The closed session was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened in the Dallas Room at 6:20 p.m., with all board members listed above present.

Jun Melvin, director of compensation and diversity, along with Jim Hirsch, associate superintendent for academic and technology services, presented additional information regarding the District Awards for Teacher Excellence (D.A.T.E.) program, as a follow-up to the March 4, 2008 presentation to the Board of Trustees. Ms. Melvin and Mr. Hirsch provided an overview of the grant and details of the award plan developed by the district-level planning committee. The Board of Trustees will take action on the committee's recommendation for approval of the plan, at the April 1, 2008 board meeting.

D.A.T.E
PROGRAM
UPDATE

Trustee John Muns left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Patty Meyer, area assistant superintendent for the west cluster, presented an overview of models for delivery of elementary professional development as well as the Elementary Professional Learning Committee's recommendation. Trustees asked that Ms. Meyer respond back to them regarding questions specific to:

- Waivers for teachers' 30 minute freed lunch period
- Split lunch and recess duties
- Times when a grade-level teacher may not have a duty
- Impact on instructional time with the transfer of knowledge/needs from teacher to teacher, regarding an incident
- Loss of instructional time for models:
 - Six Early Release Days
 - Professional Learning Through Specials' Time
- Professional development time for each model

ELEMENTARY
PROFESSIONAL
LEARNING
MODEL

The Elementary Professional Learning Committee recommends six professional learning early release days on Wednesday for the 2008-09 school year. The Board of Trustees will take action on the committee's recommendation at the April 15 Board Work Session.

Trustees discussed the possibility of a broad survey, covering many issues, being conducted on the PISD website to provide feedback of how we are doing as a district and what we could do better.

No future topics for work sessions were suggested at this time.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Duncan Webb, President

Lloyd Jenkins, Secretary