

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION  
FEBRUARY 20, 2007

The Plano Board of Trustees met Tuesday, February 20, 2007, with the following members present: Duncan Webb, presiding; Missy Bender; Lloyd Jenkins; Mary Beth King; John Muns; Brad Shanklin; and Superintendent Doug Otto. Melody Timinsky arrived at 5:55 p.m.

President Webb called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the hallway outside the Rio Grande 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 5:55 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened in the Dallas Room at 6:05 p.m. with all board members present.

John Muns made the motion that the Board approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a) Selection of VLK Architects and construction manager at risk delivery method for employee childcare/ECS expansion, as recommended by Associate Superintendent for Business Services Richard Matkin;
- b) Amendment to exclusive license and supplier agreement with Dr Pepper Bottling Company of Texas and attached resolution, as recommended by Deputy Superintendent Danny Modisette;

Brad Shanklin seconded the motion which carried.

President Webb announced that the remainder of the meeting would be a work session on several topics.

Dr. Otto introduced the topic on federal and state accountability standards. Jayne Cantwell, James Ashby, and Vangie Cortez presented a report on changes in testing for English language learners effective this year. They compared the significant differences between state and federal accountability standards, explained how this may impact campus and/or district ratings, and outlined the additional training necessary to respond to these changes.

Patty Meyer began the discussion on elementary professional development with a report given by Bryan Bird, Meadows Elementary School principal, and Sandra

Muzquiz, Sigler Elementary School principal, from the committee studying how to develop a structure for elementary teachers within contractual time. The committee determined that the elementary staff should continue to have four early release days designated as record days at the end of each nine weeks and participate in the designated district full days of professional development. In addition, after considering many methods and alternatives for delivery of professional learning, they felt all elementary staff should have six additional early release days throughout the school year to focus on such activities as: collaborative learning, share “best practices”, data analysis, differentiation, campus and district student achievement initiatives, monitor student success, closing the gap initiatives, team planning, vertical articulation, and “just in time” training. Board members requested to see how these early release days would be configured into the school calendar.

Tom Salmon began the discussion on secondary professional development and stated that the committee’s purpose was to reduce the secondary teacher student load and to build time for professional development into the schedule for secondary teachers.

Frankford Middle School principal Susan Modisette and Haggard Middle School principal Julie-Anne Dean reviewed their committee’s desire to return to academic teaming at the middle school level. The committee is recommending implementation for ten middle schools for 2007-08 that will schedule a 5 of 7 period day for the “core” teachers (English/language arts, math, science, and social studies) to further their professional learning on an on-going basis throughout the school year. Armstrong and Bowman Middle Schools will remain on a 6 of 8 period day.

At the high school/senior high level, Vines High School principal Roxanne Burleson and Jasper High School principal Michael Novotny outlined their intent to “pilot” a modified 7 period day next year in which all teachers will have an additional non-teaching period devoted to professional learning. The effectiveness of this pilot model will be evaluated during the 2007-08 school year to guide implementation for the remaining schools for 2008-09. Professional development activities will focus on many of the same type of activities mentioned for elementary professional learning.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Duncan Webb, President

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Lloyd Jenkins, Secretary