

SCHOOL BOARD TEAM OF 8 SESSION
MAY 18, 2007

The Plano Board of Trustees met Friday, May 18, 2007, with the following members present: Duncan Webb, presiding; Lloyd Jenkins; Melody Timinsky; Missy Bender; Mary Beth King; John Muns; Brad Shanklin; and Superintendent Doug Otto.

President Webb called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. in San Antonio Room, 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 teambuilding training session, focusing on updating the district's strategic plan. Dr. Otto facilitated this session utilizing various staff members in each of the respective areas.

Dr. Otto began by reviewing the process used for the previous strategic plan which was adopted in January, 2003. Suggestions were made to follow the same process by having a facilitator to gather input, share with focus groups, and help craft final document. This process would culminate with Board approval later in the school year.

Associate Superintendent for Technology and Academic Services Jim Hirsch distributed an updated organizational chart reflecting changes as he merges the curriculum and technology departments under one umbrella. He explained the new structure and how the new re-alignment should improve daily delivery of services.

Mr. Hirsch also shared a draft of a new brochure that reflects an explanation of the various graduation program options and examples of 4-year schedules based on the new 4x4 requirements. Board members suggested that this brochure be sent to our local legislators. This document will be available on the "university-ready" website and will be distributed at the secondary level.

Dr. Otto indicated that the proposed goals for 2007-08 would be presented to the Board in September. The 2006-07 goals report will be ready in August and will include the self-assessment on the benchmarks which will help identify some of the needed initiatives for 2007-08.

He indicated that the PPE/Even Start Task Force study should help us work toward decisions on how these programs can be best utilized, clarify the governance of the programs and make sure the focus is on our students. It is hoped that a mid-year report will identify needed changes that can be implemented for the following school year.

Associate Superintendent for Business Services Richard Matkin reviewed an anticipated timeline for a 2008 bond proposal and provided an overview of the process, identified potential scope of projects, study guidelines and task force composition.

As part of the bond discussion, Mr. Matkin shared a map of the northeast quadrant of the district, highlighting the McCall attendance zone and surrounding area. Various scenarios were mentioned on how to provide relief for McCall Elementary School.

Two dates in August were suggested for a possible City/PISD joint retreat. Several topics were mentioned that could be discussed if the retreat can be scheduled.

The Team of 8 was concluded at 11:20 a.m. and the meeting was adjourned into closed session. The closed session was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. and the meeting was immediately adjourned.

Duncan Webb, President

Lloyd Jenkins, Secretary