

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 20, 2007

The Plano Board of Trustees met Tuesday, November 20, 2007, with the following members present: Lloyd Jenkins, presiding; Missy Bender; Mary Beth King; John Muns; and Superintendent Doug Otto. Trustees Duncan Webb and Brad Shanklin were absent. Trustee Melody Timinsky arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Board Secretary Lloyd Jenkins 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. Jenkins 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 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened in the Dallas Room at 6:05 p.m. with all board members listed above present and Duncan Webb and Brad Shanklin absent.

Mary Beth King made the motion that the Board approve the cooperative and sole source purchases as recommended by Associate Superintendent for Business Services Richard Matkin as follows:

(1) Purchase of storage area network (SAN) to Dell (via Department of Information Resources) for \$317,733.21; and (2) Purchase of the annual and technical support for Pinnacle Gradebook from Excelsior Software (sole source) for \$71,856.00. John Muns seconded the motion which carried.

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Mr. Jenkins announced that the remainder of the meeting would be a work session focusing on the bond task force, the district's special education program and board member orientation.

Phil Dyer, chairman of the 2008 Facilities and Technology Task Force, presented an interim report to the Board of Trustees highlighting the discussions involved in the first three meetings and providing a summary of cost estimates to date. Future task force meetings will review systems and compliance and technology needs.

Associate Superintendent for Academic and Technology Services Jim Hirsch stated that the combining of instruction and technology into one department had created a leadership transition for the special education program. He introduced Dr. Christie Duke, assistant executive director of reading, special education and at-risk services, and Lisa Long, director of special education services, who presented an update of the district's special education services. This report included an overview of the

following target areas: central office support, department processes and procedures, parent communication, consistency in practices, inclusive practices, differentiated curriculum, and professional development in instructional best practices. Mrs. Long addressed principal training for ARD/IEP procedures and highlighted current initiatives.

Trustee John Muns left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Mary Beth King asked board members to review the various materials regarding orientation for new board members. She suggested that Missy Bender and Brad Shanklin, as the board's newest members, work with her to help identify topics and features of a standard orientation plan. The following suggestions were made for possible inclusion:

- Library of materials
- Commitment to participate in Texas Institute for School Boards sponsored by the Center for Reform of School Systems (CRSS)
- Cabinet-level visits
- Add formalized plan to Board Protocol

This plan would be brought back to the Board at a later date for final review and implementation.

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

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

Lloyd Jenkins, Secretary