



CARROLL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD CLIPS

This publication summarizes School Board meetings. Official minutes are kept in the Superintendent's Office.

CISD Trustees Lower Tax Rate

Carroll School Board members voted September 10 to adopt a Maintenance and Operations tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 assessed valuation, down thirty-three cents from last year's rate. In addition, Trustees earmarked one-cent of the M&O rate to address technology needs.

The Board voted to keep the interest and sinking (debt service) tax rate the same as last year. The I&S tax rate is \$0.425 per \$100 assessed valuation. This means the total tax rate for the 2007-2008 school year is \$1.465 per \$100 assessed valuation. Last year's rate was \$1.795.

2007-2008 Tax Rate

\$1.04 (M&O)
\$0.425 (I&S)

\$1.465 Total Tax Rate

Last Year's Rate

\$1.37 (M&O)
\$0.425 (I&S)

\$1.795 Total Tax Rate

Carroll Trustees voted August 31 to adopt a \$75 million operating budget which included a four percent of the midpoint raise for school employees. The Board held a public hearing on the budget and tax rate at Johnson Elementary School. The budget included 21 new positions to accommodate student growth and the return of block scheduling at the high school campuses. CISD expects to make a

\$20 million payment toward capital bond debt during the 2007-2008 school year. Trustees approved operating revenues of \$75,353,625 and expenditures of \$75,182,138. This will result in \$171,487 in surplus funds. Officials say the additional four-cent enrichment will generate an additional \$1.9 million for CISD needs. Of that amount about \$475,000 will be used for technology maintenance

September 24 Meeting Canceled

Carroll Trustees have canceled the September 24 School Board meeting. Instead, the district will host an informational meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee that night. Interested citizens may attend this organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Cabinet Room of the Administration Center, 3051 Dove Road.

The next regularly scheduled School Board meeting will be Monday, October 1. This meeting will start later than usual, however, due to the Dragon Classic golf tournament that day. A meeting time and agenda will be posted 72 hours in advance.

BOARD AGENDAS

School Board agendas are posted on our website 72 hours before each meeting.

Visit the Board of Trustees drop down menu and select "Agendas & Schedules." The School Board Agenda Book Online is located on the right side of the page. Agendas are also available on the "Breaking News" web link.

Administration Provides Report On District's New Visitor Tracking System

Trustees heard a report on plans for a new visitor tracking system to be implemented soon at all CISD campuses. Dr. Lowell Strike, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, told the School Board that policies and procedures must first be

established before employees will begin using the system. School officials say student safety is a top priority. The visitor tracking system will provide a consistent method to track visitors and volunteers at each campus. Upon entering a Carroll

ISD campus, all visitors will be asked to present a valid driver's license or other approved form of photo identification. The license will be scanned and run through a national sex offender data base.

See Visitor Tracking System

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NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 1, 2007

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DR. DAVID J. FALTYS, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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In Other Business. . .

- Trustees ratified a final settlement agreement regarding Cause No. 48-206184-04, Stephen Kaminski v. Carroll Independent School District, a Texas independent school district.
- The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the September 11, 2001 tragedy.
- School Board members approved an additional technology aide paraprofessional position for the Johnson Elementary Encore program and an additional special education paraprofessional position for the Durham Elementary School Life Skills program.
- Trustees approved the hiring of three classroom teachers and one school nurse as recommended by the Administration.
- President Erin Shoupp announced that the 2007-2008 Application for Participation on Board Advisory Committees is now available on the district's website. The deadline to return the completed application to the Superintendent's office is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 28.

Visitor Tracking System. . .from front

Once cleared, the individual will be issued a visitor's badge which must be worn while on campus and returned to the front office upon leaving the premises.

Dr. Strike explained that the system is not a complete background check on individuals. No other criminal information is searched, or provided for, such as traffic tickets, warrants, felonies, etc. The data collected only refers to sex offenses and is exclusively for use of the school district and local law enforcement agencies, if necessary. The information, he said, will be not shared or sold to any outside entity.

School officials say there is no foolproof way to guarantee a 100 percent secure environment in any setting. The Raptor tracking software system, however, is one critical component to the district's overall safety planning. Dr. Strike said implementation will involve effective employee training and clear operating procedures so that employees know what to do if the system warns of a sex offender.

Visitors to the campus need only enter their driver's license the first visit. After that, their name can simply be typed into a computer and a badge with their photo will be printed. After the

regular school day has ended or when students are not present on campus, visitors will not need to use the visitor tracking system.

Carroll Trustees Hear Student Transfer Report

Board policies FDA (Local) and FDB (Local), in conjunction with FD (Regulation), outline the conditions for nonresident student attendance and intradistrict transfer requests. At the September 10 School Board meeting, Dr. Jan Morgan of the Instructional Services Department provided a report on the number of students at each campus who were granted intra and inter district transfers for the 2007-2008 school year.

Examples of interdistrict transfer options include students involved in the Carroll Medical Academy, the children of CISD employees, students who reside in the disputed zone between Carroll ISD and Northwest ISD and students who have families building, purchasing or leasing a house within district boundaries. There are currently 268 students who were granted admission to CISD schools based on the district's interdistrict transfer policies. Of this 268, approximately 17 are part of the Carroll Medical Academy, 152 are employees' children and 36 are from the disputed zone between CISD and Northwest ISD.

Dr. Morgan said intradistrict transfers involve transfers between schools, but within Carroll ISD boundaries. These are reviewed and evaluated by the campus principals and the Instructional Services Department based on available space, evidence of medical or physical needs, program needs and availability, extraordinary family circumstances, a student's discipline history, University Interscholastic League rules and other compelling circumstances.

By district policy, CISD reserves the right to suspend intradistrict transfers to any campus if space becomes unavailable. For the 2007-2008 school year, there are approximately 118 students approved to transfer from their home campus to another school within Carroll ISD. Dr. Morgan said every CISD campus has students transferring in and out for various reasons.

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Carroll ISD School Board

Front row, from left: Sherri Williams, Vice President; Erin Shoupp, President; and Sue Armstrong. Back row, from left: John Thane, Bernie Ausdenmoore, Craig Rothmeier, Secretary; and Danny Gilpin.