



# CARROLL

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## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### 4.19.10 School Board Meeting Summary

*Next Scheduled Meeting: May 3, 2010*

## Board Approves Most Tier 1, 2 Budget Cuts

Carroll School Trustees took formal action April 19 to adopt the Expenditure Reduction (ER) Plan as presented by the CISD Administration. The plan outlines a multi-year effort to involve employees, parents and taxpayers in reducing spending and increasing revenues. The Superintendent was tasked with presenting the plan last fall and has been diligently working to collect input and information to help Trustees consider the 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget.

After approving the plan's concepts, Trustees then began discussing various aspects of the Administration's four-tier plan for cutting expenses and raising additional operating dollars. Trustees ultimately agreed to all of the Tier 1 items with the exception of triple staggered school start times that would allow the district to streamline bussing and eliminate some routes, gas and driver expenses. Although not officially approved, Trustees said they would like the Administration to obtain parent feedback on various options for the triple staggered school start times. The Administration will conduct an online survey to collect that feedback.

Other cuts in Tier 1 total about \$1.1 million and include about \$1 million in central office cuts, as well as \$100,000 in per capita cuts to the campus supply and travel budgets. Some of the cuts include the tuition reimbursement program for employees, printing, travel and supply budgets in every department, the player development volleyball league at the middle schools, a reduction in the number of work days for transportation staff and the elimination of MAP and Renzulli learning systems. Central office will also eliminate hard copies of the Auxiliary handbook, begin charging for lost employee badges and have aides pay for their own fingerprinting and certification fees. For a complete list of Tier 1 cuts approved by the Board, visit the district's web page and select the Expenditure Reduction (ER) icon on the right side of the page.

Trustees voted for all of the Tier 2 items, with the exception of a refrigerator/microwave energy fee for employees. Trustees said they preferred to look at other ways to reduce expenses than to begin charging employees for energy costs. They also did not make a final decision on student participation fees, but studied several options and a recommendation by the Administration on that topic. Tier 2 items were generally approved, though it is unknown how much money will be generated by various revenue enhancement initiatives (Dragon credit card, employee travel cards, video scoreboard, recycling, etc.) for the operating budget. Trustees directed the Administration to implement an in-house energy management program rather than hiring an outside firm as had been discussed. The in-house plan is yet to be determined, but may involve a staff stipend and/or software to manage and monitor energy usage.

Trustees took no action on Tier 3 and Tier 4 items, but asked for additional information on the impact of line items such as the elimination of teaming, the elimination of block scheduling and increased class sizes. The Administration asked for a budget workshop to show the classroom and staffing impact of Tier 3 and 4 items. Trustees agreed to hold a Preliminary Budget/ER workshop prior to the May 3 Board meeting.

## Board Actions

- **The Board approved a contract with Dell Marketing for the purchase of 10 laptop Dell computers for use with Promethean Boards in the classroom addition at Carroll High School.** Total cost of the purchase is \$14,597 out of the 2006 Bond Program Capital Projects Fund.
- **Trustees approved a contract with Technology for Education in the amount of \$3,871,797 for the districtwide installation of LAN/Telecomm systems.** The Board also approved a contract with Pro-Computing in the amount of \$649,635.15 for the purchase and installation of Promethean Boards and a contract with Dell Marketing in the amount of \$218,956.50 for the purchase of laptop computers for Promethean installations. Funding for these purchases will come from the 2009 Bond Package approved by voters last year.
- **Board members approved the Consent Agenda at Monday's meeting.** It included minutes from the March 29 and April 5 meetings, as well as a leave of absence for a transportation employee, as per Policy DEC (LOCAL).
- **The Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution to nominate Superintendent David Faltys for the Texas Association of School Boards' Superintendent Of The Year Award.** The awards deadline for the nomination of Region XI superintendents is May 17.

## Presentations & Discussion

Students involved in the **KC (Kindness & Compassion) Club at Durham Elementary School** led Trustees, Administrators and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge. The students included Kate Hosler, Kristen Braun, Gabby Walker, Aidan Aalund and Williams Aalund.

During **Public Comments**, a parent addressed the Board regarding possible expenditure reduction ideas as they may relate to or affect advanced placement and gifted and talented students. The parent was concerned about the quality of programs for AP and GT students should the Board make cuts in those areas to help balance the budget.

Trustees met in executive session as per Texas law.

Trustees adjourned the April 19, 2010 meeting at 12:08 a.m.