



CARROLL

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

8.15.11 School Board Meeting Summary

Next Meeting: Aug. 29, 2011

BABS, Energy Grant Help Offset Deficit

Board Calls Budget Hearing August 29

Carroll School Board members have called a public hearing to present and vote on the proposed 2011-2012 school budget. The hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 29 in the library of the former Carroll Middle School building, 1101 East Dove Road, in Southlake.

At a meeting to discuss the proposed budget Monday, Trustees discussed utilizing \$1.9 million in Build America Bond subsidies and a \$2 million State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) grant to offset the \$4.5 million expected deficit this next year. In turn, they asked the Administration to manage out of the remaining \$622,732 deficit.

Trustees are hoping to make enough cuts to avoid relying on fund balance during the next school year. They have not ruled out a transportation fee for all school bus riders, but because of the late timing of the legislation allowing such a fee, Trustees are not expected to make a change in bus fees for the fall semester. Likewise, they intend to keep discussing student participation fees, changes to block scheduling and teaming, as well as the sale of surplus land, and a shift in the district's fiscal calendar. None of those changes are expected for the 2011-2012 school year.

Although the proposed budget does not include a general pay increase for employees, the Board did discuss using the district's Oncor energy rebate to offer a one-time supplemental pay increase to help staff offset rising health insurance costs. Earlier in the summer, Trustees adopted a resolution that would allow them to give employees a one-time supplemental pay increase in lieu of a perpetual salary increase. No final decision was made at the budget workshop Monday.

By law, Trustees have until the end of the month to adopt a budget. They also have until mid-September to agree on a tax rate to support that budget. CISD Trustees are proposing a budget that requires no tax rate change. The district's general operating tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 assessed valuation would remain the same for maintenance and operations, as would the district's \$.0375 interest and sinking tax rate. The \$80 million proposed budget would not require personnel or program cuts this next year, though Trustees say they are still reviewing options for the second year of the biennium.

School Board Actions

- The Board approved a three-year rental agreement with the Southlake Carroll Lacrosse Association (SCLA) for the use of athletic fields and concessions. The organization will use the new Carroll Middle School fields, the Dawson Middle School field, the Carroll High School field and the Carroll Intermediate School field from December 1 through June 30 on the following days and times: Monday through Friday 6 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. The agreement will net CISD \$5,000 per year for practice field rental, \$25 per day for games at Carroll Middle School the first two years of the agreement; \$50 per day for games after the first two years of the agreement; \$5,000 per year to CISD for turf repair and field upkeep and 10 percent gross of any camps that SCLA hosts on CISD property.
- The Board approved an agreement with Southlake Dragon Youth Sports for use of the Dawson Middle School practice field, the Carroll High School stadium field, the Carroll High School practice field, the Carroll Intermediate School field and the Carroll Senior High School track field from August 16 through November 20, 2011 on the following days and times: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The agreement will provide \$5,125 to CISD for practice field rental and is in addition to the five-year deal Trustees agreed to with DYS for use of the former Carroll Middle School fields.
- Trustees approved the Student Code of Conduct as presented by Darrell Brown, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning Services and as discussed by Principals Mike Rhodes and PJ Giamanco.
- The Board approved a contract for HVAC testing and balancing at Walnut Grove Elementary School as part of the 2009 bond program. The contract for \$79,800 was awarded to Engineered Air Balance, Inc.
- The Board approved the Near Final Budget Amendment for the 2010-2011 school year budget as presented by Robb Welch, Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services.
- The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included the monthly financial and investment reports, and meeting minutes from the May 16, June 20, July 6 and July 18 School Board meetings. The Consent Agenda also included the hiring of Mary Pruitt to replace Jon Fike in the Teaching & Learning Services Department, an expedited waiver to the Texas Education Agency for additional staff development days and an expedited waiver to TEA for early release days the next three school calendar years, approval of CISD's Certified Appraisers for the 2011-2012 school year, a resolution designating the authorized banking representatives for CISD and an agreement for wire transfer services with the district's bank depository. The Consent Agenda also included first reading of Policy CE (Local), which incorporates changes for reporting fund balances as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Presentations & Reports

Dr. David Faltys gave a Back-to-School update on the new campuses during his **Superintendent's Report**. The district is in the process of communicating traffic plans at several campuses for the start of the school year. Kirkwood Boulevard now extends from Kimball to East Highland. It was opened up in time for the first day of school at Carroll Middle School August 22. The well at Walnut Grove Elementary is operational and is already being utilized for irrigating the site. The Superintendent gave a report on the CarrollDragons.com auction for the reserved parking spots at Dragon Stadium. There are still a few spots left in the auction for the 2011 home varsity football season. There are several ticket packages that are also available for bid. Dr. Faltys reported that CISD participated in a virtual professional development conference where 125 Dragon employees completed training modules online from the convenience of their own homes.

Dr. Derek Citty, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, and John Haugen, Natex Architects, gave a **Construction Project Update**. Teachers are moving into their classrooms at both Carroll Middle School and Walnut Grove Elementary School. There are a number of items, however, that will be completed this week. Carroll Elementary School's construction will continue through the fall. Every week that goes by, according to Haugen, CISD will be able to access more and more of that building. CISD is entering into the final phases of the 2009 Bond Program.

Board President Read Ballew led the Board in the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the **Texas Pledge** before observing a **Moment of Silence**. There were no members in the audience who requested to speak during **Public Comments**.

The Board met in **Executive Session** per Texas law.

The School Board adjourned the August 15, 2011 meeting at 10:26 p.m.

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