



CARROLL

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

9.26.11 School Board Meeting Summary

Next Meeting: October 3, 2011

School Board Sets 2011-2012 Tax Rate, Approves One-Time Payment For Staff

The Carroll School Board voted unanimously to keep the same tax rate as last year during a regular monthly meeting Monday. The rate - \$1.415 per \$100 assessed valuation – is based on a Maintenance & Operations rate of \$1.04 and an Interest & Sinking rate of \$.375. The rate will fund not only the district's debt service, but also the \$82 million operating budget approved by Trustees last month. The Board will utilize some one-time federal funds to help offset the deficit as they continue to work through an Expenditure Reduction Plan to address an \$8 million state funding loss over the next biennium.

In other action Monday, Trustees voted to give CISD employees a one-time supplemental check timed before the winter break in December. The Board agreed to give all full-time employees an extra \$650 check. Eligible part-time employees (*to be eligible, employees must work at least 10 hours, but less than 20 hours per week*) will get \$325 in a one-time check.

The supplemental payment was made possible by a Board resolution adopted in late June. Trustees said although they could not give employee pay increases in light of the budget situation, they wanted to recognize the job employees are doing to help ensure a quality education for students in the community. They utilized a \$683,952 Oncor energy rebate check to fund the supplemental payment.

Although the Board approved the measure unanimously 5-0, it will require a budget amendment at a future meeting. Trustees Read Ballew and Fred Stovall were unable to attend the meeting.

Temple Educator Named Asst. Superintendent

Dr. John Villarreal, a 19-year education veteran with experience as an elementary and secondary school principal, was named Carroll's Assistant Superintendent for Student Services Monday. He was recommended from among nearly 200 applicants who applied for the Carroll vacancy. In his new position, Dr. Villarreal will supervise Principals, Teaching & Learning Services, Special Programs and Technology.

"We are excited about adding Dr. Villarreal to our leadership team," said Superintendent David J. Faltys. "He comes to us highly regarded, with experience as a former classroom teacher and coach, as well as an



Dr. John "JJ" Villarreal

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elementary and secondary school principal.”

Dr. Villarreal was named Region 12 Advocate of the Gifted in 2011 and has experience supervising curriculum and instruction, advanced academics, special programs, bilingual and ESL programs, as well as having a background in school and departmental budgeting using program evaluations.

“His supervision of campus-wide planning and accountability will be important as Carroll moves forward with ensuring excellence in the midst of a state funding crisis,” Dr. Faltys said.

Dr. Villarreal graduated from Tarleton State University with his Doctorate of Education in April 2011. He received his Bachelor of Behavioral Science with a minor in English from Hardin-Simmons University, where he also earned a Master of Education in Counseling and Human Development. He holds a Masters of Education in Educational Administration from Tarleton State and earned his Superintendent’s certification from there, as well.

Most recently Dr. Villarreal has been serving as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in Temple Independent School District, where he has spent the last 17 years. He began his career as a teacher and coach at Abilene Cooper High School and spent a year teaching and coaching in Hereford ISD before landing a classroom position in Temple in 1994.

Dr. Villarreal – or JJ as he is known to most – served Temple as an English teacher, a baseball/football coach, a high school alpha counselor, as Teen Involvement Coordinator, principal, and as the District 13-5A UIL Athletic and Academic Coordinator. He replaces Dr. Lowell Strike who recently accepted the Deputy Superintendent’s position in Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD.

“I, along with my family, am very excited to be a part of Carroll,” Dr. Villarreal said. “I look forward to being a participant in the success of this district now and in the foreseeable future. I consider Carroll a lighthouse district, and I look forward to working with Dr. Faltys. I’ve followed his leadership from Navasota to Carroll, and I believe he is a great leader. I look forward to helping the district move toward attainment of its goals.”

Dr. Villarreal and his wife, Kim, have three school-age children, and family living in the North Texas area. He will begin his new duties in Carroll ISD in October.

School Board Actions

- The **Board approved an increase in the district’s English as a Second Language (ESL) staffing**, from half-time to full-time as recommended by the Administration. The \$29,000 cost will be paid from budgeted funds that remain unspent due to unfilled positions.
- **Trustees approved a maximum class size waiver** for the third grade at Old Union Elementary School. The grade level is over the state required 22:1 ratio by one student. Districts across the state have been told that they will be granted waivers based on the current financial situation facing public schools.
- The **Board approved the Construction Manager At-Risk methodology** via Request for Proposals for the Carroll High School Additions and Renovations project. This project is part of the 2009 Bond Program.
- **Trustees approved the Consent Agenda**, which included meeting minutes from the September 12, 2011 Board meeting and second reading of Policies DC (Local) Employment Practices, EIA (Local) Academic Achievement: Grading/Progress Reports to Parents; and EIB (Local) Grading/Progress Reports to Parents: Makeup Work.

Presentations & Reports

John Hanel, Incentive Program Manager for Oncor Electric Delivery, was present at Monday's meeting to present an incentive check to Carroll ISD for energy savings initiatives such as the solar array, HVAC and lighting at Carroll Middle School. The check totaled \$709,952.41, which includes a \$683,952.41 rebate and a \$26,000 in earnest money CISD was required to put down as part of the application process. This money will be used to help fund a one-time supplemental payment to CISD employees as outlined on the front page of this summary report.



Dr. Derek City, Trustee Sue Armstrong and Oncor Rep. John Hanel

Board Vice President Sue Armstrong presided over the meeting in the absence of Board President Read Ballew. She allowed Trustees to give **Committee Reports** during the **President's Report**. Trustee Craig Rothmeier applauded and thanked Principal Matt Miller and his team for hosting the North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB) last Wednesday at the new Carroll Middle School campus. Mr. Rothmeier said he heard nothing but compliments from Board members who attended the meeting. Sue Armstrong gave an update on a three-district meeting to discuss the school finance situation. CISD representatives met with Keller ISD and Grapevine-Colleyville ISD to begin to discuss plans for another joint finance forum in October 2012. Armstrong also announced the S.P.A.R.K. meeting on internet safety at 7p.m. in the Southlake Baptist Church rental area of Carroll Intermediate School on Tuesday, September 27. Trustee Erin Shoupp reported that Board members serving on the Budget & Finance Committee met to work on the public budget presentation. She also reported that the first meeting of the Bond Advisory Committee is Tuesday, September 27 at the CSHS field house at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Derek City, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, presided over the Board meeting in absence of Superintendent David J. Faltys. Dr. City and members of the Superintendent's Cabinet gave the **Superintendent's Report**, covering the topics of CISD's Verizon contract, National Merit Semi-finalists and the Financial Allocation Study for Texas (FAST) Report.

Darrell Brown, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning Services, explained the district's current **Fiber Optic Contract with Verizon**. The contract is for \$10,092 per month through June 30, 2012. To date, CISD has moved the new Carroll Middle School building, Walnut Grove Elementary and Carroll Intermediate School to the district's private fiber source. Carroll High School will be the next campus moved. By July 1, 2012, the district will have moved completely onto our private fiber, saving the district \$121,104 per year. Additionally, the District has a contract with Verizon for eight T1 lines for \$4,440 per month. We will reduce this by two lines this year and will reduce to two T1 lines by October of 2012. This will be a savings of \$40,800 per year. The district has four PR1 lines for dial tone in the district. These cost \$3,320 per month. The district will keep these lines. They are on a one-year term contract, currently. The district has two ISDN lines for the radio broadcast booth at Dragon Stadium for an annual cost of \$975. The district hired a technician and a Network Services manager funded by these anticipated savings. The cost of those two positions is currently about \$140,000.

Mr. Brown also presented a report on Carroll ISD's **National Merit Semi-finalists**. The district had eight students who attained this honor. These students were among 16,000 Semifinalists who now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$34

million. Finalists will be announced in the spring. CISD recently hosted a SAT-Prep Academy with about 30 students participating. The goal is to help students raise their scores on the PSAT.

Robb Welch, Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services, gave a presentation on the [Financial Allocation Study for Texas \(FAST\) Report](#). Click on the FAST report link to see the PowerPoint Presentation given by Mr. Welch. Carroll ISD increased from four stars to four and a half stars in the Texas Comptroller's FAST report. The rating system examines both academic progress and spending at Texas' school districts and campuses. A five-star rating reflects the strongest relative progress combined with the lowest relative spending. To learn more, visit <http://www.FASTexas.org>.

Mr. Brown and his staff gave Trustees a comprehensive [Curriculum Alignment Update](#). Click on the update to view the PowerPoint presentation presented by the Teaching & Learning Services Department. The document takes a few minutes to load.

Architect John Haugen gave Trustees an update on the **2009 Bond Program**, outlining tentative plans for the renovation of the former Carroll Middle School building into a Teacher Training and Technology Center, as well as Administrative Offices and a place for a public School Board meeting room. Work is scheduled to begin soon, with a completion date of summer, 2012. Mr. Haugen also updated Trustees on other 2009 Bond Projects, including showing time-elapsd clips of the construction start to finish on the district's newest campuses.

Carroll High School Students 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 September 26, 2011 meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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