



# AGENDA *Report*

White Settlement ISD Board of Trustees Meeting • July 25, 2006

Trustees approved:

- minutes of the regular June 20 meeting and the special session on June 28.
- a construction contract to recarpet the existing Administration Building. The original carpet is nearly 20 years old.
- a \$28,000 contract with Corgan Schools to provide an architectural evaluation for converting the existing Brewer High School into the new Brewer Middle School and a \$25,000 contract to provide an architectural evaluation for renovating and adding to the existing Liberty Elementary campus.

Included in the 2004 bond program, the evaluations will provide multiple options and cost estimates.

- a \$520,000 contract with Corgan for architectural, structural, civil, mechanical, electrical, roofing, landscape and technology design of the new White Settlement ISD Fine Arts Academy. Located at the former All Saints Episcopal School, the district purchased the site with funds from the 2004 bond program.

A portion of the Academy will open this fall with two pre-kindergarten and two kindergarten classes. The district will utilize the existing two-story structure to build a new 80,000-square-foot campus that will serve about 800 pre-kindergarten through

eight grade students. Additional grade levels will be added during the next two to three years.

The campus is designed to provide a unique educational setting for the district's early education students as well as eliminate overcrowding at the elementary schools.

The new school will expose children to a challenging academic program taught through art, music, drama, visual arts and physical education.

- a \$29,920 contract with Stravis Technologies for the specification and coordination of the technology equipment program for phases 2 and 3 of the new Brewer High School. The process involves coordinating equipment with furniture and power and data locations as well as integrating the equipment into the overall technology system and network.
- a \$30,774 contract with Alliance Geotechnical Group for testing and inspection services related to the Blue Haze Elementary renovation and addition.
- amendments to the 2005-06 budget.
- bids and proposals for property, casualty and liability insurance; student and blanket UIL policy insurance; and employee health insurance. WSISD selected Aetna Healthcare as the district's health insurance provider for 2006-07.

The district negotiated proposals and presented the information to WSISD's insurance committee, comprised of employees from each campus and department. The cost

of employee insurance will increase by 16.5 percent, and WSISD will continue to provide \$240 per month towards employee health insurance.

- an agreement with the City of Fort Worth that allows WSISD police officers to issue citations on WSISD property located in the City of Fort Worth.
- an increase in the tuition reimbursement program from \$500 to \$1,000. Certified teachers with at least one years' teaching experience qualify for the program. Teachers may take courses to pursue a masters degree or to further their knowledge of various subject matter.
- an increase in the automobile travel reimbursement from .28 per mile to .40 per mile and a meal reimbursement increase from \$25 per day to \$30 per day (breakfast, \$8; lunch, \$10; and dinner, \$12).
- a change to DEC (Local) Policy-Local Leave reducing the number of local sick leave earned per school year from five days to three. The reduction will lower the absence rate and result in a district savings of between \$60,000 and \$75,000. This will enable the district to increase various employee benefits.
- the 2006-07 Student Code of Conduct.
- an inter-local agreement with the Tarrant County Hospital District for operation of the JPS/White Settlement ISD School-Based Health Center.

The facility, staffed by a JPS nurse practitioner, medical assistant and registrar, will provide well-child

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checkups, general and athletic physicals, immunizations and treatment of minor illnesses and injuries, monitoring of chronic conditions and health education.

The school nurses will refer children to the center, and patients will pay a \$5 co-pay; however, no one will be turned away for services.

The new facility will be located at the district's Family Resource Center, which will relocate to 8301 Downe Drive (the former All Saints Episcopal School) this fall.

The district and JPS will invite the community to an Open House and ribbon-cutting ceremony in September.

Informational brochures will be mailed to WSISD students in late August/early September.

- Candace Summerhill as the new Brewer Middle School assistant principal.

- a budget work session for Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. and a public hearing regarding the proposed 2006-07 budget for Aug. 29 board meeting.

- rescheduling the regular August board meeting from Aug. 15 to Aug. 29.

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Dale Brock, assistant superintendent of student services, discussed a recent study of the Transportation Department. The district will implement new hours of operation this year to accommodate the new Brewer Ninth Grade Campus.

Brock said more specific bus pick up and drop off times should be available Aug. 1.

Additional safety training and student management will be provided this year.

As part of the 2004 bond program, WSISD was able to add several new buses and replace the existing fleet. Every bus is now no more than three

years old.

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Larry West with United Educators Association (UEA) discussed teaching salary comparisons with other districts, and he recommended providing a \$3,200 to \$3,500 annual raise.

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WSISD received the certificate of occupancy for the Brewer High School Ninth Grade Campus. Eric Horstman with Corgan Schools presented a PowerPoint presentation of the new high school as well as construction progress of the Blue Haze Elementary renovation and addition.

He said, "I feel like having the opportunity to work as a team with The Staubach Company, Stravis Technologies, Lincoln Builders and the technology consultants enabled us to provide an exceptional design and school."

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Superintendent Susan Simpson said the White Settlement ISD Board of Trustees is the 2006 Region XI Outstanding School Board.

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### *Next Meeting*

Tuesday, Aug. 29  
7:00 p.m.

Administration Building

401 S. Cherry Lane

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