

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ganado ISD, held on Tuesday, **October 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Library/Media Center** the following Board Members were present: Pierce Thedford – President, Carl Hajovsky – Secretary, Ruben Castillo, Carol Janssen, Albert Strauss, and Donnie Tegeler. Jeff Black, superintendent, was also present. There were 22 guests present. Allen Parks - Vice President was not present and arrived at 7:34 p.m.

The meeting was **called to order** with a quorum present at 7:00 p.m.

The Board recognized the Students of the Month for September and presented them with a plaque. The Elementary Student honored was Fifth Grade Student Mr. Micheal Hibbard, who was presented to the Board by one of his teachers, Ms. Georgie Kruse, and presented a plaque from the Board by Mr. Thedford. The Secondary Student honored was Ms. Elise Lauderdale, who was presented to the Board by one of her teachers, Mr. Patrick Flaniken, and presented a plaque from the Board by Mr. Tegeler. Mr. Knowlton, Elementary Principal, spoke about elementary student accomplishments with the Fire Prevention Awards and the Fair. Mr. Patrick Flaniken, Band Director, presented the Band accomplishments from the Edna Marching Contest (2<sup>nd</sup> Overall with Best Drum Line and Best Color Guard) and the UIL Marching Competition (earned 1-2-2). Ms. Elaine Ruland, HS Art Teacher, presented the student Art accomplishments from the Fair (Best in Show and 6 Grand Champions). Mr. Tim Smith, HS Ag Teacher, presented the student Ag accomplishments from the Fair (Several 1<sup>st</sup> place awards and excellent sales results).

There were no public Comments

The Board held the Hearing on the FIRST Rating where the district earned their 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive perfect FIRST Rating from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). There was no one wanting to address the Board.

Mr. Castillo made the motion **to approve the consent agenda as presented**. Mr. Tegeler seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

- a. Approved minutes of previous meetings on September 16, 2008
- b. Approved Receiving Reports – Cash Flow Sheet, Utility Expenditure Spreadsheet, Check Register, RSCCC Board Reports, Transportation Report, and the Investment Report
- c. Approved Donations for football in memorial of Arnold Bothe in the amount of \$370, a donation for the volleyball team in the amount of \$775, and a donation from PTA for \$327 to help pay for the Reading Theatre Program
- d. Approved Purchase Orders over \$10,000
  - Direct Energy Electricity Payment \$ 21,476.62
  - CDW-G Grant Elmos and Projectors \$ 11,589.78
  - CDW-G Grant Laptops and Carts \$ 50,870.30

- Auto Bus U Truck Air LTD – \$ 15,320.00  
Addition of A/C to Buses
  - Jackson County Appraisal District Quarterly \$ 11,574.74
  - Rawley McCoy – Bond Construction Project \$ 90,009.00
  - Ganado Telephone \$ 44,800.00
- e. Approved applying for waiver of Instructional Days due to evacuation for Hurricane Ike
- f. Approved Resolution for pay to employees for evacuation for Hurricane Ike

Mr. Chris Culak presented the Independent Audit to the Board. He pointed out that the results of the Audit were all positive with an unqualified opinion (the best they can give), an addition of \$30,000 to the year-end district fund balance, and the audit of the Federal Programs being clear as well. Mr. Tegeler made the motion that the Board approve and accept the 2007-08 financial audit as presented by the Independent Auditor. Ms. Janssen seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Allen Parks abstaining due to arriving at the end of the presentation due to a family emergency.

The Administrative Reports were presented for;

- 1<sup>st</sup> Six Weeks Grades – Both Mr. Knowlton and Mr. Joey Rosalez, Asst Principal, reported significant increases in passing rates for the first six weeks for both campuses with them crediting their respective grants for much of the increase
- AIMS Program Evaluation Summary was handed out to the Board and presented by Mr. Rosalez to show the effectiveness of the AIMS Sex Education Program for the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Construction/Renovations Report/Update was presented by Mr. David Bures, Maintenance Director, who pointed out that the project was progressing and going as expected so far with foundation work continuing
- Grant Updates were presented by Mr. Knowlton for the Elementary and Mr. Rosalez for the Secondary with both reporting significant positive results
- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report was presented by Mr. Black and it was pointed out that although Ganado ISD district and campuses passed with ease, that around the state, that 33% of the districts did not pass AYP and 25% of the campuses did not pass AYP
- Telephone System – Mr. Black reported that the phone system was progressing with full installation expected by Christmas
- The Board Planning Calendar was provided to show possible upcoming agenda items

Mr. Black presented the inequities that have resulted from the new TEA Target Revenue funding method currently used by the state. It was pointed out that this will not affect the Bond payment, which has already been unexpectedly partially funded by the Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA) funding and approved for the Existing Debt Allotment (EDA) funding for the rest, but will only affect the Maintenance and Operations portion of the budget. The

information made it clear that Ganado ISD students were not provided equal resources for their education as other school districts in Jackson County and in Texas. Mr. Parks made the motion to approve the superintendent creating a resolution regarding the current school funding system, which states that the Ganado ISD board of Trustees is clearly not in favor of this funding system because they find it detrimental to providing equal resources from the state toward educating the students of Ganado ISD. Mr. Castillo seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

The Board briefly discussed the Bond Building Projects.

With there being no further business, Mr. Thedford adjourned the meeting.

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**President**

**ATTEST –**

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**Secretary**