

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ganado ISD, held on Thursday, **January 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Media Center** the following Board Members were present: Pierce Thedford – President, Allen Parks - Vice President, Sharon Hicks – Secretary, Ruben Castillo, Don Hohensee, Albert Strauss, and Donnie Tegeler. Jeff Black, superintendent, was also present. There were 22 guests present.

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

The Board recognized the Students of the Month for December and presented them with a plaque. The Elementary Student honored was 2nd grade student Ms. Annie Simnacher, who was presented by her teacher Ms. Jayme Bures and presented a plaque from the board by Mr. Thedford. The Secondary Student honored was Ms. Amber Garza, who was not present due to her participation in an away basketball game.

The School Board Members were recognized for Board Appreciation Month. Each Board Member was presented with a white cap, certificate of appreciation, a fruit salad, and a large gift bag from the Ganado ISD employees that included fun books with candy, gift certificates, and tokens of appreciation. Ms. Kruse, Elementary Teacher, was recognized for her role in leading this recognition.

No Public Comments were presented.

A hearing was held for the AEIS Report and School Performance/Campus Report Cards and there were no comments

Mr. Parks made the motion **to approve the consent agenda as presented with the addition of the \$900 donation from the Athletic Booster Club.** Mr. Tegeler seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

- a. Approved minutes of previous meetings on December 20, 2007 and January 10, 2008.
- b. Approved Receiving Reports – Cash Flow Sheet, Utility Expenditure Spreadsheet, Check Register, RSCCC Board Reports, and the Investment Report.
- c. Approved accepting donation from Athletic Boosters for \$900 that will go for Baseball Equipment
- d. Approved Purchase Orders over \$10,000
 - Wells Fargo-Bond Interest Payment \$89,640.00

The Board Members discussed the recommended changes to Board Policy DEC (local) and clarified several points. Mr. Hohensee made the motion **to approve the changes to Board Policy DEC (local) with the changes to all take effect July 1, 2008.** Mr. Castillo seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0

The Board Members discussed the desire to have courses like this for the students who would benefit more from this vs. a traditional college degree track. Mr. Castillo

made the motion **to approve the application for the innovative courses for Processing Technology with Victoria College** and encourage the superintendent to strongly pursue this program and others like it for our students. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

The Board Members discussed the hiring of the auditor for the next audit. A letter from the auditor was presented that explained the reasons for the increase in price was due to the changes in standards for all audits, not just schools, and the other half of the increase is due to the additional federal grants and that the auditors would work to bill that time separately so that it could be possibly paid with the grant funds. Mr. Tegeler made the motion **to approve Roloff, Hnatek & Co., as the auditor for the district for the 2007-08 fiscal year audit.** Mr. Parks seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

It was reported that the district was going to use the State Copier Rental Agreements for now and see if that would work better for less cost. There is no long-term commitment since all that is required is a 30 day notice for the vendor to remove the copiers if the district is not satisfied. No action was taken on the Copiers or Budget Amendments.

Since there were no objections, Mr. Thedford moved the discussion of the Bond Building Projects to the end of the meeting.

It was announced that Ms. Diane Newman had agreed to be the election judge for the upcoming School Board Election. It was also announced that all Board Members had met all Board Training Requirements. Mr. Castillo made the motion **to approve calling the School Board Election for May 2008.** Sharon Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Administrator's Reports;

- 2008-09 School Calendar – The Board Members were asked for input prior to this issue going to committee. There were no suggestions other than that they trust the committee of employees and parents to come up with a good calendar.
- The Board Planning Calendar was provided to the Board Members

The Board of Trustees on this day beginning at 7:28 p.m. convened in a closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act Code Section 551.072 to discuss Real Property. The **Board reconvened at 8:20 p.m.** with no action taken.

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

President

ATTEST –

Secretary