



Board Notes
Regular Meeting
Spur Independent School District, Board of Trustees
October 27, 2008

The Spur Independent School District Board of Trustees held their Regularly Scheduled meeting on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7:00 P. M. Members present were Rick Paschall, Lance Harris, Barry Ferguson, Lacy Loudermilk, and Robert Van Meter. Others present at the meeting were Spur ISD business manager, Tonya Rudd, Elementary Principal, Nick Scott, Secondary Principal, Charles Bryant, and elementary teachers Debbie Daughtry and Marci Bateman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M. The campus principals provided a report to the board of what is going on at the campus level. Athletic Director, Lenny Morrow, provided a written report of the current state of Bulldog and Spurette athletics. At the conclusion of these reports, Spur Elementary teachers, Marci Bateman and Debbie Daughtry provided a demonstration of the "Smartboard" technology that is being utilized in some of the elementary classrooms. One of the board goals is to provide as much instructional technology for the teachers as the budget will allow. The board members present were impressed at the teacher's skill in utilizing the technology and its impact with creating an enthusiasm for learning in the Spur ISD students.

The Board then conducted a Public Hearing to Discuss Spur ISD's Superior Achievement Rating According to the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST Rating). This rating was based on the financial performance of the district for the 2006-2007 school year. Spur ISD received 78 out of 85 points on the rating scale to receive the Superior Achievement Rating. The board commended Business Manager, Tonya Rudd, for her diligence in achieving this rating.

Superintendent Jarrett provided an update on the process for concrete construction to build a sidewalk and a slab for on the elementary playground. Sealed proposals will be opened on Thursday, October 30, 2008. The Board further discussed the possibilities of selling the primary school facility in the Freeman Addition. Several possibilities for the use of the facility were entertained and the sale of this property will continue to be discussed at future meetings.

There were four action items on the agenda. One budget amendment was approved as presented by Business Manager, Tonya Rudd. The Board approved the naming of the Dickens County Extension Agent as an Adjunct Spur ISD faculty member while supervising students at 4-H activities. Both of these items were approved unanimously. Construction manager, Del Ware was not in attendance at the meeting to provide closeout documents of the construction and

renovation project. Del's absence and some unresolved issues with the project prevented the board from acting on this item.

The board spent a considerable amount of time discussing the implementation of drug testing program for extracurricular participants at Spur Secondary school. No action was taken on this item so that more thought and research could be provided to the board and so that a committee made up of students, parents, and faculty members that has been working on the development of an effective drug testing plan could be consulted and provide feedback to the board. This item will be placed on the agenda of the November regular meeting.

The Board went in to closed session at 11:18 P. M. No action was taken as a result of the closed session and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 A. M., Tuesday, October 28, 2008.