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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

- Approved the donation of a monument sign at Birdville High School by the Class of 2005.
- Approved the donation of \$1,000 by Equipment Preference, Inc. to the child nutrition department. This is the prize money for their award winning recipe.
- Approved the schematic designs for Binion and Stowe elementaries. HKS Architects will proceed with the preparation of the construction/bid documents.
- Approved Board policy EIF (LOCAL) Academic Achievement: Graduation. The revision changes the number of credits for graduation to 26. This aligns BISD with the proposed new state requirements. The change will take effect beginning with ninth-grade students entering high school in the 2007-08 school year.
- Approved Board policy EIC (LOCAL) Academic Achievement: Class Ranking. The revision will change how the district weights special education classes.
- Approved the bond oversight committee consisting of community members. This committee will be advisory in nature and will meet monthly. It will make reports to the board at least quarterly or more often as needed. The primary duties will be to review the progress of the construction and to review the expenditures associated with each project. Committee members are: Betty Bronstad, Angela McCants, Nelda Stroder, Tom Lombard, Tom Harris, Bill Fenimore and Bill Mapston.
- Approved the financial audit for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 2006.
- Approved the finance plan for the issuance of the district's bonds approved by voters on Nov. 7. BISD will proceed with the sale of the bonds.
- Approved budget amendments.
- Authorized administration to negotiate and execute a contract with Verizon Wireless, Inc. for the construction of a stealth cell tower at Haltom High School's baseball field.

 Approved the use of competitive sealed proposals for awarding contracts for construction projects associated with the bond approved by voters in November.

RECOGNITIONS



• BISD's child nutrition department was recognized for winning the dessert category of the Equipment Preference, Inc.'s Recipes for Education contest. Their Arizona cake recipe was select-

ed as the state winner. Steve Eustace, CFO of Equipment Preference, Inc., presented the award.

• Leigh Ballard, advanced academic specialist at Spicer and Foster Village elementaries, was recognized as the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented Region XI Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted for 2006.





- Stefanie Gerron-Woodard, advanced academic specialist at Snow Heights and Walker Creek elementaries, was recognized as the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented Region XI Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted for 2006.
- Wendy McGahey, president of the BISD Association for the Gifted and Talented, was recognized as the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented Region XI Outstanding Parent of the Gifted for 2006.



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RECOGNITIONS (cont.)





• Greg Hull, Van Mathews and Ben Maughmer, Haltom High School band directors, and Bill Watson, Kevin McNulty and Jason Bird, Richland High School band directors, were recognized for their leadership in their bands' performances during the 2006 marching season.

PERSONNEL

- Approved four appointments, three resignations and two retirements.
- Approved the administrative appointment of Greg Bicknell as principal of Smithfield Elementary.

View Personnel changes here ...

BIDS AWARDED

 Approved the bids for industrial supplies, custodial equipment/small, custodial supplies, lawn sprinkler system supplies, music equipment, grounds equipment, plumbing repair work, laptop computers and computer storage equipment.

BIDS AWARDED (cont.)

 Approved the contract with Rimini Street, Inc. to maintain upgrades, patches and fixes to the PeopleSoft software.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussed proposed revisions to the professional term contracts. This change will bring the district's contracts into compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act, which requires certification for professional employees to be "highly qualified" in the subjects they teach. This change will update the certification terminology in the district's professional term contracts.
- Discussed the 2006-07 Campus Improvement Plan summaries dealing with the district's goals and objectives.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING

• Thursday, January 25, 2007, Regular Board Meeting, open session at 7 p.m., Board Room.



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REMINDER

Tuesday, December 19

AND
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
ARE HALF DAYS FOR STUDENTS.

REMINDER

ON SEMESTER BREAK FROM DEC. 21 - JAN. 3. STAFF WILL BE ON BREAK FROM DEC. 21-JAN. 1. SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON JAN. 4, 2007