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BOARD APPOINTS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND PRINCIPAL

During their regular December meeting, BISD trustees appointed a seven-member citizens oversight committee. This committee will monitor the progress of the work to assure consistency with the bond approved by voters in November. At least four times a year, the committee will report on the progress to trustees. In addition to the report to trustees, monthly reports will be available for review on the district's Web site or through the communications department.

"The bond oversight committee continues the work of the district bond committee by engaging citizens who will ensure the process is consistent with the recommendations of the committee and what was told to the voters," Superintendent Stephen F. Waddell said. "This oversight committee is another example of the effort on the part of the district to maintain trust and transparency with the community."

Committee members are: Betty Bronstad nominated by Trustee Wanda Strong; Angela McCants nominated by Trustee Sherry Dunn; Nelda Stroder nominated by Trustee David Pokluda; Tom Lombard nominated by Trustee Joe Tolbert; Tom Harris nominated by Trustee Dolores Webb; Bill Fenimore nominated by Trustee Richard Davis; and, Bill Mapston nominated by Trustee Ralph Kunkel.

"Our recent bond proposal was a total 'group effort' that brought success with its passage. Trustees relied on a large group of citizens who served on the bond committee for several months leading up to the election," board President Ralph Kunkel said. "Now, with the naming of an oversight committee, we are continuing this 'group effort' as we ask this group of seven individuals (some served on the bond committee and some did not) to review such things as construction progress and expenditures to add another level of accountability for BISD. We look forward to working with this oversight committee."

The term of each appointee will be for one year. Appointees can serve for more than one term. In the event a trustee leaves office, the corresponding committee member will also leave the committee unless re-appointed by the incoming trustee.

The committee will begin their work in January 2007.

In other business, the Birdville ISD Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Greg Bicknell to the position of Smithfield Elementary principal. Bicknell replaces Shelly Williams who unexpectedly passed away earlier this year.

Bicknell has served as associate principal of Birdville High School since 2004. He previously was assistant principal at Birdville High School for the 2003 school year and North Richland Middle School from 2001-2003. Prior to serving as assistant principal, Bicknell was a teacher/coach at Haltom High School from 1996-2001 and Watauga Middle School from 1989-1996.

Bicknell earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of North Texas. He is a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association, Texas Association of Secondary School Principals and Schlechty Center for Leadership in School Reform.

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