

CARLISLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRICE, TEXAS

MARCH 21, 2011

The Carlisle School Board met in Regular Session on March 21, 2011 with the following the following members present: Barry Burton, Anthony Byrd, Kevin Childress, Stacy Chote, Kevin Curbo, Paul Hamilton and Superintendent Payne.

Members Absent: Melinda House

Visitors Present: Charlie Combs, Andrea Loyola, Charla Jordan, Kourtney Childress, Kennedy Bissot, Mason Matheny, Caitlin Butler, Jill Spearman, Stephanie Rowan, Rex Thompson, Andy Owens, Sarah Baker and Tunya Waggoner

Report was given to the Board by the Cafeteria Director, Charlie Combs. Mrs. Combs reported to the Board that the Texas Department of Agriculture's Inspector had been here on March 8, 2011. Overall the inspection went very well with the exception of one item that was found to be out of compliance with the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy. A food item containing 3 grams more fat than the allowed 23 grams of fat was made available to the Carlisle High School students more than one time a week during the month of the review. The food item was a 1.5 oz. container of ranch dressing that was only available as an ala-carte item. The Texas Department of Agriculture will take fiscal action in the amount of \$3,549.00. The ranch dressing has been removed and has been replaced by a fat free dressing. There was a question asked about an appeal and at this time it is Charlie's understanding that there is no appeal for this violation but, we are investigating all avenues to make sure we cannot get the fine reduced.

A Power Point Presentation was made by High School Librarian, Andrea Loyola. Mrs. Loyola reported that Infotopia is new in the Library. This program is a search engine that helps students with their research papers which has been a great resource for our students. Students can put in a key word and the search engine will pull up everything that the Library has on that topic. Mrs. Loyola also reported on text books, she and Mr. Thompson have been working diligently to get all the text books here but we still have a few that they are still waiting on. Mrs. Loyola stated that the library was given 6 new computers this year and are being used regularly. Mrs. Loyola reported that the book mobile was a great success this past summer with an average of 40 – 70 books being checked out each night the van ran. Mrs. Loyola reported that circulation is up an average of 22 items per day which means they are reading more. Mrs. Loyola stated that we have older high school students assigned as "happy helpers" to help in the library and learn library skills. We currently have 7 student aides in the library. Mrs. Loyola reported that the AR program is going very well and the numbers of students participating has been going up each year. This year the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades that receive 100 AR points will be going to Chuck E. Cheese and possibly Barnes and Nobles Book Store. The Jr. High students receiving 100 AR points will be rewarded with a trip to the skating rink or the movies. High School students with 100 AR points are going to Dallas on June 7<sup>th</sup> to see *Stomp* on a grant through Dallas Summer Musicals at Fair Park. Mrs. Loyola stated that she only had 3 High School

Students last year and this year she already has 10 Students signed up to attend. Mrs. Loyola reported that last fall's Scholastic book fair earned right at \$3,000.00 and that this year's spring book fair would begin next week.

Recognition of this year's Regional Science Fair Awards was given by High School Science Teacher, Charla Jordan. 5<sup>th</sup> place in Physical Division – Pedro Vargas, 5<sup>th</sup> place in Biological Division – Kourtney Childress and Kennedy Bissot, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Biological Division, Yale Science and Engineering Association award for the most outstanding 11<sup>th</sup> grade exhibit and The United States Army Award – Mason Matheny, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Physical Division, The United States Army Award and was the Grand Overall Winner of the Regional Science Fair which comes with an all expense paid trip to the International Science Fair, which will be in Los Angeles, California this year – Caitlin Butler. Mrs. Jordan also reported that Mason Matheny and Caitlin Butler were both award winners in the Genius Olympiad and invited to participate in New York State this summer – all expense paid with the exception of transportation to and from New York. Presentations were made to the board by Kourtney Childress, Kennedy Bissot, Mason Matheny and Caitlin Butler. Each student explained how there Science project worked.

Motion was made by Barry Burton and seconded by Anthony Byrd for the school to pay for the cost of transportation for Mrs. Jordan, Mason Matheny and Caitlin Butler to travel to New York to participate in the Science Fair there. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Paul Hamilton and seconded by Stacy Chote to adopt Calendar 2 for the 2011 – 2012 School year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kevin Curbo and seconded by Barry to adopt Local Policy Update 89. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Stacy Chote and seconded by Anthony Byrd to set the date for a called meeting of the Board of Trustees for April 4, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kevin Curbo and seconded by Stacy Chote to approve the minutes of February 14, 2011, with one change: the minutes read Stacy Curbo and should have read Stacy Chote. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Paul Hamilton and seconded by Barry Burton to approve the minutes of February 24, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Barry Burton and seconded by Stacy Chote to approve expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial reports were given by Jill Spearman which included: Cash Investments, Budget Report, Financial Report and Tax Report.

## Principal Reports:

Elementary Principal, Stephanie Rowan reported that Head Start registrations had started and the classes were almost full for next year. Mrs. Rowan also stated that Pre-K and Kindergarten registrations would begin next week. Mrs. Rowan reported that school pictures would be taken next week and that report cards would be going out this week with the last 9 weeks of school began today. Mrs. Rowan also reported that she had been using the new School Messenger was being used and that so far it had been well received by parents.

Jr. High Principal, Rex Thompson reported that we were still waiting on 7<sup>th</sup> grade writing TAKS scores along with 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading and math scores to come back. Mr. Thompson also reported that a random drug test had been done on 17 Jr. High and High School students and all tests had come back negative. Mr. Thompson reported that the fitness grant had come through and we were receiving \$3,000.00 and the he was working with Coach Clay Baker on getting the equipment and the room ready to be used. Mr. Thompson stated that we were turning the storage room behind the existing heavy weight room into an exercise room geared toward girls. Mr. Thompson also reported that the Target grant had been submitted today.

High School Principal, Andy Owens reported that 17 kids would be participating in the UIL contest held at Martins Mill next Thursday. Mr. Owens stated that the softball game that was scheduled for this week has been rescheduled for Monday of next week at 5:00 pm. Mr. Owens reported that the Rusk County Ag Show would begin on Thursday and end on Saturday. Mr. Owens stated that the students involved in the show would be released from school on Wednesday at 1:00 pm and be out the rest of the week. There was a question about the number of students enrolled in grades 8-11 and Mr. Owens reported that we had 189 students enrolled. There was concern about the amount of transfer students we were taking in and comment was made that we needed to watch that number very closely.

Superintendent, Mike Payne reported that the new lights on the softball and baseball field were working very well. Mr. Payne stated that there was a problem with the lights at the first softball game due to the transformer being too small to handle the lights but the problem had been corrected. Mr. Payne also reported that we had poured concrete over spring break between the High School and the Jr. High to bring it up to code and that it should pass the Fire Marshalls inspection. Mr. Payne reported that he had received new information on the stated funding which was still not good but, better than had previously been reported. We should see a decrease in state funding this next year in the amount of \$129,000.00 and the following year a decrease of \$125,000.00. Mr. Payne also stated that in the past the state had wanted us to maintain a three month operating balance and they have changed that to a two month operating balance. Mr. Payne stated that we needed to look repairing the Elementary parking lot; there were several pot holes and a low spot that when it rained held water. Mr. Payne mentioned that we had set aside \$500,000 for capital improvements and that the funding for the repair to the parking lot could come out of there.

Technology Director, Cherie Weaver reported that the new sound system that had been installed in the auditorium and gym were working very well. Mrs. Weaver also state that the new security cameras

were doing their job and that hopefully when all the students and the community knew they were in place that we would have fewer incidents of vandalism. Mrs. Weaver also reported that she, Mr. Payne and Billy Fergerson had made a trip to Dallas on March 8<sup>th</sup>, to check out some energy saving solutions in the class room we might want to think about incorporating some of them in the future.

The Board went into executive session at 7:10 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:31 p.m. with no action taken.

Motion was made by Anthony Byrd and seconded by Barry Burton to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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President, Kevin Childress

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Secretary, Paul Hamilton