

2007-2008
**District-Level
Planning & Decision-Making
Committee**

July 16, 2008

Minutes

Members in Attendance

Teachers:

Caney Creek Attendance Zone-Karen Solberg, Caney Creek High; The Woodlands College Park Attendance Zone-Marie Moen, College Park High; Oak Ridge Attendance Zone-Chelsea Green, York Junior High.

Parents:

Caney Creek Attendance Zone-Jill Frazier, Caney Creek High; The Woodlands College Park Attendance Zone-Jenny Wright, Hailey Elementary; Conroe Attendance Zone- Nicola Weems, Giesinger Elementary.

Administrators:

Dr. Jean Stewart, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Chris Hines, Associate Superintendent; Gale Drummond, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education; Dr. Cathy Gibson, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education; Dan Cox, Chief Financial Officer; Kathy Clark, Director of Communications; Caney Creek Attendance Zone-Cindy Lentz, Austin Elementary; The Woodlands Attendance Zone-Chris McCord, McCullough Junior High; Conroe Attendance Zone-Mike Crowl, Conroe High.

Community/Business:

Caney Creek Attendance Zone—Kay Carter, Carters Florist & Nursery Landscaping, Inc.; Oak Ridge Attendance Zone-Venetia Wilks, Community; The Woodlands Attendance Zone-John Hennigan, Community

Facilitator:

Dr. Don Stockton, Superintendent of Schools

Call to order

Mr. Mike Crowl, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Approval of April 2008 Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the April 16, 2008 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Review of Board Meetings

Dr. Stockton reviewed the summaries of the May 20, 2008; June 17, 2008; and July 15, 2008 meetings of the Conroe ISD Board of Trustees.

2008-2009 Budget Overview

Dan Cox presented the budget overview to the committee. He reviewed the financial highlights of 2007-2008 budget, included a comparison to state spending averages, and presented attendance data, a new teacher salary schedule, a proposed tax rate as well as certified property values and a TASB Compensation Study. Mr. Cox stated that a budget public hearing will be held August 5, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the budget proposal.

Naming of the Conroe High School Fine Arts Building

The Site-Based team of Conroe High School requested that the campus' new music building be named in honor of Ralph Rowe, former Band Director of CHS (1957-1977). A motion was made, seconded, and approved to make this recommendation to the Board at the August 19, 2008 board meeting.

Waiver for TAKS Scheduling

Dr. Stewart explained that the waiver for TAKS scheduling allows students to take the TAKS test later in the day without disruption to the attendance accounting process. She said that this waiver must be applied for annually. The committee unanimously approved applying for this waiver.

Next Meeting Date

September 17, 2008

Adjournment

Mr. Crowl adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

