

SEPTEMBER 2009 BOARD BRIEFS

In a regularly scheduled meeting of the Medina Valley Board of Trustees, the following items were presented, discussed, and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

- Colonel Glen Larsen of the MVHSD Air Force Junior ROTC was awarded the “Outstanding Instructor Award,” by the Department of Justice. Larsen was recognized by principal Toby Tyler and by the Board of Trustees for his work and dedication to the school and students.
- Permission was given to organizers of “Relay for Life” and the “Good News Club” to use MVISD facilities to promote their events and clubs.
- Director of Facilities and Maintenance, Tommy Ellison, gave the Board an update on construction projects in MVISD. School architect, Roland De La Garza answered questions and the two mentioned that all projects are proceeding as usual and are under budget. Bids for a new campus at LaCoste Elementary and a new transportation facility will begin in March 2010.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS –

- Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Paul Holzhaus, shared information on the 2009-10 budget for Medina Valley ISD. The overall budget is \$29.8 million dollars and marks the district’s third consecutive year without a total tax rate increase. The overall budget also raised the beginning teacher’s salary to \$43,500 and provides for a 3% midpoint increase for clerical/paraprofessional and manual trades classifications. The budget also provides:
 - 7 additional professional staff
 - A 2.75% midpoint increase for all non-teaching professionals and administrative employees
 - Three buses valued at \$84,000 each
 - A “rainy day” fund of \$3.1 million
 - A designated fund balance of \$915,000 for future construction
 - Holzhaus also shared results from the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. (F.I.R.S.T.) Holzhaus explained that MVISD scored 83 out of a possible 85. The high score is proof that the district exercises effective financial practices and accounting.
- The Board voted to retain the legal counsel of Walsh, Anderson, Brown, & Aldridge throughout the 2009-10 school year.
- The Board voted to approve the tax rate for 2009-10 at an amount of \$1.38, with \$1.09 going to Maintenance & Operations (M&O,) and \$0.29 for Interest and Sinking (I&S.)

NEW HIRES

- Due to increased enrollment at Potranco Elementary, Priscilla Harding was hired as a new third grade teacher. She will begin with her new class next week.