

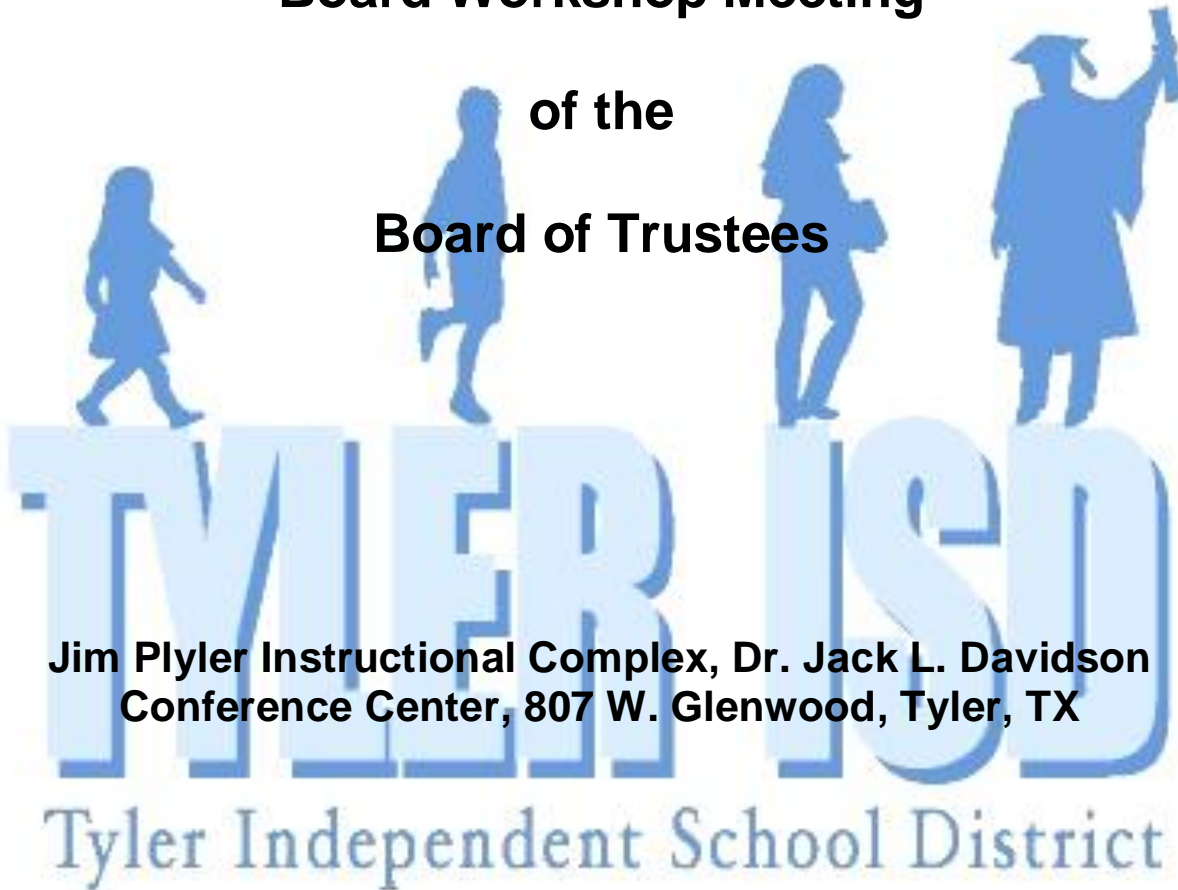
AGENDA

for the

Board Workshop Meeting

of the

Board of Trustees



**Jim Plyler Instructional Complex, Dr. Jack L. Davidson
Conference Center, 807 W. Glenwood, Tyler, TX**

**April 05, 2010
4:30 PM**

**NOTICE OF BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE
TYLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, April 05, 2010, the Board of Trustees of the Tyler Independent School District will hold a Board Workshop meeting at 4:30 PM at the Jim Plyler Instructional Complex, Dr. Jack L. Davidson Conference Center, 807 W. Glenwood, Tyler, TX. The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda which is attached to and made a part of this Notice.

Individuals with disabilities are entitled to have access to and participate in public meetings. An individual requiring an accommodation for access to the meeting must notify the Tyler Independent School District by informing Dr. H.T. Sanchez, the district's ADA coordinator, in writing 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting of the necessity of an accommodation. Upon receipt of this request, the district will furnish appropriate auxiliary aides and services when necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in and enjoy the benefits of the board meeting as nonhandicapped individuals enjoy.

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the School Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the School Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act.

Texas Government Code Section:

551.071	Private consultation with the board's attorney.
551.072	Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
551.073	Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations.
551.074	Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.
551.076	Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.
551.082	Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.
551.083	Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups.
551.084	Excluding witnesses from a hearing.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting, then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or
- (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.

**TYLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**

Monday, April 05, 2010 4:30 PM

**Jim Plyler Instructional Complex, Dr. Jack L. Davidson Conference Center, 807 W.
Glenwood, Tyler, TX**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. First Order of Business -- Announcement by the Chairman as to the presence of a quorum, that the meeting has been duly called and that notice of the meeting has been posted in the time and manner required.
- III. Action Item
 - A. Consider approval of Partnership with University of Texas at Tyler for Academic Programming for Dogan, Stewart and Boulter Middle Schools 5
- IV. Superintendent's Reports/Discussion
 - A. Advanced Academic Studies Report 7
 - B. Human Resources Report 8
- V. Executive Session will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.071 et seq. concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act.
 - A. Texas Government Code Section 551.071 For the purpose of a private consultation with the board's attorney on all subjects or matter authorized by law.
 - I. When the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or
 - II. On a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.
 - III. Consider legal advice regarding personnel and related action items.
 - B. Texas Government Code Section 551.072 For the purpose of discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
 - I. Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property
 - C. Texas Government Code Section 551.074 For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
 - I. Consider hiring and accepting resignations of professional personnel.
 - II. Consider renewals, non-renewals and terminations of contracts for professional personnel. (To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, and contracts of employees.)
- VI. Reconvene from Executive Session
- VII. Consider action on items discussed in Executive Session
 - A. Consider board approval of hiring, accepting resignations and/or terminations of professional personnel. 9

B. Consider renewals, non-renewals and terminations of contracts for professional personnel.

VIII. Adjournment

Subject: Approval of Partnership with University of Texas at Tyler for Academic Programming for Dogan, Stewart and Boulter Middle Schools

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Dogan, Stewart and Boulter Middle Schools have been investigating creative ways to enhance the student learning on their campuses. UT Tyler has agreed to partner with the district to provide opportunities for teacher training, tutorial support, and help in building a pre-engineering program. After researching existing programs, pilot concepts using a project based model were developed. UT Tyler has received grant funding that would support teacher training for the projects. Additionally, grant funding has been procured to assist with the implementation of a pre-engineering program. Boulter has offered components of the project lead the way curriculum and the staff has expressed an interest in developing this partnership with the university. UT Tyler has also articulated an interest in training their education majors on the school district's campuses using a "lab school" model. UT Tyler would be provided both office and classroom space to offer their courses directly on the campus so that students could read, discuss and observe all in one location. This would provide their students the real world connection they would need to be successful educators in an urban setting as well as offering the existing staff additional support. This collaboration would allow for improved teacher retention rates and enhanced recruitment opportunities for future teachers.

The district also received a grant for additional classroom implementation of Math Forward that can be incorporated into the project.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Dogan, Stewart and Boulter staff will need additional training in project based learning for their staff. Cost paid for from grant proceeds already procured by UT Tyler.

Additional student computers will need to be purchased through Technology funds estimated at \$36,000.

Training schedule will be developed for PBL staff development offerings. Staff will be compensated for additional days of training. Curriculum & Instruction will supply funding. Additional support will be provided by UT Tyler.

The district will need to provide 3 additional portable buildings on each campus. District portables will be repurposed as construction completion allows

Equipment necessary for pre-engineering courses will be purchased by grant funding procured by UT Tyler. Training for utilization will also be paid by these grant funds.

Campus schedules will need to be modified to allow for new academic programming.

TISD would be responsible for funding half of a personnel unit to oversee these programs. This estimated cost would be \$25,000 to be funded through budget modifications.

ACADEMIC IMPLICATIONS

Students will be actively engaged in their learning. Absences should decrease as students are more committed to classroom instruction. District benchmark assessment results should indicate an increase in student preparedness for TAKS. Students will develop necessary college readiness skills. The District will get additional teacher training support and the potential for quality new teachers in the future.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve pilot programs at Dogan and Stewart middle schools that focus on Project Based Learning in the sixth grade and preparing students to be college ready.

The district also recommends that UT Tyler be approved to utilize Dogan, Stewart and Boulter as a site for training future educators in a “ Lab School” setting.

The Administration recommends that the Board approve Boulter to move forward in offering a Pre-Engineering program for all students and expand their Project Based Learning approach to all grade levels.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board Approval

CONTACT PERSONS

Debbie Kelly
Randy Reid, Ed. D.

04-05-10

Subject: Advanced Academic Studies Report
Information will be presented at the meeting.

CONTACT PERSONS

H.T. Sanchez, Ed. D.
Cindy Woody

04-05-10

Subject: Human Resources Report

Information provided under separate cover.

CONTACT PERSONS

Sharon Roy

04-05-10

Subject: Personnel Actions

BACKGROUND

Personnel actions are as indicated.

ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERATION

Personnel appointments recommended for confirmation have met the employment prerequisites of the Tyler Independent School District. The candidates either hold valid certificates or such alternatives as specified by the Board. Proposed contract renewals for one year term contracts and one year non-certified contracts for administrators are also considered.

Recommendations for new appointments are based on interviews, references, adequacy of preparation, performance records and the Superintendent's approval.

The appointments, resignations, retirements, and non-renewals are subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

RECOMMENDATION

The confirmation of personnel actions as indicated.

ACTION REQUIRED

Board approval

CONTACT PERSON

Randy Reid, Ed. D.
Sharon Roy

04-05-10