Date: May 29, 2012
Time: 7:45 p.m.
Place: Waco High School Library
2020 N. 22nd St., Waco, Texas

Call to Order: Pat Atkins, Board President, called the meeting of the Waco Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 7:53 p.m. He stated that a quorum of Board members was present and that notice of the meeting had been posted.

Board Members Present: President Pat Atkins, Vice President Allen Sykes, Cary DuPuy, Norman Manning, Larry Perez and Alex Williams

Board Member Absent: Angela Tekell

III. Discussion and Possible Action

A. Implication of Structuring the Seven Academies to be located at University High
   1. As Two Separate and Distinct High Schools Housed in One Building
   2. As One High School With a School Within-A-School Academy Design

   Staff provided Board members with a comparison of implications regarding consolidation of A. J. Moore Academy and University High.

   Concerns about keeping the schools separate included the high cost for additional personnel; the accountability of students; the need for two master schedules where teachers and students are shared which would require a lot of collaboration; extra time would be required for teachers to report data; extra time needed for eSchool/PEIMS entries; the need for staff to keep two separate filing systems/reports; and the need to verify attendance separately. Separate schools would allow class rank/GPA/Top10%/Valedictorian/Salutatorian to operate as they do currently by having two completely separate lists.

   Combining the schools would result in an estimated savings of $886,001; one master schedule; UIL participation combined, however, students who live outside the UHS attendance zone would be eligible for varsity eligibility after one calendar year; one set of discipline guidelines which principals agree would not be a problem; one mode of dress; and one tracking protocol for attendance. If schools are combined, two separate class ranks, GPA, and top 10% may be calculated however, these calculations will need to be done “offline”. Only one campus can designate 10%/Valedictorian/Salutatorian for admission or scholarship purposes.

   A motion was made by Mr. Perez, seconded by Mr. DuPuy, to implement one high school. President Atkins asked for the vote by a show of hands: Voting “yes” were Mr. Sykes, Mr. Perez and Mr. DuPuy. Voting “no” were Mr. Manning, Mr. Atkins and Mr. Williams. Motion failed.
Another special meeting will be called within a week for further discussion. Administration will continue looking at staffing costs and exploring the student ranking issue.

IV. Adjournment
The motion was made by Mr. Sykes, seconded by Mr. Manning, to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.