Date: October 20, 2011
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Waco ISD Conference Center, 511 S. 5th Street, Waco, Texas

Call to Order: Pat Atkins, Board President, called the meeting of the Waco Independent School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:08 p.m. He stated that a quorum of Board members was present and that notice of the meeting had been posted.

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

Closed Meeting: Mr. Atkins called the closed meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Government Code.

Texas Government Code Section:
551.071 Consultation with Attorneys
1. Consultation with Attorneys Regarding All Matters Related to Pending Litigation, District Court Cause No. 6:11-cv-00064, T.H. b/n/f Renee Holmes vs. Waco Independent School District (Tex. Govt. Code § 551.071 Consultation with Attorney)
2. Consultation with Attorneys Regarding All Matters Related to Pending Litigation, District Court Cause No. 6:11-cv-00256, John Strain and Natalie Cole Rocha, Individually and on behalf of the Estate of Princanna Strain, a deceased minor v. Waco Independent School District and "John Doe," as the Product Manufacturer of the Cabinet (Tex. Govt. Code § 551.071 Consultation with Attorney)

The closed meeting was concluded at 6:40 p.m. No action was taken during the closed meeting.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing for School Improvement Plan

Mr. Atkins declared the Public Hearing open at 6:40 p.m. Jennifer Womack reported that under the 2011 Texas accountability system, eight campuses in the District were rated academically unacceptable. After conducting a needs assessment and analysis, principals were required to create a school improvement plan (SIP) for their campus. Principals from Brook Avenue, J. H. Hines, Cesar Chavez, Tennyson Middle, University Middle, Brazos Middle, Waco High and University gave presentations on plans and methods that have been developed to improve student and staff performance. Ms. Tekell told principals that the initiatives presented were well planned and focused and thanked them for their reports.

President Atkins declared the Public Hearing Closed and called the Open Meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.
V. DISCUSSION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 27, 2011 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

A. Approve Minutes
   1. August 11, 2011 Special Called Meeting
   2. August 18, 2011 Workshop
   3. August 25, 2011 Regular Meeting
   4. September 15, 2011 Workshop
   5. September 22, 2011 Regular Board Meeting

B. Approve 2011-12 Budget Amendments
   Mr. Atkins questioned the amendment moving funds from student travel for a counselor position and asked if that was consistent with staffing guidelines. David Cartwright stated the funds were being used for extra duty compensation for a part-time evening counselor.

C. Approve Band, Drill Team, Cheerleaders and JROTC Student Travel in Excess of a 60 mile radius from Waco
   Due to District-wide budget cuts and in order to reduce expenditures for student travel in the Fine Arts budget, Troy Tinney presented a recommendation that travel for groups such as band, drill teams, cheerleading and JROTC who support the football program, be limited to travel within a 60 mile radius from Waco. Support group travel in support of the teams to playoff games and their own fine arts UIL contests and festivals regardless of distance would not be affected. Dr. Cain stated the item is on the agenda to inform the Board of the procedure and did not need Board action. The procedure will be placed in administrative guidelines and no change in policy is required. It will be in effect until such time as budget constraints are improved.

D. Approve Class Size Waivers
   Dr. Cain stated the Texas Education Agency requires each District to review its class size enrollment twice a year and submit a class-size waiver when K-4 classes exceed the 22:1 ratio. Fifteen campuses have one or more classrooms that require a waiver.

E. Consider Resolution to Authorize the Consolidation of Polling Locations for the City of Waco and Waco Independent School District; to Adopt the McLennan County Election Precincts for the WISD; and to Authorize Administration to Execute all Documents Necessary to Conduct the May 12, 2012 Election

F. Approve PDAS Appraiser

G. Approve Bid Award for Bell’s Hill Elementary School Aluminum Canopies, Sports Flooring, Greenhouse, and Fencing

H. Approve Bid Renewal for Classroom Materials, Part 2

I. Approve Bid Renewal for Early Childhood Supplies, Part 2

J. Approve Contract for 21st Century Community Center Program Grants with Baylor University

K. Approve Sole Source Affidavit for Purchase of MathForward Program from Texas Instruments
L. Designate Kitchen Equipment, Computers, Monitors, printers and Miscellaneous Equipment as Surplus Property
Craig Finley, Director of Facilities/Maintenance, reported the property declared surplus included several WISD police vehicles and kitchen equipment which will be sold at auction at the maintenance shop on October 29. Sherry Smith reported that four proposals were received from recycling companies for the computer, monitors and printers. It was suggested that the form be updated showing a clearer understanding of the disposition of the equipment.

M. Approve List of Qualified Brokers Authorized to Engage in Investment Transactions with the District

N. Approve Independent Sources of Investment Officer Training

O. Approve Sidewalk Easement at Tennyson Middle School

P. Consider Teacher Stipends
   1. Lead Art Teacher
   2. Lead PE Teacher
   Dr. Cain stated that paying stipends to lead teachers chosen from existing staff in the art and physical education area instead of hiring additional teachers was beneficial to the District.

Q. Approve Local Policies
   1. EIA
   2. DNA
   Dr. Cain stated that revision to policy EIA, requested by TASB, deals with end-of-course assessments as required by the new assessment system in Texas, the STAAR program. Policy DNA proposes revisions to teacher evaluations. Both policies are on the agenda for first reading.

R. Approve School Improvement Plan (SIP) Report
   Dr. Cain stated that this item would be on the agenda at the regular Board meeting next week for discussion and approval and thanked principals for their dedication and presentations during the public hearing.

VI. DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 28, 2011 REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

A. Consider Construction Delivery Method for Middle School Science Lab Renovations at AJ Moore TIF Grant Project, Phase II
   Dr. Cain stated this item is included on the agenda again this month to clarify the hiring of a construction manager-agent delivery method for the middle school science lab renovations and the A.J. Moore TIF grant project, phase II.

B. Approve Board Operating Procedures
   Dr. Cain stated the Board Operating Procedures is on the agenda next week for approval. Two additional changes regarding purchase of tickets to events and restriction on email consistent with state guidelines.
C. Discussion of Possibility of Joining School Finance Litigation
   Dr. Cain encouraged the Board to participate in a lawsuit regarding inequitable and inadequate funding issues directly affecting Waco ISD and recommends joining the litigation team of Thompson & Horton. Dr. Cain stated other litigation firms are available for this service and asked Board members to let her know if they desire information on the other firms.

VII. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Report on TAKS Campus Performance – UHS-Feeder School Patterns
   Dr. Cain asked Board members to review the report in the agenda. In November the report will be in a different format showing what is actually happening on the campuses including data walks, strengths and weaknesses.

B. MYP/IB Status/Future
   Dr. Boswell presented the current status and the future implications for the MYP/IB program in WISD including the roadblocks to implementation and the expected expenditures. Due to the high cost in implementing and maintaining MYP, Dr. Boswell believes there are other programs within the accelerated academics area that would be more focused and beneficial to the students.

   Since the District received funds from the Rapoport Foundation for implementing of the MYP/IB program, Dr. Cain will meet with Mr. Stanton to discuss reimbursement of the funds. The Primary Years Program (PYP) has been successfully implemented at Mountainview Elementary and consideration will be given to developing a plan to expand the program to other elementary campuses.

   Audience for Guests: Kathy Mann, a Mountainview parent, expressed concerns about the PYP program stating it was more of a global community program which caused confusion due to the questioning of values and attitudes and felt the program was not based on academics.

C. Survey Feedback on Student Cell Phone Usage
   Dr. Cain reported that Administration believes that our policy is adequate regarding the use of cell phones by students and that the decisions on cell phone usage should be left to the principals.

D. Discussion of Demographic Study
   Dr. Cain reported on the Texas School Funding Crisis and the impact on Waco ISD. She discussed the recent demographic study and presented scenarios for Phase 1 and 2 which will make the campuses more efficient in building usage. Included in the possibilities for Phase 1 are: Close Lake Air Intermediate and move fifth grade back to elementary campuses; consolidate Alta Vista and Lake Waco Montessori schools at the Lake Air campus; close Sul Ross and consolidate students at Bell’s Hill and West Avenue campuses; close North Waco and consolidate students at Provident Heights,
Dean Highland and Cedar Ridge; close Viking Hills with students going to Mountainview and Parkdale; consolidate A. J. Moore and Carver academies, grades 6-12, at the A. J. Moore location and have stronger admission requirements; and combine the Alternative School and STARS at the G. L. Wiley campus. This plan would increase the current 72% utilization rate to 88%. Cost savings is estimated to be approximately $550,000 to $650,000 a year per campus. All job losses would be through attrition.

Phase 2 would require a bond election and possibilities include combining Kendrick and Meadowbrook into a new larger facility at the current Kendrick elementary site; expanding West Avenue and Provident Heights and close Brook Avenue; rezone all middle schools and build a new University Middle.

Dr. Cain asked for Board direction whether this presentation should be made again at the televised Board meeting next week and asked for feedback. A detailed timeline will be added to the presentation. The Board would make a decision at the February Board meeting, rezoning done in March with letters to parents being sent in April. She proposes rezoning all at one time compared to having to rezone every year.

The Board will have a workshop in November to discuss issues and strategies for getting the information out to the community including the following considerations: Results of having a tax ratification election or bond election; invite key stakeholders from the community including the City Council, Chamber, MCC, Baylor, TSTC, Rotary, Business League, realtors, neighborhood associations, etc., to attend forums to hear the presentation; develop a data base of directors, presidents and chairmen from key organizations and email them the presentation, asking them to send to their constituents; send a personal invitation to key stakeholders to attend the forums; host four large town hall meetings where Board members will be present; put the presentation on Facebook along with a FAQ page; have principals make presentation at their campuses for their staff, parents and PTA organizations.

Mr. Atkins suggested Board members review the information in their packets, send Dr. Cain their questions and suggestions, and let her know what additional financial information is needed, before the November workshop.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.