

**Katy ISD Board of Trustees Meeting  
December 15, 2008**

**HIGH SCHOOL CONCEPT  
COMMITTEE**

- The results of a year-long study by the 70-member High School Concept Committee were presented to the Board by Dr. Linda Menius, Alene Zimmer and Kim Lawson. The findings, which will be used for future goal-setting and planning, fall into three major contexts:
  - **Academic:** including curriculum for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, instructional practice and professional staff
  - **Environmental:** including student participation, relationships and school climate
  - **Support and Resources:** including facility design and emerging technology

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**REZONING PROCESS**

- The Board reviewed a plan to revise the method used for school rezoning, beginning with Elementary 32, which is scheduled to open in August, 2009. The process will involve the following steps:
  - Staff reviews data and drafts recommendation.
  - Staff identifies criteria that community input must meet for a change to be considered.
  - Recommendation, rationale and criteria are publicized.
  - A public hearing is held for public input.
  - Staff considers qualifying input.
  - A second and final public hearing is held (if necessary) to share any changes.
  - Staff makes a recommendation for boundaries to the Board of Trustees.
  - The Board adopts a zoning plan.

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**ENERGY PROGRAM  
EARNS DIVIDENDS**

- The district received a check for \$87,801 from CenterPoint Energy for its participation in the SCORE (Schools Conserving Energy) program. SCORE provides rebates for energy-efficient projects that reduce peak energy usage. For each peak kilowatt the district is able to reduce, it receives \$185 dollars in rebates. Katy ISD's energy reduction for the past year equates to 1800 barrels of oil or enough to run 104 homes for 12 months, with a environmental impact equal to eliminating 782 metric tons of carbon dioxide.

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**FACILITY AND BOND-  
RELATED ACTION**

- The Board approved a proposal for renovation of the Mayde Creek water plant from B-5 Construction Co., Inc., a Texas based general contractor that specializes in water production facilities. The timeline for project completion is 300 days.



## OTHER ACTION

- In other action, the Board approved:
    - new hires and resignations of professional contractual personnel.
    - proposals for locks, door hardware, piano tuning and piano repairs
    - a maintenance agreement for print shop AB Dick presses.
    - disposal of surplus furniture and equipment.
    - an inter-local agreement for transportation audit services.
    - voting site changes, including discontinuing Schmalz Elementary as a voting site, moving voters in Harris County Precinct 463 to Mayde Creek High School, and establishing Seven Lakes High School as an early voting site.
    - an extension of the contract for appraisal services with the Waller County Appraisal District.
    - November 2008 check registers, financial statements and tax report, and December budget amendments.
    - minutes for regular Board meetings on November 19 and November 24, and the special Board meeting on November 24.
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## SPECIAL NOTES

- Members of the Mayde Creek High School Junior Navy ROTC unit presented the colors and demonstrated a set of drill maneuvers. The pledges of allegiance were led by company commander Cadet **Candy Flores**. Color guard members are **Corrina Vega, Samantha Echevarria, Juan Marrujo** and **Mariela Garcia**. Drill team members are **Alex Rodriguez, Byron Toombs, Clifford Simmons, Leslie Acosta, Fouad Matari, Elizabeth Esparza, Ramiro Esparza, Dawjeanne Prachett, Linda Sola** and **Marisol Acuna**.
  - The Board honored
    - **Cinco Ranch High School's** selection as a National Blue Ribbon School
    - **Judy Whitaker**, Mayde Creek High School, regional ESOL Teacher of the Year
    - **Joe Cammarata**, Morton Ranch High School, Texas Foreign Language Association's Administrator of the Year
  - No patrons signed up to speak during public forum.
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## FUTURE MEETINGS

- Tuesday, January 20, 6:30 p.m. – Board workshop
- Wednesday, January 21, 6:30 p.m. – Board work study session
- Wednesday, January 28, regular Board meeting
- Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 p.m. – special Board meeting (information update)