

## Katy ISD Board of Trustees Meeting November 24, 2008

### 2009-10 DISTRICT CALENDAR

- The Board discussed a proposed school calendar for the coming year that has the following features:
  - a 177-day school year starting on Aug. 24, 2009, and ending on June 3, 2010
  - a three-day Thanksgiving break
  - the first semester ending on Dec. 18, with the second semester beginning for students on Jan. 6
  - a Professional Learning Exchange Day on Oct. 12
  - Spring break during the week of March 15-19
- The entire calendar is posted on the [Katy ISD Website](#).

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### COURSE CATALOGUE CHANGES FOR '09-10

- The Board adopted recommended secondary course changes for the coming school year, including:
  - six new courses for Miller Career & Technology Center
  - 12 new courses for special education
  - a second year of JROTC
  - revisions in six courses and course names, including BCIS, JROTC, Hospitality Services, AP Computer Science AB, Independent Studies in Math, AP Environmental Science, Physical Education and Fundamental Work-Based Training
  - deletion of several low-enrollment or obsolete foreign language, career technology and special education courses.

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### FACILITY AND BOND- RELATED ACTION

- The Board granted an electrical easement to CenterPoint Energy associated with the construction of Elementary School 32.

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### OTHER ACTION

- In other action, the Board approved:
  - new hires and resignations of professional contractual personnel.
  - proposals for awards, award jackets, general merchandise and groceries and replacement parts for kitchen equipment.
  - a 403(b) written plan and administrative handbook as required for public education entities.
  - an amendment to the TexPool resolution to reflect a staff change in the finance department.
  - an agreement for legal services with Thompson & Horton LLP.
  - participation in grant projects.
  - October 2008 check registers, financial statements and tax report, and



- November budget amendments.
- minutes for regular Board meetings on October 15 and October 22, and the special Board meeting on October 27.

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## SPECIAL NOTES

- **Saige Schoenfeld**, a fifth grader at Exley Elementary, led the Pledges of Allegiance.
- The Board honored the Katy ISD Finance Department, which has received its 25th consecutive Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting presented by the Government Finance Officers Association and the Association of School Business Officials International. The Department was represented by **Bill Moore, Chris Smith, Coreen Miller, Stephen Johnson** and **Sterling Schiller**.
- During the public forum:
  - a parent thanked the district for its support of gifted and talented students.
  - two parents spoke in regard to construction projects and undesignated bond funds.
  - a parent encouraged the district to recognize San Jacinto Day.
- Prior to the meeting, the Board heard a progress report and received public input on meeting the highly qualified teacher requirements of No Child Left Behind. No one signed up to speak for the public input session.

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## FUTURE MEETINGS

- Tuesday, December 9, 6:30 p.m. – special Board team-building meeting
- Wednesday, December 10, 6:30 p.m. – Board work study session
- Monday, December 15, 6:30 p.m. – regular Board meeting