



CARROLL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD CLIPS

This publication summarizes School Board meetings. Official minutes are kept in the Superintendent's Office.

Board Reviews Curriculum Program, Spanish Options

Carroll School Board members held a special workshop April 2 to discuss the district's overall curriculum program. Representatives of the Instructional Services Department

reviewed extensive data, as well as needs and considerations for each of the specific content and grade-level areas.

Among the district's top priorities are enhancements to

the core curricular program in grades 5-8 and implementation of block scheduling to address new science and math requirements for high school students, according to Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jan Morgan.

significantly affect the district's daily operations and budget.

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HVAC Options Considered

Trustees discussed options for heating and air conditioning at Durham Elementary & Intermediate School and Carroll Senior High School. The February 2006 bond package includes major HVAC projects for both campuses this summer. Project estimates in the bond were for rooftop units.

School officials have been discussing advantages of a chilled water system versus rooftop units. Construction professionals say chilled water systems cost more initially, but run more efficiently, are aesthetically pleasing and offer extensive energy and



maintenance savings over the lifetime of the equipment.

Initial bids for the DEIS chilled water system came in over budget, but Trustees say they want to review bids for CSHS in order to make an informed decision.

No bids were submitted by contractors the first time around, but school officials say the CSHS project will soon be rebid.

Trustees can then review and consider the best long-term solution.

BOARD AGENDAS

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Officials would like to consider double blocking language arts and math classes at the middle school level to address gaps and weaknesses identified by assessment data. They also hope to address additional math support for the intermediate campuses.

Dr. Morgan's staff discussed pending legislation that could

In Other Meeting Business...

The Board voted unanimously to hire Shannon Wilson to replace Ron Mendoza as a social studies teacher at Carroll Senior High School. He'll also serve as defensive coordinator for the varsity football program.

Trustees are expected to consider the 2007-2008 staffing plan at their April 9 meeting. The plan calls for as many as four K-6 teachers and 13.5 secondary teachers to accommodate student growth and high school block scheduling.

The April 9 meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Johnson Elementary School, 1301 N. Carroll Avenue in Southlake.

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NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: APRIL 9, 2007 AT 6 P.M.

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Board Reviews Curriculum from front

They reviewed options for restoring foreign language instruction at the K-6 level, as well.

In the area of special education, the district will consider hiring an additional intermediate school life skills teacher and a half-time nurse. In addition, the district's blended preschool program continues to grow. Trustees on April 9 will consider implementing a tenth pre-school class at Carroll Elementary School to address individuals on the waiting list for this tuition-based program.

Dr. Cathy Friar, Executive Director of Special Programs, said the Board may want to consider eventually providing funding/space to centrally locate all Early Childhood programs and employ an Early Education

Program Coordinator.

At the K-4 level, the district will soon have to consider equity issues with the rising population at Johnson Elementary School, as well as additional technology support at each of the schools.

Dr. Morgan said long-term considerations would be the addition of mathematic specialists at each campus, the return of library aid positions and the purchase of a district-level Benchmark Program for language arts and math.

The Instructional Services Department is already conducting a districtwide evaluation of its gifted and talented program, Quest, as well as the adequacy of the Advanced Placement and SAT prep programs.

Overall school officials say they are pleased with progress made in developing and aligning the K-12 instructional program. There are areas, however, they hope to address when funds become available.



Foreign Language Options Reviewed

CISD officials have been studying options for restoring the elementary and intermediate Spanish program since it was cut from the budget several years ago.

The options include a) 40-minute classes five days per week (\$1.2 million); b) 40-minute classes three days per week (\$770,000); c) one teacher per campus (\$385,000); and d) a 12-week after school program, one day per week.

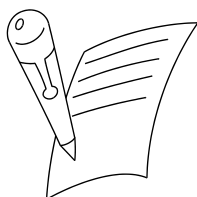
Each option has advantages and disadvantages, but the district must also take into account classroom availability, scheduling issues, and program costs.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jan Morgan said although it is a priority to address the return of K-6 Spanish and perhaps even additional foreign language classes, there are significant other needs that may have to be addressed first.

The Board also discussed the possibility of offering Spanish as an elective in grades 5-7. At least that would get students acclimated to a foreign language at an earlier age, but wouldn't over-burden the district's budget in light of other prioritized needs.

Although a number of options were discussed at the workshop, no action was taken on this topic.

Pending Legislative Issues



Carroll ISD is closely monitoring the 80th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature. A number of education-related

bills that could affect daily school operations have already been introduced in House and Senate committees.

If approved, HB 997 limits class sizes for fifth grades to 22:1. The current law regulates class sizes for grades K-4. In addition, SB 1493 requires districts with 500 or more students to employ a school nurse for every 500 students in the district. CISD currently employs 12 nurses. If approved, SB 1493 would require the district to hire 15.5 nurses.

SB 69 would require districts to employ a school counselor for every 350 students. The district currently employs 20, but this bill, if approved, would require 22.

One of the most closely watched bills circulating through the legislative process right now is SB 530. If implemented for the 2007-2008 school year, CISD would be required to hire additional certified physical education teachers to support each K-6 campus.

CISD officials say while the bills may support worthy education-related initiatives, they could result in unfunded mandates that tax the local school budget. Any one of the bills discussed at the April 2 workshop could affect the overall CISD budget picture for 2007-2008.