

# Collinsville ISD ----- Board Report ----- November 18, 2002

Two important reports were presented to the Collinsville ISD Board of Trustees during their regular monthly meeting held on November 18.

The board heard first from the district facility committee which provided an interim report on its activities regarding facility needs being faced by CISD. As a part of its report on its activities, the committee presented four needs statements regarding facilities for the district. All four statements seek to answer the question, "Why do students of the Collinsville Independent School District need a new educational facility?":

- CISD students attend classes in building that can no longer accommodate growth of student enrollment.
- CISD elementary students encounter a learning environment that is hazardous and cannot be secured.
- CISD elementary students currently attend classes in substandard classrooms which no longer meet Texas Education Agency curricular and facility requirements.
- As a community-centered school, the school's facilities no longer meet the citizen's needs.

The committee also presented three different concerns that have arisen from the various town hall meetings held with the parents, community members, and staff members. These concerns are:

- Construction of a facility that can support the future growth of the district.
- Facility needs exist at both campuses.
- Several scenarios exist to utilize the district's FM 902 property.

After hearing the report from the committee the board then took nominees for parents and community members to serve on the district's facility committee. These individuals which are being contacted to see if they will serve, will help develop possible solutions to present to the board in February to answer the question of how the district can solve its current facility needs.

The second report was given by the district auditors, Jack Auldridge and Kenneth vanTunglen. The board was presented the 2001-2002 Financial Audit and the new compensatory education program review. Both reports showed the district to be in solid financial condition. Following the presentation of the reports, the board unanimously approved the reports as presented.

In another matter of business, the board approved a consultation agreement with Educational Consortium Telecommunications Savings. ECTS will provide the district with services to assist with application of all necessary forms to provide E-rate discounts to the district. These services are done at no expense to the district and are done strictly on a savings realized commission basis.

As a matter of discussion the board was presented with information regarding the use of the district's 15 passenger van for the transporting of students and staff. Following a lengthy discussion, the board directed the administration to reexamine the use of the van so that it is no longer used except as a service vehicle for the maintenance department. Only school buses will now be used for the purpose of transporting students. Additionally, bids will be sought for the acquisition of an additional mini-bus to accommodate smaller groups of students when they need to be transported.

As a matter of the district financial review, the board was informed that the only payment remaining on the district's new sports complex was for the retainage from the bleacher contractor. The board also informed that the project was completed under budget.