

Notice of Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Celeste Independent School District
August 26, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Celeste Independent School District will be held on August 26, 2008, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Celeste Independent School District at 207 S. 5th Street, Celeste, Texas.

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as follows: *(Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice.)*

1. Call to order.
2. Invocation.
3. Members present (president will state if quorum is present)
4. Public comments /audience participation.
5. Public hearing to discuss the 2008-09 budget and the proposed 2008-09 tax rate.
6. X-Teams Presentation.
7. Minutes from previous meeting(s).
8. Financial reports.
9. 07-08 Budget amendments.
10. Report on construction of new high school.
11. 2008-09 Teacher appraisal calendar.
12. 07-08 district and campus accountability ratings.
13. Bank resolution for activity accounts.
14. 08-09 Student Code of Conduct.
15. Campus security Audit report.
16. Modified Schedule TAKS Testing days waiver.
17. Pat Pruitt Memorial Elementary P.E. Facility update.
18. City of Celeste request for assistance in repairing street culverts.
19. TASB Legal and Local Policy Update 83.
20. 2008-2009 budget adoption and expenditure target resolution.
21. 2008-2009 tax rate adoption resolution.
22. Adjourn.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at 10 a.m., August 22, 2008.

For the Board of Trustees

1. Call to order.
2. Invocation.
3. Members present (president will state if quorum is present)
4. Public comments /audience participation.
5. Public hearing to discuss the 2007-08 budget and the proposed 2007-08 tax rate.
6. X-Teams Presentation.
 - Background: X-Teams is a science\math based program where teams of students create a science project over the course of the year. Texas A&M-Commerce is sponsoring the program. Our team members are Alyson Burke, Richard Horton, Hunter Little, Samantha Ventura, Josh McCaslin, Logan Curtis and teachers Mitch Jordan and Cathy Jones. Dr. Kerry O'Connor with TAMU-C will be here to present a check for \$3000 to help cover the teams expenses.
7. Minutes from previous meeting(s).
8. Financial reports.
9. 07-08 Budget amendments.
 - Background: We will have these for you at the meeting.
 - Recommendation: Approval
10. Report on construction of new high school.
 - Background: Jeff Edwards will be here to give a monthly report on the progress of the new high school
 - Recommendation: No Action
11. Teacher appraisal calendar.
 - Background: The district must adopt a appraisal calendar for the Professional Development Appraisal System (PDAS).
 - Recommendation: Approval.
12. 07-08 district and campus accountability ratings.
 - Background: TEA has rated Celeste ISD as "Recognized". Celeste High School and the Celeste Elementary was rated "Recognized." The Celeste Jr. High was rated "Academically Acceptable."
 - Recommendation: No Action.
13. Bank resolution for activity accounts.
 - Background: This resolution will add Ricky Beadles to the student activity bank accounts.
 - Recommendation: Approval
14. 08-09 Student Code of Conduct.
 - Background: The student code of conduct is based on chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code. The board is required to adopt the school code of conduct.
 - Recommendation: Approval
15. Campus security Audit report.
 - Background: The district contracted with Region 10 Service center to conduct a security audit for all three campuses as required. Enclosed are the findings for your review. We have implemented most of the findings in the report.
 - Recommendation: Review only. To be discussed at meetng.
16. Modified Schedule TAKS Testing days waiver.
 - Background: This waiver will allow Mr. Beadles to shorten the school day for seniors who are not taking the TAKS test. This will help eliminate interruptions during testing.
 - Recommendation: Approval

17. Pat Pruitt Memorial Elementary P.E. Facility update.

Background: David Pruitt and others donated approximately \$57,000 for the construction of a PE facility to in the memory of Pat Pruitt. The board selected the site just east of the Jr. High and north of the elementary. The board needs to consider the construction process and size of the facility...etc.

Recommendation: I will have a recommendation for you at the meeting.

18. City of Celeste request for assistance in repairing street culverts.

Background: The mayor has contacted me about the district paying for the replacement of the two culverts on the northeast (Sixth and Cockrell) and southeast (Sixth and S. College) of the elementary playground. Both of these areas need repairing and serve as a potential danger to our parents and students riding on the buses. The approximate cost of the project is \$5000.

Recommendation: I will have a recommendation for you at the meeting.

19. TASB Legal and Local Policy Update 83.

Background: Update 83 should be the last update prior to the legislative session in January.

Recommendation: Approval as presented.

20. 2008-2009 budget adoption and expenditure target resolution.

Background: The district must adopt the budget prior to September 1, 2008. The Expenditure Target Resolution is required if less than 65% of the budget is designated for the required target areas.

Recommendation: Approval

21. 2008-09 tax rate adoption resolution.

Background: The board adopted a proposed M&O tax rate of \$1.17 and an I&S tax rate of \$.3814.

Recommendation: I recommend the proposed rate and call for a Tax Ratification Election.

22. Adjourn.

Ground Breaking Ceremony

September 9, 2008 at 6:00pm has been set as the date and time for the ground breaking ceremony. Please mark your calendar for this important event. More info will be sent to you at a later date.