The Board of Trustees of the Rockwall Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 600 of the Administration/Education Center of the Rockwall Independent School District located at 1050 Williams Street in Rockwall, Texas. In attendance were:

- President    Dr. David Loftis
- Vice President    Mr. Craig Zurek
- Secretary    Mr. Doug Hamilton
- Mr. Russ Childers (late)
- Mr. Chris Cuny
- Dr. Stan Lowrance
- Mrs. Leigh Plagens
- Superintendent    Mr. Jeff Bailey

President Loftis called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m., declaring a quorum in attendance and the meeting duly called with notice posted according to provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

The President adjourned the open meeting of the Board at approximately 6:30 p.m. to immediately reconvene the Board in executive session under the authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.072 discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property and Texas Government Code Chapter 551.074 discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.

At approximately 7:25 p.m., the President adjourned the executive session to reconvene the Board in open session at approximately 7:30 p.m.

No action was taken following the executive session.

Mrs. Leigh Plagens offered the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and the pledge to the flag of Texas.

During the public forum for public participation, no one from the audience addressed the Board.

Mr. Bailey introduced Dr. Debra Koehn, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, who introduced Dr. Mark LeMaster, Rockwall High School Principal, who introduced students, Mary White and Patricia Divito, who have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Mr. Bailey introduced Dr. Debra Koehn, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, who announced that Rockwall ISD has been selected for the Characteristics of an Effective School Health Advisory Council Award. Our District submitted grant forms that will result in the Rockwall ISD receiving $4,500. This money can be used to enhance the implementation of school health and focus on Health Education and HIV prevention.

Mr. Bailey introduced Mr. Greg Carver, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction, who announced that 14 Rockwall ISD campuses have received the Environmental
Protection Agency’s Energy Star Award. Data were compiled using District software that tracks energy consumption (gas and electricity) for each campus. Each campus will receive a bronze plaque that will be displayed inside near the entrance of each facility.

Dr. Debra Koehn, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, reported on the Texas English Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS).

Dr. Deborah Smothermon, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, reported on a presented the District’s Bridging Home and School Project. This project will provide selected students and their families with technology and training to broaden the depth of learning. This project will begin the fall of 2010.

Mr. Cuny moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

A. Minutes of regular session held on September 20, 2010.
B. September, 2010 Financial Report and to file it for audit.
C. Budget Amendment
D. Donations to the District.

Upon the second of Mr. Zurek, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the consent items.

With a motion from Mr. Hamilton and a second from Mr. Zurek, the Board voted 7 to 0 to purchase 173 acres of land from the Newman Lofland Estate for the purchase price of $5,190,000. The property is located in the W.H. Baird Survey, Tract 7, located in Rockwall County, Texas. This property will be for multiple school sites in the future.

Mr. Cuny moved to approve the Texas Association of School Board Policy Manual Update 88 on the first reading and to refer it to the second and final reading. Upon a second from Mrs. Plagens, the Board voted 7 – 0 to adopt Texas Association of School Board Policy Manual Update 88.

Upon a motion from Mr. Cuny and a second from Dr. Lowrance, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve a Resolution of Acknowledgement to Make Education A Priority. This Resolution was started by the Aledo ISD and is being adopted by school districts across the state. This is just another way for the Board to state their position on the current Texas public school finances system.

Resolution of Acknowledgment
Make Education a Priority

Whereas, the current Texas public school finance system is negatively affecting an increasing number of public school districts; and
Whereas, past diligent legislative efforts to address the state’s method of adequately and equitably funding Texas schools has fallen short of broad measured success; and
Whereas, the legislative year of 2011 bears the attributes of repeating the 2009 legislative session’s lack of reliable funding improvements; it is therefore
Resolved, that a responsible community of educational leaders with a united awareness respectfully empower and support our respected legislative representatives to act; and be it
Resolved, that in light of our current Texas economic challenges and the complexity of financing public education; improvements in school funding be established with an attitude where education is found as the highest priority; and be it
Resolved, this attitude begins within the leadership of Texas school districts and together, we respectfully share one unified message to all involved: Make Education a Priority.

The Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees respectfully acknowledges, applauds and joins the priority efforts to protect the pursuit of quality education for all children.

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With a motion from Mr. Childers and a second from Mrs. Plagens, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adopt Texas Association of School Board’s Policy FL (Local) (Student Records) on the first and final reading.

Upon a motion from Mr. Zurek and a second from Mrs. Plagens, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve Texas Association of School Board’s Policy GKD (Local) (Community Relations Nonschool Use of School Facilities) on the first reading and to refer it to the second and final reading.

Mrs. Plagens moved to approve a Resolution Celebrating Texas Education Human Resources Day. Governor Rick Perry declared October 13, 2010 as the first ever Texas Education Human Resource Day. This honor was initiated through TASPA, the state association for school personnel administrators. Human resource (HR) professionals play a vital role to ensure our students get the best education possible by seeking to hire and retain quality staff. With a second from Dr. Lowrance, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the Resolution Celebrating Texas Education Human Resources Day.

During the Superintendent’s Report, Mr. Bailey invited everyone to Rockwall Independent School District’s Town Hall Meeting scheduled to be held on Monday, October 25, 2010 at Dorothy Pullen Elementary School. The topic of the Town Hall Meeting will be on school finance and a legislative overview. Mr. Bailey introduced Kim West, Director of Counseling Services, and she presented Rockwall High School students, Megan Huff and Shannon Krikorian who designed the t-shirt that will be used to promote Rachel’s Challenge for the 2010-2011 school year.

There being no further business, the President adjourned the meeting of the Board at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Dr. J. David Loftis
PRESIDENT, Board of Trustees

Mr. Doug Hamilton
SECRETARY, Board of Trustees