



## Board Briefs ... To Go

March 23, 2008 Meeting

*Thank you teachers, principals and secretaries for assisting with the parent surveys. Your support is appreciated!*

### New Classes for Four-Year-Olds!

Enid Public Schools will join with two well-respected Enid organizations to expand its pre-kindergarten program, creating 80 more openings for students! A class will be added at The Commons, through a partnership with the senior center and the Community Development Support Association. Senior residents of The Commons will have the opportunity to be "grandma" and "grandpa" buddies for the children and will help out in the classroom as volunteers. A class will also be added at the YWCA. Students there can attend EPS' pre-kindergarten class and YWCA child care. Applications are currently being accepted for teachers for both programs.

[Learn more about the Four Year Old Program](#)

### Help Us Spread the Word!

With more course offerings and student programs than any area school, we're asking area families to make EPS their district of choice in 2009-2010. Here are a few facts about EPS to pass along:

- Sixteen Advanced Placement (AP) Classes at EHS
- Gifted & Enrichment Courses at All Levels
- Hands-On, Innovative Teaching Strategies
- Developmentally Appropriate Early Childhood Classes
- A True Middle School Environment to Meet the Needs of 6-8th Grade Students
- Dedicated Guidance Counselors at Every School
- Technology, including Wireless & SMARTBoards
- Character Education & Mentoring Programs
- College/Career Tech Classes on EHS Campus
- A Commitment to Small Class Sizes
- Four Foreign Language Courses at EHS — Spanish, German, French & Chinese
- After-School Tutoring & Summer School Classes

- Two Dozen Athletic & Music Opportunities
- Nursing Services for Every Student
- 100% Highly Qualified Teaching Staff
- Proven, Researched-Based Programs
- And much, much more!

### A Better Field While Maximizing Dollars

EPS will proceed with the final evaluation of a performance contract to install turf at D. Bruce Selby Stadium. The contract stipulates that the company, Siemens Building Technologies, will guarantee, over a 10-year term, the district will save money on maintenance and generate income or the company will make up the difference. The project's upfront costs will be provided by a private donor. There will no be additional cost to the district.

The purpose of a performance contract is to improve facilities or equipment, without additional costs. Siemens visited Enid and reviewed several potential areas, including those related to energy savings such as lights, heating and air. With EPS' current energy management plan in place, they found that the district could not increase energy savings enough to finance new equipment. The company did determine that savings could be gained to make improvements in one area, the turf.

### Preparing for the Fall

Several curriculum-related guides and handbooks were approved during Monday night's meeting.

- [2009-10 Enid High School Registration Guide](#)
- [2009-10 Middle School Registration Guide](#)
- [2009-10 Kindergarten Enrollment Handbook](#)
- [2009-10 4-Year-Old Enrollment Handbook](#)
- [2009 Summer Academy Information Guide](#)

### A Look at Board Policies

The Enid Board of Education is currently reviewing many of its policies, especially those that may be duplications of state law. They are also removing forms from the policy book so that they can be more easily adapted to meet the needs of the district, as we work to fulfill board policy. The board recently removed the following forms from its policy manual:

- EFBCA-E – User Agreement to the Terms and Conditions of the Internet Used in Enid Public Schools; and
- EFBCA-F – Request for Enid Public Schools District's Website Publication.

The first form will include a change before the fall semester that will allow EPS to include students' photographs, including teams and activities, on its school websites. Parents will still have the opportunity to request that their students' information or photo not be shared, either in print and online.

### Other Board Approvals or Reports:

- Approval of the FY 2008 audit. Pat Carroll, auditor, called the report a “good one,” and cited only one item, which was caused by activity fund dollars being deposited outside of school-sanctioned, district accounts.
- Approved the district technology plan and e-rate documents.
- Approved a trip to California for DECA students who qualified for the International Conference. DECA will have fundraisers to pay for related expenses. Congratulations to the DECA program on its achievements!
- Welcomed to the District: Garrett Babb, Crossing Guard, Longfellow; and Jamie Batchelder, Teacher Assistant, Garfield.

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### Next Regular Meeting

Monday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Office Boardroom