

**Cooper Independent School District
September 19, 2005
School Board Meeting Summary**

The regular school board meeting for September was held at 7:00 p.m. on September 19. Six board members were present, with Allen Beeler absent.

Students and staff from Cooper Elementary, Junior High and High School were recognized for their efforts to support Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

The FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) was presented and approved, 7-0. The Texas Education Agency administers the FIRST system to evaluate the financial effectiveness of all school districts. Cooper ISD received the highest rating of Superior Achievement, with positive findings for twenty of twenty-one indicators.

A final budget report for 2004-2005 was presented.
A quarterly investment report was presented.

Head Start received a \$60,000 federal grant which will be used for upgrades for their technology, classroom furniture and transportation, which was approved 6-0

Policy Update #76 from Texas Association of School Boards was presented on first reading as an information item.

CNA Local policy clarifying student transportation was approved, 6-0.

EHBC Local on educational services for homebound students was approved, 6-0.

Elementary principal Doug Wicks and Reading Recovery teacher Pat Ainsworth shared information about the Reading Recovery program.

Curriculum Director Toby Howard led the discussion of the District Improvement Plan, which was approved 6-0.

The board voted 6-0 to equip one school van with towing capability.

The board nominated Allen Beeler and Frank Moore for the Delta County Appraisal District Board.

There were no employee resignations or employment recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12.

The regular October board meeting will be Monday, October 17 at 7:00 in Room 608 across from the elementary library.