



May 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Introduction & Opening:

The May meeting was held at Honors Hall. Barry Brittain opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

Member companies present were: Ameridrives, Cemex, Coleman, CTTC, Detex, EH Systems, Great American Products, Hawkins, ITM, NB Chamber, NB Herald-Zeitung, NB Smokehouse, Senior Flexonics, Star Manufacturing, The Coach Approach and TXI.

Guests present were: Jim Scholl from Chemical Lime and Mike Smith from NBISD.

Paul provided an update on finances.

NBMA has voted on accepting the scholarship application for Amber Harmon. We have an application for a repeat scholarship for Kathy McMains which will be sent out for voting this week.

Featured Program:

Mike Smith from NBISD talked about the status of the New Braunfels School District.

As with many other local schools, NBISD were on the “swine break”. A waiver has been submitted to TEA to not make up the days that were lost.

NBISD had 7 campuses as Exemplary or Recognized in 2008. 4 campuses were Acceptable. NBISD had 23 indicators out of 26 at exemplary or recognized. This is above average for the state and region.

The current TAKS indicators are up in all areas versus last year. 59% of the students are in the commended range versus 45% from the prior year. NBISD is educating students to a higher level than ever before with a heavy concentration on math and science.

This year, 440 seniors are expected to graduate. These students have received \$4.3 million in scholarships. 50 students are AP scholars.

NBISD has been conducting safety audits on each campus. Playgrounds and fencing have been redone to improve safety.

NBISD has also changed to a uniform teacher appraisal system to better evaluate teachers on all the campuses. The school district has received a “superior” rating from the state on the financial status. NBISD do not anticipate an increase in the tax rate this coming year. 88% of next year’s budget is for personnel costs, 5% is for utilities, 2% is for transportation.

The state is proposing to add end-of-course exams that must be passed in order for students to progress to the next grade level. The school district is working on curricula changes to meet this new requirement.

CTTC:

CTTC is hosting a Green Building Basics Course (see attached flyer). The course is open to anyone. Dates are 5/26 and 5/28 (6pm to 9:30pm). Registration deadline is Friday 5/22.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16 at 5:30pm at TXI Park. This will be the annual joint meeting with SMMA.

Respectfully submitted:
Paul Webber
NBMA Secretary/Treasurer 2009



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CENTRAL TEXAS TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Green Building Basics Course

Offered by:

Central Texas Technology Center

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in partnership with **San Antonio College**

This course is an overview of green design and sustainable living strategies. The course encompasses new construction materials, processes for green construction materials, and alternative energy sources.

This course is open to anyone interested in creating a cleaner environment.

Course dates and time:

May 26th 6PM-9:30PM

and

May 28th 6PM-9:30PM

Registration Deadline is

May 22nd at 5PM

Course Costs:
\$68.00 - includes all course materials