Across the Board

November 10, 2012

The Williamson County Board of Education met in special session November 10 to discuss capital funding resolutions rejected by the Education and Budget committees of the County Commission.

The Board voted to amend resolution 11.12.4 by $5,300,000 and request a total of $16,950,000 to include construction of auditoriums at Fairview and Woodland middle schools and Bentwood and Centennial high schools. It also includes HVAC and sprinkler work and additional classrooms at Brentwood Middle. The amended resolution will go before the commission at its Tuesday, November 13 meeting.

The planning and architectural design for the new Northeast high school and K-8 facility and repairs to the Independence and Ravenwood high school tracks were removed from the request.

There should be no delay in opening the northeast high school in 2015-16. The Board also passed a resolution for $1,500,000 for design and planning of the high school with the funds taken from fund balance when it becomes available after the 2013-14 budget process.

Superintendent Dr. Mike Looney also asked the Board to support the rejection of a resolution of approximately $6,000,000 for maintenance and technology in an effort to secure funding of the auditoriums.

The next regular meeting of the WCBE will be Monday, November 26, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Administrative Complex.