



**Veteran Speaks to Students!** Decorated Vietnam war veteran, Dr. Leo Flores, (above) spoke to Bronte High School students about his warfare experiences in the Vietnam War. Students listened intently as Dr. Flores gave vivid details of the Vietnam War.

**Career Fair!** Coach Buchanan (right photo) stands in the middle of a team building exercise students participated in during the Bronte High School Career Fair. The Career Fair was held Tuesday, May 10, at Bronte High School.



**Bronte ISD Parents & Taxpayers,**

On Monday, May 9th, at the Bronte ISD special called board meeting, the new selection/recruitment employment policy worked tremendously well as the Board interviewed four candidates for the BISD Vocational Ag Teacher position. The news of this opening had attracted over 40 applicants from across the state, and earlier in the week, school administration along with board participation interviewed nearly a dozen people for the position. From that dozen, four individuals rose to the top to be further interviewed at this special called meeting.

While an announcement of the selected candidate will be forthcoming, the more important aspect of this process is that it reestablishes representation and participation from community elected board members, which is the central function of a school board. Just as importantly, it reestablishes the ability to attract a larger pool of candidates and helps keep issues relating to nepotism at bay.

Also, the State of Texas' financial bind is a real concern for all of us. As you can read in any paper in Texas, school districts will soon have to deal with a major decline in state and federal revenue. It will be years before the State can correct the issues leading to this deficit, yet by law our State must have a balanced budget.

This leaves rural schools in a precarious position, but one fact rises above politics. The decisions that will be made in the next couple of years will determine the school's future for decades to come, and the quality of your child's education forever. The entire purpose of an elected representative government body such as the school's board of trustees is to ensure that decisions affecting taxpayers and students are carefully and collectively reasoned.

It is not an issue of "trust". No administrator, governor, or President is authorized to act independently on behalf of taxpayers. This system of checks and balances is the bedrock of democracy. Folks who believe otherwise do not truly want (or need) board members who represent the community – they would be better served with a collection of rubber stamps.

I am asking for your vote on May 14, 2010.

**Paul Williams**

**BISD Board meets in special session**

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a special meeting on May 9, 2011 at 7:02 p.m. in the Board Room. Those in attendance were: Paul Williams, President, Shane Kelton, Doug Tounget, Ericka Knight, Kay Styles, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present was David Bedford. Absent were David McWright and Wayne Colson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by David Bedford.

Electric contract rates were discussed and different options will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Discussion was held on bus repairs and the Board approved to authorize Mr. Richey to get the Van Hool bus repaired. All in favor.

The Board interviewed four prospective Vocational Ag teachers and hired Leo Sellers. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**Elect**

**David McWright**

**Bronte ISD School Board of Trustees**

*Experienced board member who is dedicated to making Bronte ISD one of the best school districts.*

If elected, I will continue working with school administrators and community members to enhance the quality of education at Bronte ISD.

I have a vested interest in making Bronte ISD the best it can be - our children and the Bronte community.

I think a quality education is one of the most important things we can provide our children.

**Thank you for your support!**