



# CISD BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the Board of Trustees Meeting

August 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Corsicana Independent School District met in three special meetings on August 4, 11 & 25, 2014 and again in a regular session meeting on August 18, 2014. All meetings were called to order by Mr. Watkins, President of the Board. At the regular session meeting on August 18, 2014, Rev. Monk gave the invocation, and Mr. Watkins led the pledges.

## **Audience for Guests from August 18, 2014:**

Bryson Morrison and Clifford "Buster" Brown spoke in favor of the bond election.

## **Superintendent's Report from August 18, 2014:**

Dr. Frost reported that we had a wonderful convocation featuring Manuel V. Scott, an original Freedom Writer. Staff reported to their campuses for the afternoon for staff development that will continue throughout the week. She welcomed the new Tigers to our district.

## **Discussion and/or Action:**

### **A. Administrative Services**

#### **August 4, 2014**

- Select representative and alternate for TASB's 2014 Delegate Assembly  
*On a motion by Mr. Seth and seconded by Rev. Monk, the Board voted to appoint Mr. Saberton as the representative for the Delegate Assembly and Mrs. Kelley as the alternate.*
- Adopt 2014-2015 Student Code of Conduct  
*On a motion by Rev. Monk and seconded by Mr. Saberton, the Board voted to adopt the 2014-2015 Student Code of Conduct.*
- Consider endorsement of candidate for Region 12 TASB Board of Directors  
*On a motion by Mr. Seth and seconded by Rev. Monk, the Board voted to table the endorsement of a candidate for Region 12 TASB Board of Directors.*

#### **August 11, 2014**

- Discuss and consider acceptance of the resignation of Trustee Leah Blackard

*On a motion by Rev. Monk and seconded by Mr. Saberton, the Board voted to accept the resignation of Trustee Leah Blackard.*

- Discuss and consider the appointment of a Board member to fill the vacancy  
*On a motion by Mr. Saberton and seconded by Mr. Seth, the Board voted to appoint Dr. Kent Rogers as replacement for Mrs. Blackard.*
- Administer the Oath of Office  
*Debbie Fuller administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Rogers.*

#### **August 18, 2014**

- Consider the resolution to call the Bond Election  
*Approve the order calling a bond election for CISD on November 4, 2014. On a motion by Rev. Monk and seconded by Mr. Sodd, the Board voted to approve the written order calling a bond election for November 4, 2014 for \$49,673,624.00. The motion passed unanimously.*
- State of the District Report  
*Dr. Frost gave a report on the state of the district.*
- Consider endorsement of candidate for Region 12 TASB Board of Directors  
*On a motion by Rev. Monk and seconded by Mr. Seth, the Board voted to endorse Dan Posey from Temple ISD as the candidate for the Region 12 position on the TASB Board of Directors.*

#### **August 25, 2014**

- Public hearing to discuss proposed 2014 tax rate  
*A public hearing was held to discuss the proposed 2014 tax rate. No one from the public was in attendance.*
- Public hearing to discuss proposed 2014-2015 budget  
*A public hearing was held to discuss the proposed 2014-2015 budget. No one from the public was in attendance.*
- Election of Board Vice-President  
*On a motion by Dr. Rogers and seconded by Mrs. Kelley, the Board voted to appoint Mr. Seth as Vice-President.*
- Consider and take action on matters resulting from closed session  
*On a motion by Dr. Kent Rogers and seconded by Mr. Seth, the board voted to approve the personnel report.*

## **B. Business Services**

### **August 4, 2014**

- Catalog bids for the 2014-2015 school year  
*Mike Nielsen presented information requesting approval of the catalog bids received for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion passed unanimously.*
  
- Engagement Letter for Annual Financial Audit for year ending August 31, 2014  
*Review and approve the engagement letter and annual financial audit from Anderson, Marx & Bohl, P.C. for audit services for the year ending August 31, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.*
  
- Property Value Study impacting state aid for the 2015-2016 school year  
*Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP completed a comprehensive study of assigned property values and represents the district in an administrative and judicial appeal of the district's 2013 property values that affected 2012-2013 state funds. From 1996-2013, property value appeals have resulted in total value reductions between \$188,872,795 and approximately \$3,261,500. On a motion by Rev. Monk and seconded by Mr. Saberton, the Board voted to approve the contract from Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP for any administrative or judicial appeal of the property value study findings as conducted by the Comptroller's Office as of January 1, 2014 for the 2014-2015 school year.*
  
- Salary increases for the 2014-2015 budget year  
*Mike Nielsen presented information on salary increases for the 2014-2015 budget year. On a motion by Mr. Seth and seconded by Rev. Monk, the Board voted to approve a 2% salary increase for all employees for the 2014-2015 budget year, to increase the district's portion of the insurance payment by \$10 per month to \$235.00 and to continue the \$1,200 annual retention stipend.*

**August 18, 2014**

- Review of the budget and tax rate for the 2014-2015 school year  
*Mike Nielsen presented an overview of the budget for the 2014-2015 school year.*

**August 25, 2014**

- Approve final budget amendments for the 2013-2014 budget  
*On a motion by Mrs. Kelley and seconded by Mr. Seth, the Board voted to approve the final budget amendments as presented. The motion passed unanimously.*
  
- Adoption of the 2014 tax rate

*On a motion by Mr. Seth and seconded by Mrs. Kelley, the Board voted to adopt the resolution to set a Maintenance (M&O) tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 evaluation and a Debt Service (I&S) tax rate of \$0.0203 per \$100 evaluation for the 2014-2015 school year. This is the same as previous years.*

- Adoption of the budget for school year 2014-2015  
*On a motion by Mrs. Kelley and seconded by Mr. Seth, the Board voted to adopt the budget for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **C. Human Resources**

#### **August 4, 2014**

- Approve 2014-2015 Employee Handbook  
*Annette Faulk presented the 2014-2015 Employee Handbook with minimal changes as suggested by TASB. Specifically pages 22, 36, 37, 38, 40 and 46. On a motion by Rev. Monk and seconded by Mr. Seth, the Board voted to table the approval of the 2014-2015 Employee Handbook until the next meeting..*

#### **August 18, 2014**

- Approve 2014-2015 Employee Handbook  
*Annette Faulk presented the 2014-2015 Employee Handbook with minimal changes as suggested by TASB. Specifically pages 22, 36, 37, 38, 40 and 46. On a motion by Mr. Seth and seconded by Rev. Monk, the Board voted to approve the Employee Handbook as presented for the 2014-2015 school year.*

### **D. Extracurricular Services**

#### **August 18, 2014**

- Approve the Advanced Course Waiver List  
*Billy Harlan presented information regarding the Advanced Course Waiver List. On a motion by Dr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Seth, the Board voted to approve the Advanced Course Waiver List for 2014-2015 as presented.*

### **E. Curriculum Services**

#### **August 4, 2014**

- Summer School Update  
*Marti Shaner presented an update on Summer School.*
- TEA Waivers  
*Marti Shaner presented information regarding the TEA Application for Waivers. The waivers being sought include: Pregnancy Related Services*

*on Campus, Teacher Data Portal if the Texas Assessment Management System and Accelerated Instruction. On a motion by Mr. Seth and seconded by Rev. Monk, the Board voted to approve the TEA waivers as presented by Ms. Shaner.*

- **Credit by Exam Dates**  
*Marti Shaner presented information regarding the Credit by Exams dates scheduled for the 2014-2015 school year. On a motion by Mrs. Kelley and seconded by Mr. Saberton, the Board voted to approve the Credit by Exam testing dates as presented.*
  
- **EIA Regulation – Academic Achievement – Grading/Progress Reports to Parents**  
*Carla Stanford presented information on EIA Regulation – Academic Achievement – Grading/Progress Reports to Parents. The EIA Regulation provides information about the required number of grades per 9 weeks, as well as, the process for testing and redoing major grades. In general, a teacher shall give a minimum of six daily grades and a minimum of three major grades each nine weeks. Major grades may not account for more than 60% of the nine weeks grade. Also, a student who earns a failing grade on a major grade or test, such as a unit test, essay, or any grade deemed major by the teacher [except long term projects, labs, and semester/final exams] shall be allowed to repeat the major grade and/or test. The entire regulation will be posted in policy online.*

## **F. Consent Agenda**

### **August 4, 2014**

- *On a motion by Rev. Monk and seconded by Mr. Sodd, the Board voted to approve the hiring of:*
  - Wilton Alexander as CHS Assistant Principal
  - Mickey White as Collins Middle School Assistant Principal
  - Patricia Daniels as CHS Counselor

### **August 18, 2014**

- Monthly Financial Report
- Minutes from previous meeting July 14 & 28 and August 4 & 11, 2014
- Collins Scholarship minutes
- Personnel recommendations
- Accept donation from Corsicana Tennis Booster Club in the amount of \$2,506.82 for tennis shoes for tennis athletics.
- Accept donation from Community National Bank in the amount of \$7,500.00 for Drane Leadership Academy Camp and the Drane Leadership Program throughout the year.

*On a motion by Mrs. Kelley and seconded by Mr. Sodd, the Board voted to approve the consent agenda.*

## **Announcements**

### **August 18, 2014**

- Budget Approval/Set Tax Rate – August 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting – September 15, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.