



# CISD BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the Board of Trustees Meeting

January 23, 2017

The Board of Trustees of the Corsicana Independent School District had a regular board meeting on January 23, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Monk, President of the Board of Trustees.

## Recognitions



January 2017 was School Board Recognition Month. Picture above are the Board of Trustees, Dr. Diane Frost, Superintendent, and the building principals at each campus.



Fannin Honor Choir, *Joyful Noise*, sang a special song to the school board.



Emily Guo, Student Council President, led the Pledge of Allegiance at the board meeting. Pictured to the right are the CHS Calicos and Cheerleaders with the Board of Trustees at the mini pep-rally that was held before the meeting.

### **Order of Election**

Texas Law requires that the Board of Trustees order the election to be held on May 6, 2017 for Places 1 and 2. On a motion by John Saberton and seconded by Leah Blackard, the Board of Trustees voted to Order an Election to be held on May 6, 2017 for the purpose of electing to the Board of Trustees of the Corsicana Independent School District one trustee for Place 1 and one Trustee for Place 2 for full, three year terms. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Consideration of Superintendent's Contract**

On a motion by Dr. Kent Rogers and seconded by Jason Sodd, the Board of Trustees voted to extend the Superintendent's contract for 1 year.

### **Audit Presentation and Consideration for Approval**

Frank Marx of Anderson, Marx & Bohl, P.C. presented the District's Audit report. There were no significant audit findings. On a motion by Terry Seth and seconded by John Saberton, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the Annual Financial Report for the year ending August 31, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Construction Update**

Scott Dunning of Stantec gave the construction update.

### **Consider Approval of Corsicana ISD Resolution Concerning the A-F Accountability Rating System**

The proposed rating system is invalid, creates a false impression about student learning, the quality of teachers, and the effectiveness of schools. It does not reflect community standards and will ultimately negatively impact economic competitiveness of the state of Texas. On a motion by John Saberton and seconded by Jason Sodd, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the Resolution rejecting the A-F Accountability System for Texas Public Schools. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Consider Approval Resolution Declaring Corsicana ISD a District of Innovation under House Bill 1842**

The District of Innovation legislation was passed by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842 and was codified in the Texas Education Code Chapter 12a. A District of Innovation designation gives traditional school district flexibility and local control in deciding how to best meet the needs of students. Under HB 1842, districts may identify certain requirements imposed by the Texas Education Code that inhibit the goals of the plan and from which the district should be exempt upon adoption of the plan. The following areas will be considered by the committee members who design and recommend the plan:

- First Day of Instruction/Instructional Calendar
- Length of the School Day/Flexible Instructional Time
- Teacher Permits and Certification
- Teacher and Principal Evaluations

A District of Innovation may not seek exemption from state or federal requirements applicable to an open enrollment charter school; state requirements for curriculum or graduation; and academic and financial accountability. Additionally, a District of Innovation may not be exempt from statutes, including but not limited to, election of the board of trustees; powers and duties of school boards, superintendents, and principals; criminal history record checks and educator misconduct reporting; bilingual education; special education; prekindergarten; academic accountability including student assessment; open meetings; open records; financial accountability and related reporting; and nepotism. On a motion by Barbara Kelley and seconded by John Saberton, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the Resolution Declaring Corsicana ISD a District of Innovation Under House Bill 1842. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Approval of District of Innovation District Advisory Committee**

On a motion by Terry Seth and seconded by Jason Sodd, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the District of Innovation Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Consent Agenda**

On a motion by Jason Sodd and seconded by John Saberton, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of:

- A. Quarterly Investment Report
- B. Monthly Check Register
- C. Previous Meeting Minutes
  - (1) November 28, 2016
  - (2) December 5, 2016
- D. First Public Authorized Representative Add Form
- E. TEXPOOL Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives
- F. Monthly Donations
  - a. Accept Donation in the Amount of \$5000.00 for CMS
  - b. Accept Donation in the Amount of \$5000.00 for CMS

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.