



# CISD BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the Board of Trustees Meeting

**April 3 & April 17, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of the Corsicana Independent School District held a board workshop on April 3, 2017 and a regular board meeting on April 17, 2017. The meetings were called to order by Rev. Monk, President of the Board of Trustees.

## Recognitions

At the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, Ashlynd Ray, a senior at CHS was recognized for her cheerleading accomplishments.

Ashlynd was named All American Cheerleader at the National Cheerleader Association summer camp and was approached by the staff to apply for employment. She was hired and will begin her position with NCA this summer.



Carla Whitt, Health Coordinator of CISD, was recognized for being selected as the Corsicana Daily Sun's First Responder of the week.

The CHS FCCLA team was recognized for taking first place at the FCCLA National Competition in the State of Texas.



### **Bond Program Update**

Marti Shaner gave the Bond Program Update. This included a review of the status of current bond and expenditures.

### **Consider Approval for GMP for Renovations to Collins Intermediate and Sam Houston**

The renovations to Collins Intermediate and Sam Houston Elementary were reviewed. On a motion by Leah Blackard and seconded by Terry Seth, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the GMP Phase II for Collins Intermediate and Sam Houston Elementary renovations for the total amount of \$2,928,448.00. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Campus Improvement Plans – Carroll and Navarro**

Marti Shaner presented the Campus Improvement plans for Carroll and Navarro. On a motion by Terry Seth and seconded by Barbara Kelley, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the Campus Improvement Plans as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Instructional Materials Allotment**

Marti Shaner recommended that the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification for 2017-2018 as presented be approved. On a motion by Barbara Kelley, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the Campus Improvement Plans as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### **District of Innovation Plan Approval**

Dr. Frost presented the Innovation Plan for CISD. On a motion by Leah Blackard and seconded by Barbara Kelley, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the District of Innovation Plan for CISD. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Adoption of the 2017-2018 Instructional Calendar**

CISD is recommending the District approve the 2017-2018 Calendar – Option #1. The early start date is included in the District of Innovation Plan. Three calendars were posted on the website and sent out to the staff, parents, students and community as a survey. Over 600 responses were received and Option #1 was the most preferred calendar. On a motion by Jason Sodd and seconded by Barbara Kelley, the Board of Trustees voted to adopt the 2017-2018 Instructional Calendar – Option #1. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2017-2018 Start and End Times**

Susan Johnson presented the 2017-2018 Start and End Times. The appropriate number of required minutes and days were calculated into the times. The staggered start and end times will also help ease traffic congestion around the Collins Intermediate Campus, Corsicana Middle School and Corsicana High School. Before approving the 2017-2018 school year start and end times, Leah Blackard requested that the district present a survey to students, staff and parents to get their feedback on the staggered times and longer school days. Barbara Kelley asked that the survey

be presented in English and Spanish. Mrs. Kelley also asked that we present the times that the campuses will be open for students to enter the building and have all of this information to present at the May 1, 2017 Board Workshop.

### **Probationary Contracts**

Teachers listed for approval were submitted for review by the board. On a motion by Leah Blackard and seconded by John Saberton, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the teacher probationary contracts as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Special Programs Review**

Elmer Avellaneda gave the Special Programs Review. In this review, it was recommended to discontinue the AVID program at Corsicana High School and Collins Middle School based on the declining student response and enrollment, increase in per pupil expenditures and the AVID student retention rates.

The review also detailed the reorganization and consolidation of the early childhood services for the 2017-2018 academic school year. It was recommended to consolidate the Pre-K administrative and instructional facilitator duties based on the structural/location changes to take place next school year. All pre-k and PPCD students will be housed in one location as opposed to three locations starting in the 2017-2018 school year. This change would eliminate the full time administrative position that is currently being utilized to operate this program.

Mrs. Barbara Kelley would like to see a drawing or rendering of what Drane Learning Center will be like after modifications are made to accommodate the younger students. Mrs. Kelley also expressed major concern if eliminating the AVID program, what will happen to those students who need that extra help. In response, Elmer Avellaneda explained that additional electives will be offered at CHS and CMS to help these students.

On a motion by Terry Seth and seconded by Jason Sodd, the Board of Trustees voted to end the AVID program and eliminate the administrative position currently being utilized for PPCD. The Board of Trustees requested a proposal to be presented at the June 19, 2017 Regular Board meeting of what was being done in the AVID program and how we will incorporate this into the regular curriculum at Corsicana High School and Corsicana Middle School once the AVID program is eliminated. The motion passed.

### **Set Board Meeting to Canvass Election Results**

Corsicana ISD will conduct a school board election for Place 1, Board of Trustees on May 6, 2017. With respect to the date for the canvass meeting, it was noted that the earliest day to canvass the election is Tuesday, May 9 and the last day to canvass is Wednesday, May 17. On a motion by Jason Sodd and seconded by John Saberton, the Board of Trustees voted to approve canvassing the May 6, 2017 election results at the May 15, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Engagement Letter for Audit Services**

Marti Shaner presented the Engagement Letter for Annual Financial Audit for the year ending August 31, 2017 from Anderson, Marx & Bohl, P.C. On a motion by Jason Sodd and seconded by Barbara Kelley, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the engagement letter for audit services as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Technology for New Middle School**

Marti Shaner gave an overview of the technology proposals for the new Corsicana Middle School. The Technology Department secured 3 bids on all work necessary to install technology in the new middle school. Ms. Shaner recommended the lowest bid in each area. Ms. Shaner explained that two of our employees would be doing the cable runs for this campus for all of the interactive boards, all of the batter back up units, all of the wireless access points and the cable runs from the panels to the switches. These two employees are certified to perform these tasks.

Father Monk expressed concerns with pulling these two gentlemen off of their regular duties to accomplish this project. This action item has been postponed until the May 1, 2017 Board Workshop. At the May 1, 2017 workshop Father Monk would like a report on how many man hours it will take our two employees to complete the project at Corsicana Middle School as well as costs associated and the cost to have one of the bidding companies to complete the wiring.

### **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. Monthly Check Register
- B. Monthly Financial Report
- C. Previous Meeting Minutes
  - a. March 20, 2017
  - b. April 3, 2017

The Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting on April 3, 2017 adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

The meeting on April 17, 2017 adjourned at 9:55 P.M.