



CISD Board Report

A Summary of the Board of Trustee Meetings

October 7, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Corsicana Independent School District held a workshop on Monday, October 7, 2019. Mrs. Leah Blackard, President of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order.

Superintendent's Report

SHAC

Carla Whitt, CISD Health Coordinator presented the S.H.A.C. (Student Health Advisory Council) list of committee members. The first meeting will be held on October 9, 2019.

Student Care

Carla Whitt presented the Board with a breakdown by campus of the number of students and staff seen by school nurses last year. She advised the Board of the increased need for student care in Corsicana. Shade Boulware led the discussion on how we can decrease the number of students and staff seen by CISD nurses. Curt Junkins, CEO of Navarro Regional Hospital was present and proposed the implementation of a clinic at one of the campuses. This clinic could be staffed with a Nurse Practitioner for the students and staff to access general medical care. The Incentive Committee will have a meeting next week to discuss this in further detail.

Smart TAG

Richey Cutrer gave an update about the Smart Tag system. CISD is currently using the system for grades K-6 and Special Education buses. Grades 7-12 will begin using the system soon.

HB3

Kim Holcomb gave an overview of the district plans for HB3 State-Mandated Reading Academies. HB3 requires each teacher and principal of K-3 to attend a state-designed, two-week reading academy by the 2021-2022 school year. Following the training, teachers and administrators will be required to successfully complete the Science of Teaching Reading exam. In subsequent years, the training and certification will be required of teachers and administrators in grades 4-5 and 6-8. These requirements will need significant changes in staff development planning and budgeting. The Science of Teaching Reading exam will be required beginning on January 1, 2021 for all teachers seeking new certifications to teach pre-K through 6th grade.



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Stephanie Howell presented the ‘Counselors in the Community’ program that she would like to implement. This program would enable CISD Counselors to visit some of the larger employers in Corsicana to educate parents, while on their lunch break, of the many important things happening at CISD and how to utilize resources available to them. The subject of those meetings would be navigating our website, paying for school lunches online, the Smart Tag system, attendance, etc.

Higher Start Program Evaluation Committee

On a motion made by Barbara Kelley and seconded by Seth Brown, the Board voted to approve Ed Monk (Chair), Cathy Branch and Jamie Roman as the Higher Start Program Evaluation Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Current Committees

Leah Blackard named other members of other committees:

Collins Scholarship Committee: Ed Monk, Barbara Kelley (Chair), Cathy Branch

Employee Incentive Committee: Jamie Roman, Dr. Kent Rogers (Chair), Cathy Branch

Facilities/Bond Committee: Leah Blackard (Chair), Seth Brown, Mike Nielsen

Field House Renovations

Dr. Frost advised the Board that replacement of or renovations to the field house must begin at the end of the 2019 football season in order for the project to be completed by the fall of 2020. She presented the Board with design concepts for their consideration. The Facility/Bond Committee will meet within the next week to begin the planning process.

Constituent Services

Barbara Kelley shared information obtained at the TASA/TASB Conference regarding Constituent Services. The Communication/Community Committee will meet to discuss Constituent Services and create a plan for CISD.

The board workshop on October 7, 2019 adjourned at 7:22 PM/