



CISD Board Report

A Summary of the Board of Trustee Meetings

November 4 & November 18, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Corsicana Independent School District held a workshop on Monday, November 4, 2019 and a regular board meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019. Mrs. Leah Blackard, President of the Board of Trustees, called the meetings to order.

Pledge & Invocation

Students from Bowie Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance. Father Ed Monk gave the invocation.



Superintendent's Report

- The Jingle Bell Jog 1 Mile Fun Run & 5K is set for December 7th in partnership with the YMCA
- All campuses are participating in various holiday drives:
 - Shoe Drive – Bowie Elementary
 - Pet Supply Drive – CMS that is benefitting the Humane Society and Corsicana Animal Shelter
 - Compassion Corsicana Food Pantry
 - Salvation Army
 - Toiletry Drive – Navarro Elementary



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- Penguin Project Information Meetings are set to take place right after Thanksgiving break on Dec. 2nd and 5th and auditions will be held on the 9th in the CHS Auditorium
- CISD Student Representatives will be participating in the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Downtown Corsicana on Nov. 22nd
- Community Sign Language Classes are a huge success. These take place every Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building.
- Thanksgiving Break is November 25th – 29th

Gifted & Talented Program

Jennifer Farmer, Fay Alonzo, and Kayla Simmington along with a group of GT students presented the BOD with current and future projects of the Gifted & Talented Program. They discussed the outline of their current program. The students were able to showcase portfolios they have created while studying different artist's styles.

Habitat for Humanity

Father Ed Monk presented information on current Habitat for Humanity projects. He proposed a land swap for properties near Carroll Elementary. On a motion by Cathy Branch and seconded by Seth brown, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the Habitat for Humanity Land Swap as presented. Father Ed Monk abstained from the vote. The voting results were 6 for and 1 abstained. The motion passed.

CISD Long-Range Technology Plan

Stephanie Howell presented the Long Term Technology Plan that included current and future initiatives for technology throughout the district. Her presentation included goals, initiatives and strategies for technology in curriculum, as a resource for staff and parents, instructional management, cyber security, professional development and more.

CTE Fall Program Review

Bradley Thomason gave an overview of the CTE Program for this fall. This presentation included enrollment numbers, courses, pathways and programs of study, number of certifications earned and funding.

Google Smart Glasses

Jennifer Warren gave an update on the Google Smart Glasses. This presentation connected to the Board of Trustees Core Values:



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- Educate every child – Google Glasses meet the specific, individual needs of children in Special Education
- Provide every child the greatest opportunity to learn – Google Glasses provide learning through active participation, slow release of learning from augmented reality back to real time and un-aided engagement with peers and adults
- Maintain a safe and secure environment – Google Glasses meets students' needs to allow them to communicate effectively which maintains safety for their physical being and emotional health

School Improvement Plans

Kim Holcomb presented the Targeted Improvement Plans for Fannin Elementary, Navarro Elementary and Carroll Elementary. This included a breakdown of the students on each campus and the target areas that need improvement. Using prioritized focus areas, the presentation demonstrated the plans to continue progress and a list of programs and efforts at each school to aid in the overall School Improvement Plans.

Navarro Central Appraisal District

On a motion made by Father Ed Monk and seconded by Barbara Kelley, the Board of Trustees voted to cast 850 votes for Terry Seth and 604.13 for Rosie Kelley to serve on the Navarro Central Appraisal District Board of Trustees for the 2020-2021 term. The motion passed unanimously.

Director of Finance

On a motion by Seth Brown and seconded by Father Ed Monk, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the hiring of Brian Farmer for the Director of Finance position. The motion passed unanimously.

Scope of Work

On a motion made by Barbara Kelley and seconded by Jamie Roman, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the scope of work for the spring and summer of 2020. This included updates to CHS, the auxiliary gymnasium, Fannin Elementary and the CHS Fieldhouse and the construction of a CHS Multi-Purpose Indoor Facility by August of 2020 that will accommodate Soccer, Band, Calicos, Football, Baseball, Softball, etc.

Higher Start Program

Father Ed Monk gave an overview of the Higher Start Program and presented recommendations from the Higher Start Committee. The Higher Start/Dual Credit Committee asks the Board of Trustees to approve the following recommendations:



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1. To no longer offer the Higher Start program beginning with the Class of 2024.
2. To limit the amount of dual credit that CISD will fund for each student to 42 hours from the approved framework (following the Texas Core Curriculum) and the crosswalk presented by the administration.
3. To require students who receive tuition and books at no charge for dual credit classes to maintain a 2.0 average in those classes to continue receiving the benefit.
4. To encourage the administration to develop a plan to test all students for TSI proficiency.
5. To require all students to inform the district at the time of class registration the number of dual credit hours they will take in the following academic year.
6. To limit district-funded dual credit courses to the fall and spring semesters, not including mini-mesters.
7. To amend the policy on flex-periods so that students may only have two (2) such periods beginning with School Year 2020-2021.
8. To amend the graduation requirements of the District so that a Personal Finance CTE course will be a requirement beginning with the Class of 2024.

Employee Incentive Committee

On a motion by Dr. Kent Rogers and seconded by Seth Brown, the Board of Trustees voted to end the contract with Hometown Medical Associates and provide employees with the Well Via Telemedicine option. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Father Ed Monk and seconded by Jamie Roman, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the Consent Agenda that consisted of:

- A. Previous Meeting Minutes
- B. Donations
- C. Budget Amendments
- D. SHAC Committee
- E. Instructional Materials Committee
- F. Snapshot Data
- G. Realtor RFQ
- H. Approve Targeted School Improvement Plans

The board workshop on November 4, 2019 adjourned at 6:35 PM.

The regular meeting on November 28, 2019 adjourned at 5:53 PM.