

Board Notes

Regular August Meeting | 8/19/19
Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 PM
All Trustees Present

Recognitions

The Board Recognized the 2nd Cohort of Pride Prep students selected to participate in the four year program to take college courses through Texas A&M University at Commerce. Of the 30 available spots for the 2019-20 cohort, Community ISD freshmen were selected for 18 of those spots.



Bond Sale

Matthew Boles of RBC Capital Management presented a report to the Board regarding the recent Bond Sale. The Board of Trustees of Community ISD (the "District") approved a Bond Order at a special meeting on July 17, 2019, authorizing the issuance of the District's Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2019 (the "Bonds") assuming a set of stated parameters could be achieved. The District sold the Bonds through a negotiated offering on August 13, 2019 for a total aggregate principal of \$34,370,000 at a true interest of 2.92%.

Bond Update

Chief Financial Officer Greg Buchanan presented an update on completed Bond projects (NeSmith Classroom Addition), ongoing projects (New CHS construction), and upcoming projects (Old CHS to middle school conversion and construction of a 3rd elementary campus)

Academic Update

Chief Learning Officer Christi Cottongame presented the Board a report of the Texas Education Agency accountability scores and ratings. Community ISD earned an A-rating for the 2018-19 school year.

Texas Rural Education
Association
Board of the Year

Region 10 Board of the Year

Texas Association of School
Administrators
Top 5 Honor Board



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REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE HELD ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
(subject to change due to district holidays and other extenuating circumstances)
at the CISD Technology Center in the Terry Pope Administration Building
611 N FM 1138, Nevada, TX, 75173

Public Meetings begin at approximately 7 PM
Meeting schedules, agendas and official minutes are available at www.communityisd.org/board

**Community High School earned three Distinctions:
Mathematics, Comparative Academic Growth,
and Postsecondary Readiness**

**McClendon Elementary School earned one Distinction:
Comparative Academic Growth**

**NeSmith Elementary School earned one Distinction :
Science**

New CISD Police Officer

Community ISD Chief of Police introduced Officer Holland (pictured right) as the 4th member of the Community ISD Police Department. Officer Holland has worked as an SRO for 12 years and has a total of 27 years of experience as a police officer.



Cybersecurity Policy

Director of Technology Brie Kayser presented information to the Board regarding SB 820 and Cybersecurity Framework. SB 820 requires each school district to establish a cybersecurity policy that determines the cybersecurity risks to the district and a plan to mitigate those risks.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

The Board discussed HB 2840, signed into law after this Legislative Session, which adds a new provision to the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA). The new law, relating to public participation during board meetings, goes into effect on September 1, 2019. Therefore, Boards and Superintendents will want to ensure that their policies and practices reflect this law. Historically, it has been the case that school boards were not required to set aside time for public comment at board meetings, though many did so through local policy BED. With HB 2840, however, all governmental bodies – including school boards – must “allow each member of the public who desires to address the body regarding an item on an agenda for an open meeting of the body to address the body regarding the item at the meeting before or during the body’s consideration of the item.” The new law also states that governmental bodies cannot “prohibit public criticism of the governmental body,” which includes criticism of any “act, omission, policy, procedure, program, or service” of the body.

Campus Improvement Plans

Each campus principal shared highlights from the 2018-19 school year and summarized the focus of the campus for the upcoming academic year:

- CHS Principal Westfall highlighted the new programs for 2019-20 include AVID, Adult Transition, New CTE Programs including Autotech, Cosmetology, Education and Training.
- EMS Principal Ryan highlighted new initiatives for 2019-20, including STAAR Subject PLC Meeting Everyday, Parent Instructional Tours, Fall and Spring Student meetings with the Principal, and Fall and Spring Parent meetings with the Principal.
- McClendon Principal Salinas updated the Board on the campus plans to implement instructional rounds, additional Staff/Community events to give voice to stakeholders, monthly videos highlighting campus events and day to day activities, host coffee with the counselor quarterly meeting with parents, and ensure a common formative assessment structure.
- NeSmith Principal Klutz shared their new campus initiatives including: Morning Meeting in every classroom for “Community Building”, monthly differentiated professional development for teachers,

Intentional attendance monitoring and celebrating with “HERO” (Here, Every Day, Ready, and On Time), No Worksheet Wednesdays, adding Makerspace into rotations, and ensuring monthly teacher to teacher learning walk throughs.

Action Items

The Board approved the Consent Agenda including previous meeting Minutes, financial reports, investment reports, the Plano ISD SPED Agreement, Financial Reports, Renewal of Property and Casual Insurance, and an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Political SubDivision.

Chief Financial Officer Greg Buchanan presented information on the purchase of a Trailer to be utilized by the Band Program. Lone Star Truck and Trailer was the lone responder to the RFP. The Board approved the purchase of the trailer.

The board approved a budget amendment from the general fund balance to the general fund for the purchase of a new trailer.

Chief Financial Officer Greg Buchanan presented information on policy CW (LOCAL) regarding the temporary naming of the DAEP facility as Braves Academy. The Board approved the temporary name of the DAEP facility.

Chief of Organizational Management Alphonso Bates introduced Ms. Dabney Eiland (pictured right) for approval as the new CHS Assistant Principal/DAEP Coordinator. Ms. Eiland comes to the Brave Nation from Richardson ISD with 13 years of experience in education.



The Board Approved the schedule and evaluators for the TTESS & TPESS Appraisal Calendar.

The Board Approved the Adoption of the 2019-20 Tax Rate

The Board Approved the 2019-20 Student Code of Conduct

Adjournment

8:24 PM