

## **Board of Trustees**

**March 28, 2024**

The Board of Trustees of the Crowley Independent School District met on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Crowley ISD Administration Building, 1900 Crowley Pride Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76036. A quorum of Board members was present. The meeting was duly called and notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

## **ROLL CALL**

### **THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:**

Daryl Davis  
June W. Davis  
Gary Grassia  
Mia Hall  
Nedra Robinson  
Kelicia Stevenson

## **Executive Session**

The Board of Trustees convened in Executive Session beginning at 6:09 p.m. and returned to open session at 6:54 p.m.

## **Celebrations / Board Points of Pride**

No action was taken.

## **Superintendent Report**

A Superintendent Report was not delivered during this meeting.

## **Recognition Item(s)**

### **Battle of the Books Winners**

The administration recognized first-place winners from the annual Battle of the Books competition:

- 3rd grade: Oakmont Elementary School
- 4th grade: Bess Race Elementary School
- 5th grade: Deer Creek Elementary School
- 6th grade: Crowley Middle School
- 7th grade: Summer Creek Middle School

### **Black History Quiz Bowl and Art Show Winners**

February marked the celebration of Black History Month, and at Crowley ISD, we celebrated the heritage, histories, cultures, and contributions of Black Americans who have positively influenced our nation. The theme for this year was African Americans in the Arts. The district hosted its annual Black History Bowl at North Crowley High School on Saturday, February 24.

The competition was a team event, with four students per team and one alternate. There were two age divisions, one for elementary students (grades 3-5) and another for senior students (grades 6-12).

### **Crowley ISD Heartbeat Team Award**

Stina Tomlin, an Agriculture Science Teacher at the Bill R. Johnson CTE Center, was recognized as the February – March 2024 Heartbeat Team Award winner.

### **CISD Student School Board Trustee Program**

#### **Introductions and Updates from Student Trustees**

Student Trustees Rose Jones from (CHS) and Mikayla Nicholas from (NCHS) were introduced and provided feedback and updates from their campuses.

#### **District Follow Up to Prior Concerns**

The administration will follow up to concerns raised by student trustees from previous meetings.

#### **Report Item(s)**

#### **Agricultural Science Program Highlights**

The Agricultural Science presentation will feature an overview of this CTE program that includes a coherent sequence of courses, career and technical student organizations and work-based learning opportunities for more than 400 high school students in CISD.

#### **Bond 2023 Update: Crowley High School New Campus Design**

The administration and VLK Architects provided construction updates on:

- Crowley Montessori Academy scheduled to open in fall 2024
- Crowley High School new campus scheduled to open in fall 2027

#### **Current Advertised Bids**

In an effort to maintain compliance with all associated procurement standards, policies, and statutes, and more specifically, the "no contact period" provisions of the aforementioned standards and statutes, our CISD Purchasing Department will prepare a list of all open Requests for Proposals (RFP's). This list will be distributed to all CISD administrators. The list may also be presented as an agenda item at an open Board Meeting. District Administration presented all open RFP's as of March 28, 2024.

#### **Update on Rational Budget Management and Reallocation Process**

Dr. McFarland provided an update on the Rational Budget Management Framework and associated timeline.

#### **Open Forum**

No one spoke during open forum.

**No. 8600 Consent Agenda**

Member (**Nedra Robinson**) Moved; Member (**Daryl Davis**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Recommend approval of the consent agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 6 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Daryl Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Dr. Mia Hall	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes
Kelicia Stevenson	Yes

- Approval of the Consent Agenda
- Approval of the February 8, 2024, Called Board Meeting Minutes and the February 22, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Financial Statements
- Budget Amendment
- Ratification of Online Tutoring Services Agreement
- Acceptance of Grant Award: Stronger Connection Grant

*CISD Vice President No. 2, Dr. Mia Hall departed from the meeting at 8:16 p.m.*

**Consideration and Possible Action Item(s)**

**No. 8601 May 4, 2024, Board of Trustees Election Certification Of Unopposed Candidate**

Member (**Kelicia Stevenson**) Moved, Member (**Daryl Davis**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'I recommend the approval of the May 4, 2024 Board of Trustees Election Certification of Unopposed Candidate declaring June W. Davis, CISD School Board Member, Place 4'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Daryl Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes
Kelicia Stevenson	Yes

**No. 8602 Rezoning of Elementary School Attendance Zone Boundaries**

Member (**Nedra Robinson**) Moved, Member (**Kelicia Stevenson**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Recommend approval of the elementary school attendance zone boundary rezoning as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion passed Unanimously 5 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Daryl Davis	Yes

Gary Grassia	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes
Kelicia Stevenson	Yes

**No. 8603 Localized Policy Manual Update**

Member (**Kelicia Stevenson**) Moved, Member (**Nedra Robinson**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Move to set Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. to canvass ballots for the May 4, 2024 Crowley ISD Board of Trustees election'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion passed Unanimously 5 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Daryl Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes
Kelicia Stevenson	Yes

**Future Action Item(s)**

**Grant Awards: Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) 2 Award Notification**

Additional Days School Year- Summer Learning Accelerator

Amount Awarded: \$476,088

Grant Funds Available: March through September 2024

High-quality, evidence-based summer learning programs help to prevent summer slide, i.e., learning loss created by the lack of student engagement in rigorous content between academic school years. Prekindergarten through 5th grade campuses who meet Additional Days School Year (ADSY) eligibility requirements in the 2023-2024 school year are eligible for this grant. This grant program guides LEAs through a 3-month accelerated support planning process to design a summer learning program aligned with research-based best practices in academics, operations, and enrichment activities.

School Action Fund- Planning

Amount Awarded: \$370,000

Grant Funds Available: March through September 2024

The School Action Fund (SAF) grant provides technical assistance, resources, and grant funds to support the planning and implementation of school actions for, and at, individual campuses. School districts also receive support in adopting a broader continuous improvement strategy to improve schools and provide parents and families with the schools and programs they want, need, and deserve. A maximum of six grants will be awarded to any individual LEA across all actions.

Technology Lending Grant

Amount Awarded: \$180,000

Grant Funds Available: February 2024 through April 2025

Purpose of Grant:

The Technology Lending Grant program provides students equipment necessary to access and use digital instructional materials at school and at home.

This item will be brought back during a future board meeting for consideration and possible action.

### **Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD) Shared Service Agreement / Membership**

There are three basic systems in place that provide public deaf education services in the state of Texas. A student may receive services from one or more of these systems:

- LEA - Local education agency (home school district)
- RDSPD - Regional Day School Programs for the Deaf
- TSD – Texas School for the programs were developed to help maximize resources and staff, to better serve students throughout the state. Each RDSPD is unique and may offer various services depending on the number of students they serve, as well as other factors.

Crowley Independent School District (Crowley ISD) is the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf for the following Region 11 school districts:

Alvarado, Burleson, Cleburne, Everman, Joshua, Johnson County Shared Services Arrangement (Godley, Grandview, Keene, Rio Vista)

Crowley ISD serves as the Fiscal Agent for the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf. The contract between the Fiscal Agent and shared service arrangement district is renewed annually by the Board of Trustees. This item will be brought back during a future board meeting for consideration and possible action.

### **Renewal of Skyward ERP System Agreement**

Skyward is the district's current Enterprise Resource Planning software. This is the software system that integrates into a single system:

- Student Applications
- Human Resource Applications
- Business Applications

The district's current contract expires on 06/30/2024. As such, the Administration is presenting and recommending the renewal of this agreement as a future action item. This item will be brought back during a future board meeting for consideration and possible action.

### **Consideration and Possible Action Item(s)**

#### **No. 8604 Consider Making a Finding that an Employee Resigned Their Contract After the 45<sup>th</sup> Day Before the First Day of Instruction of the 2023 – 2024 School Year Without Good Cause**

Member (**Daryl Davis**) Moved, Member (**Nedra Robinson**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion "The Board makes a finding that good cause did not exist under Texas

Education Code section 21.210(c)(2) for **Benjamin Lyda** resignation of his probationary contract for the 2023-2024 school year; the Board did not consent to his resignation; **Benjamin Lyda** has failed to perform his contract; and The Board authorizes the Superintendent to file a complaint with the State Board for Educator Certification to seek sanctions for his abandonment of contract'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion passed Unanimously 5 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Daryl Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes
Kelicia Stevenson	Yes

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

PRESIDENT *LaTonya Woodson-Mayfield*

SECRETARY *N. Robinson*