

Board of Trustees

August 26, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Crowley Independent School District met on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Crowley ISD Administration Building, 512 Peach Street, Crowley, 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:

*June W. Davis

Gary Grassia

Mia Hall

La Tonya Mayfield

Ryan Ray

Nedra Robinson

***Board Member participated virtually.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Celebrations

Board Secretary, Nedra Robinson commended Colecia Williams, Principal at North Crowley 9th Grade Campus for hosting a very well attended Meet the Teacher event.

Board Member, June W. Davis commended Superintendent Dr. McFarland for the very motivational and inspirational content in his weekly messages.

Ms. Davis participated virtually during this meeting. During her comments, she explained that she tested positive for COVID-19 and, although she was over the designated quarantine, she wanted to allow herself extra time before she came in contact with other people. During her closing comments, she expressed her gratitude for being able to participate virtually.

Board Member, Dr. Mayfield commended all staff that worked to plan and organize the Crowley ISD Family Reunion – Convocation event hosted at the BRJ CTE Center on Friday, August 6, 2021. She added “it was a wonderful event and a great way to kickoff the start of the school year.

Board Assistant Secretary, Ryan Ray commended campuses for First Day of School Red Carpet events that were planned at each campus. During his closing comments, he also highlighted the District’s current student enrollment of 16,200 by saying “is the highest it has ever been in Crowley ISD.”

Recognition Item(s)

Introduction of Crowley ISD Police Officers

This item was moved to the September 30, 2021 Board Meeting.

Open Forum

The following individuals spoke during open forum:

Ryan Claybourn
Angie Hunt
Devyn Claybourn
Mysti Shain
Dr. Lizdelia Pinon
Daniel Olivas
Maria Figueroa-Rodriguez
Bryce Lang
Rubert Baker
Jessica Emanuel
Natosha Tucker

The following individuals submitted comments to be read during Open Forum:

Italia De La Cruz
Jody Hoover
Diana M. Acosta

Report Item(s)

Student Enrollment Numbers for the 2021-2022 School Year

The District Administration provided information regarding current student enrollment numbers for the 2021-2022 school year.

No. 8259 Consent Agenda

Member (**Ryan Ray**) Moved, Member (**La Tonya Mayfield**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Recommend the approval of Consent Agenda as presented '. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye:6 Nay: 0. The motion Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
La Tonya Mayfield	Yes
Ryan Ray	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes

- Approval of Consent Agenda
- Approval of the July 29, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Financial Statements
- Budget Amendment
- Teacher Appraisers for 2021-2022 School Year
- District Math Innovation Zone Sustainability Grant
- Board Policy Update 117
- T-Mobile Wi-Fi Hotspots Renewal Ratification Emergency Connectivity Fund
- Approval of Fine Arts Band Instrument Replacement Cycle Ratification of Purchase- All CISD Secondary Campuses
- CISD Sports Complex Drainage Easement

Consideration and Possible Action Item(s)

No. 8260 American Airlines Donation to Crowley ISD Aviation Program

Member (**Gary Grassia**) Moved, Member (**Nedra Robinson**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion ' Recommend acceptance of the donation from American Airlines to the Crowley ISD Aviation Program as presented.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
La Tonya Mayfield	Yes
Ryan Ray	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes

No. 8261 Adoption of the 2021-2022 Tax Rate

Member (Gary Grassia) Moved, Member (Nedra Robinson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion ' Recommend acceptance of the donation from American Airlines to the Crowley ISD Aviation Program as presented.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
La Tonya Mayfield	Yes
Ryan Ray	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes

No. 8263 Approval of Parameters Resolution for Bond Sale – Remaining \$12 Million From 2002 Bond

Member (**Ryan Ray**) Moved, Member (**Gary Grassia**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion ' I move to adopt an order authorizing the issuance and sale of “Crowley Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2021.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
La Tonya Mayfield	Yes
Ryan Ray	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes

No. 8264 Approval to Submit a Remote Homebound Waiver to the Texas Education Agency

Member (**June W. Davis**) Moved, Member (**La Tonya Mayfield**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Recommend approval Remote Homebound Waiver for Physician-referred Medically Fragile students as presented.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
La Tonya Mayfield	Yes
Ryan Ray	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes

No. 8265 Texas Association of School Boards Position Region 11D Endorsement

Member (**Ryan Ray**) Moved, Member (**Nedra Robinson**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'The CISD school board endorses the candidacy of the following individual nominated to fill a position on the TASB Board of Directors: Region 11, Position D: Corinne Finch.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
La Tonya Mayfield	Yes
Ryan Ray	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes

No. 8266 Discussion and Action to Publicly Support Resolution Regarding the Necessity that School Boards be Able to Make Local Decisions Regarding the Health and Safety of Students and Employees

Member (**Nedra Robinson**) Moved, Member (**La Tonya Mayfield**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion ' Recommend approval of the Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Crowley Independent School District Requesting the Governor to Allow the District to Make Local Decisions Regarding COVID-19 as presented.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
La Tonya Mayfield	Yes
Ryan Ray	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes

Future Action Item(s)

Partnership with Ryan Family YMCA Pool Expansion for UIL Competition

One of the capital projects identified in the 2002 Bond Package was the construction of a CISD Natatorium. CISD has worked with the leadership of the Ryan Family YMCA to develop a plan to expand the four (4) lane pool at Ryan YMCA to an eight (8) lane pool, thereby satisfying UIL competition requirements for our CISD swim program.

We believe that this partnership will be of benefit to Crowley ISD student athletes for many years to come. This item will be brought back as an action item during a future board meeting.

Student Code of Conduct

The board was presented with the 2021-22 Student Code of Conduct for review, consideration and feedback. This item will be brought back as an action item during the September Board Meeting.

Public Hearing

Overview of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Grant Funds

Through the American Rescue Plan, \$122 billion dollars have been designated within the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds for school districts across America. Texas will receive over \$12 billion.

In total, Crowley ISD will receive a total of approximately \$25 million. 2/3 of those funds are released now which is approximately \$16.7 million, and the remaining funds of \$8.3 million will be released at later time through TEA.

The purpose of this grant is to help address learning loss from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students. It will also help to safely reopen schools. Some of the allowable items with this grant are:

- Extended Learning

- Summer Learning
- Professional Development
- English Language Learner Support
- Social and Emotional Support
- Technology

No. 8267 Acceptance of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Grant Funds

Member (**Nedra Robinson**) Moved, Member (**La Tonya Mayfield**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion ' Recommend acceptance of the ESSER III grant funds as presented.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
La Tonya Mayfield	Yes
Ryan Ray	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes

Adjournment of Public Hearing

Executive Session

The Board of Trustees convened in Executive Session beginning at 8:02 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:58 p.m.

Consideration and Possible Action Item(s)

No. 8268 Ratification to Authorize Previous Legal Action by the District

Member (**Ryan Ray**) Moved, Member (**Gary Grassia**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'I move that we ratify the Superintendent’s decision to authorize legal counsel to file a lawsuit against Governor Abbott and / or the State of Texas to allow the District to make local decisions regarding health and safety of students and employees. '. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye:6 Nay: 0. The motion Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
La Tonya Mayfield	Yes
Ryan Ray	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes

No. 8269 Employment of Administrative Personnel – Special Education Coordinator for Behavior & Psychological Services

Member (**Nedra Robinson**) Moved, Member (**Gary Grassia**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion "Recommend the approval of Tamika Williams for Special Education Coordinator for Behavior & Psychological Services as presented '. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye:6 Nay: 0. The motion Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
La Tonya Mayfield	Yes
Ryan Ray	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes

No. 8270 Employment of Administrative Personnel – Coordinator – P-TECH / CTE Innovation

Member (Nedra Robinson) Moved, Member (Gary Grassia) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion "Recommend the approval of Kimberly Wrick for Coordinator of P-TECH / CTE Innovation as presented '. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye:6 Nay: 0. The motion Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
La Tonya Mayfield	Yes
Ryan Ray	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

ASSISTANT SECRETARY 

APPROVED _____