

## **Board of Trustees**

**January 28, 2021**

The Board of Trustees of the Crowley Independent School District met in an Emergency Called Study Session on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.045 upon the following agenda.

Public participation in this meeting was made accessible by calling 1 (346) 248-7799 or (669) 900-6833 (toll free) and using the meeting ID 982 1338 8856# to join the teleconference. Or, they can join via Zoom: <https://crowley-k12-tx-us.zoom.us/j/98213388856>.

A quorum of Board members was present. The meeting was duly called and notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 551.041 and 551.045 of Texas Government Code, pursuant to public notice of this meeting and as allowed by the Texas Attorney's General issuance of temporary suspensions to certain Open Meeting laws due to the COVID-19 epidemic and closures.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Lyndsaе Benton  
June W. Davis  
Gary Grassia  
Mia Hall  
Ryan Ray  
Nedra Robinson

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Public Hearing**

#### **2019-2020 Texas Academic Performance Report**

The Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR) pull together a wide range of information on the performance of students in each school and district in Texas every year. Performance is shown disaggregated by student groups, including ethnicity and socioeconomic status. The reports also provide extensive information on school and district staff, programs and student demographics.

Highlights from the 2019-2020 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) and other requirements from TEA were shared during the public hearing.

### **Adjournment – Public Hearing**

### **Call to Order of Regular Board Meeting**

### **Open Forum**

No one spoke during Open Forum.

## **Board Celebrations**

Trustee June W. Davis commended Mrs. Trina Harris, CISD Director of Counseling Services for all of her efforts in planning and coordinating The Mental Health Matters: Because the New Normal is Not Normal At All Conference which took place on Friday, January 22, 2021. The CISD Mental Health Matters Conference provided professional development in the form of Zoom Sessions featuring several guest speakers which covered many mental health and self-care topics for all CISD staff.

Trustee Davis also commended Dr. Betty Lewis for her efforts in planning and coordinating the Crowley ISD's Virtual Superintendent All Pro Dad Draft Day event which took place on Thursday, January 21, 2021. Ms. Davis stated "thank you and everyone involved in planning this event and thank you for your forward thinking and for creating and providing a space for dads." Ms. Davis also thanked all CISD staff, the sponsors, the fathers and mothers that participated in the event.

Vice President Gary Grassia thanked staff throughout the district for the Board Appreciation acknowledgements that were received during the month of January. He shared that "he felt overwhelmed by the outpouring of support.

Board Secretary Nedra Robinson echoed Mr. Grassia sentiments. She stated "words can express the gratitude for the outpouring of support that was received." She added "thank you for the notes and for the gifts." "It is a pleasure to serve CISD and I appreciate each and every one of you."

Board President Mia Hall also thanked district staff for the outpouring of love. Hall stated, "because of you, I was forced to visit my mailbox daily." "I feel so appreciated." "Thank you for the added forethought of mailing and delivering packages to our homes."

## **Recognition Item(s)**

### **School Board Recognition Month**

Crowley ISD joins school districts across the state in celebrating January as School Board Recognition Month. Our trustees are extraordinary volunteers who play a crucial role in our schools and in our community. They receive no pay for their dedicated efforts. They not only volunteer their time and effort for our local schools, but they also speak up for our system of public education on a statewide level.

These public servants attend meetings, read detailed reports, listen to parents' concerns and do the hard work to benefit the students and the community at large. They bring a variety of skills and backgrounds to their task, and they take their responsibilities seriously. And the whole community benefits from their vigilance in providing great schools.

Each January, we pause in our regular activities to say THANK YOU to these dedicated volunteers. We appreciate their generous sharing of time and energy on behalf of our children and our communities. Crowley ISD school board members are "Navigating Students to Success" in our district.

## **2020-21 Crowley ISD Board of Trustees**

Mia Hall, President

Gary Grassia, Vice President

Nedra Robinson, Secretary

Ryan Ray, J.D., Assistant Secretary

Lyndsae M. Benton, Trustee

June W. Davis, Trustee

Dr. La Tonya Woodson-Mayfield, Trustee

## **Athletics Recognitions**

Student-athletes from multiple programs across Crowley ISD were recognized for fall 2020 accomplishments.

NCHS Cross Country

- 2 runners qualified to compete at the Regional Meet in Lubbock

All District Honors: NCHS volleyball

- 1 player named to First Team All-District

All District Honors: CHS football

- 2 players named to First Team All-District

All-District Honors: NCHS football

- 11 players named to First Team All-District
- Quinton Jackson – Co-Offensive MVP
- Coach Allen and Staff were named Co-Coaching Staff of the year

NCHS football

- Finished with a winning record for the first time in over a decade
- First playoff win in 17 years, earning the 2020 Bi-District Champion title with a thrilling comeback victory at Globe Life Field that we'll never forget.
- Honored at by Mayor Price, Councilmember Jungus Jordan and the Fort Worth City Council with an official proclamation.

## **Heartbeat Team Award**

### **CISD Heartbeat Team Award**

The entire Crowley ISD Child Nutrition staff received the recognition of the January 2021 Heartbeat Team Award winner.

## **Report Item(s)**

### **BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative Rebate**

Crowley ISD is a member of The Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard). The Cooperative helps school districts and other government entities streamline the procurement process and increase our purchasing power. Each year, the Cooperative issues rebates to its members proportional to the amount of their purchases on the BuyBoard.

Since 2006, The Local Government Purchasing Cooperative has rebated a total of almost \$70 million to members. The Cooperative is endorsed by the Texas Association of Counties, Texas Municipal League, Texas Association of School Administrators, and Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). The Cooperative is also a Strategic Partner with the Texas Association of School Business Officials.

Crowley ISD has received a rebate check of \$74,346.95 for the 2019-20 fiscal year as a result of the district's purchases made through the Cooperative. In the last year, Crowley ISD has used the BuyBoard to purchase a variety of products, including equipment, furniture, supplies and miscellaneous contracted services.

### **Budget Development Process**

The Administration presented the calendar that will help guide the 2020-2021 budget process for board review. The calendar includes dates in which the District will be presenting reports to the Board of Trustees along with any additional information found necessary to assist with the understanding of the budget process.

### **2020-21 Request for Proposals (RFP) Schedule**

Each year, the CISD Purchasing Department engages with hundreds of external vendors in the process of procuring goods and services for the instructional and operational functions of the CISD. In keeping with State statute relative to purchasing contracts and, more specifically, those that may exceed the threshold of \$50,000 per annum, the CISD Purchasing Department issues solicitations from various vendors through a mechanism referred to as Requests for Proposals (RFP's). The administration has updated its schedule for those planned RFP solicitations for FY 2020-21 and beyond.

### **Early Childhood Initiatives at David L. Walker Elementary School**

David L. Walker Elementary School is the proposed location for the district's new Early Learners Academy, Early Head Start and Montessori programs. The administration will discuss these programs and the plans for renovations that will be needed in nine classrooms to accommodate these programs.

### **Teacher Incentive Allotment Overview**

House Bill (HB3) established an optional local teacher designation system and the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) that are dedicated to recruiting, rewarding, and retaining effective teachers in all schools, with particular emphasis on high-need schools. CISD plans to submit an application to TEA this spring to implement a local teacher designation system. An overview of the TIA was presented to the Trustees.

## **No. 8188 Consent Agenda**

Member (**Nedra Robinson**) Moved, Member (**Ryan Ray**) 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.

- Approval of the Consent Agenda
- Approval of the December 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the January 14, 2021 Called Board Meeting Minutes
- Financial Statements
- Budget Amendment
- May 1, 2021 CISD Board of Trustees Order of Election
- May 1, 2021 Crowley ISD Board of Trustees Election Resolution to Enter Into Joint Election Agreement with Tarrant County Elections
- May 1, 2021 Crowley ISD Board of Trustees Election Resolution to Enter Into Joint Elections Agreement with the City of Crowley
- Late Work Policy Revisions
- District Improvement Plan with Board Goals and Progress Monitoring

Lyndsaе Benton	Yes
June Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
Ryan Ray	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes

### **Future Action Item(s)**

#### **CISD Police Department Purchase of Two Vehicles**

The newly established CISD Police Department has obtained a quote for the purchase of two (2) outfitted police sport utility vehicles (SUV's). These vehicles will be assigned to the CISD Chief of Police and the Patrol Sergeant. The District has obtained competitive pricing using the vendors that submitted to the TIPS USA Bid No. 200206.

### **Executive Session**

The Board of Trustees did not convene in Executive Session.

During her closing comments, Board President Hall commended the CISD Communications and Marketing Department. She stated, “thank you for keeping us all connected, informed and encouraged.” “The excellence that you bring is greatly appreciated.” Again, she thanked all of CISD Staff for the thought and efforts that went into planning Board Appreciation.

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m

PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_

ASSISTANT SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_