

Crowley ISD Board of Trustees

Unofficial Summary of Actions

December 14, 2017



BOARD CELEBRATIONS

Board Secretary Lyndsae Benton praised Deer Creek Elementary Principal MaLisa Horton, who spoke on a principals' panel to a room full of district and campus leaders from 77 districts around the region on Dec. 14. Benton said Horton represented Crowley ISD very well.

The Fine Arts Academy Showcase was a phenomenal event, said Board Member Dr. La Tonya Mayfield, who attended the packed event on Dec. 7 at the Crowley High School Auditorium. "Well done, Fine Arts Department," Mayfield said.

Board Member Gary Grassia was excited to be among the judges for the Lone Star Chef competition sponsored by Aramark on Dec. 12 at the Bill R. Johnson Career and Technology Education Center. Culinary students were challenged to create a dish with limited time and a few surprise ingredients. Students who competed were "a great group of talented young people," Grassia said.

RECOGNITION ITEMS

The **Fort Worth Civic Orchestra** chose a carol written by Oakmont Elementary School students as the first place winner in its annual carol writing contest. The students wrote their own lyrics and melodies for "The Senses of Christmas." It has been arranged for full orchestra and will be presented as a part of the orchestra's **Teddy Bear Concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 16 in Truett Auditorium** on the Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary campus. Jennifer Avrett is the music teacher at Oakmont Elementary School, and the principal is Dr. Kim Scoggins. Click below to hear the students sing their song.

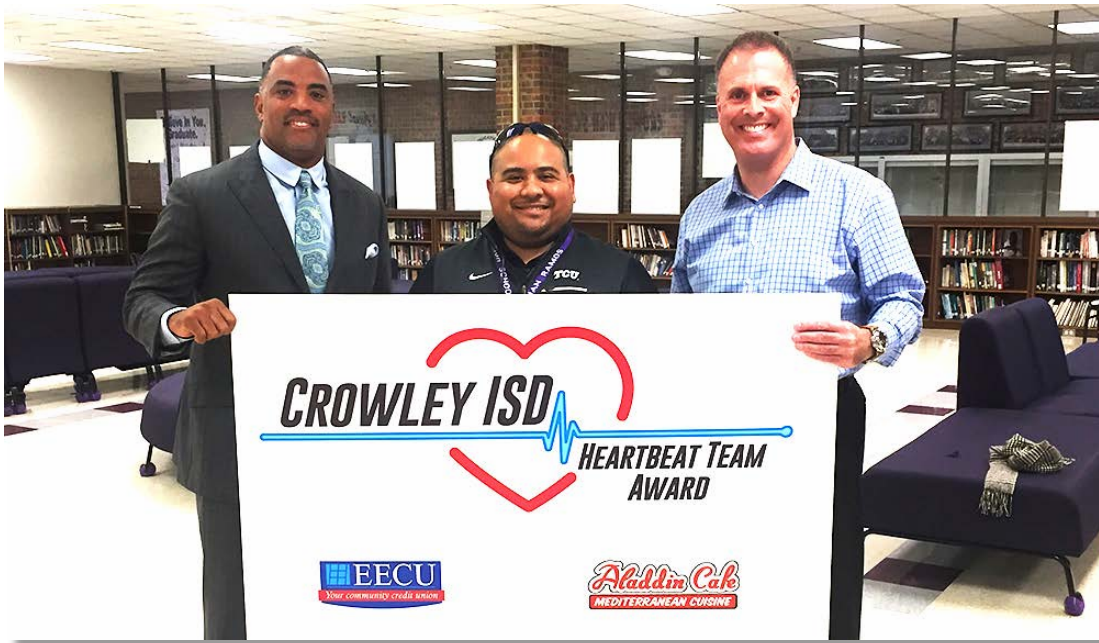


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The **Heartbeat Team Award** winner for December (Juan Carlos Ramos, Crowley High School) was introduced. [Watch to learn](#) more about Ramos and why he's the heartbeat of Crowley ISD.



(Superintendent Dr. Michael McFarland, Juan Carlos Ramos and Crowley High School Principal Robert Gillies)

BOARD REPORT ITEMS

Heard a report on **Continuing Education for School Board Members**. All board members have met their state requirements.

Heard a **TASA/TASB Conference Debrief**. Dr. La Tonya Mayfield discussed what she learned during a workshop about building relationships and community involvement.

OPEN FORUM

Maureen Harrison spoke about concerns regarding actions of a teacher.

Koletha Taylor also spoke on the Harrisons' behalf, raising similar concerns about the actions of a teacher.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the **Nov. 30 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the Dec. 7 Called Board Meeting Minutes.**

Approved the **November 2017 Financial Statements.**

DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Approved 2017-18 **District and Campus Improvement Plans.** Under new leadership in 2017-18 and a commitment to move from compliance toward excellence, the district is researching best practices for continuous improvement to create a new framework for school improvement. As living documents, District and Campus Improvement Plans are consistently updating throughout the year as the district continues to refine strategies to reach the desired outcome.

Approved **2018-19 New Course Offerings.** New courses include:

- African American Studies (Special Topics in Social Studies) - Grades 11 & 12 for state elective credit
- History Through Film (Special Topics in Social Studies) - Grades 11 & 12 for state elective credit
- Social Issues (Special Topics in Social Studies) - Grades 11 & 12 for state elective credit
- Pre-AP Government - geared for Grade 10, state credit
- Methodology for Personal Success - Grades 9-12 for state elective credit

Approved **DMAC Solutions Contract** with Education Service Center (ESC) Region 11. DMAC Solutions is a data management tool that provides ease of use for teachers and campus leaders to access student achievement data as well as a test item bank that will allow district and campus level formation of common assessments.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

Heard an update on **the 2018-19 School Year Calendar.** A draft calendar is being developed with various stakeholders and will be brought to the board for approval at a future meeting.

Heard an update on the **Turnaround Plan at J.A. Hargrave Elementary School.** One of the Texas Education Agency requirements for a campus that has been identified as “Improvement Required” for two consecutive years is that the campus develop a Turnaround Plan. The plan is to be made available for public comment a minimum of 30 days prior to Board of Trustees approval. The plan will be presented for Board of Trustees approval at the Jan. 25, 2018 meeting.

Heard an update on the **May 5, 2018 Board of Trustees – Order of Election.** The finalized Order of Election will be presented for discussion and action during the Jan. 25, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board discussed personnel items.

BOARD ACTIONS

Approved finding that good cause did not exist for a teacher to resign his contract in the middle of the 2017-18 school year and directed administration to file a complaint with the State Board of Educators Certification to seek sanctions for abandonment of contract.



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