

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Trustees held a public meeting to discuss the **Optional Flexible School Day Program** (**OFSDP**). A school district may offer to provide flexible hours and days of attendance for students at risk of dropping out of school or as a result of attendance requirements under state law, or will be denied credit for one or more classes. OFSDP allows CISD to develop and make application for a program providing this flexible time. To participate, the board must hold a public hearing on the proposed application.

#### **BOARD CELEBRATIONS**

Board President June Davis thanked Interim Superintendent Dr. Patricia Linares, Superintendent's Secretary Catherine Montalvo and Executive Director of Communications and Marketing Anthony Kirchner for their work in preparing for the superintendent search. "They have done an amazing job," Davis said.

Board Vice President Mia Hall thanked Chief of Student Services Stan Swann, the Fine Arts Department and the many others who worked on Crowley ISD's float in the City of Crowley's Celebration of Freedom Parade in July. She noted that CISD had a float for the first time since she has been on the board, and it was great to see the teamwork involved to make that possible.

#### **REPORT ITEMS**

Since partnering 17 months ago with the energy conservation company Cenergistic, Crowley ISD has saved more than \$1 million in energy costs and has received the **Cenergistic Energy Excellence Award**. Twenty-five CISD buildings also have earned the Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR Certification. To earn ENERGY STAR Certification, buildings must rate in the top 25 percent nationwide for energy efficiency.



(Energy Specialist Jamie Berryman and Board President June Davis)





(All of Crowley ISD's campuses received ENERGY STAR certifications, Principals were recognized at the July board meeting.)

The Board of Trustees thanked members of the **CISD Maintenance Department** for successfully remodeling the boardroom in a way that professionally reflects the great work of trustees and staff who serve the students of CISD. Board President June Davis presented a special plaque to department members.



(Board President June Davis and Executive Director of Non-Instructional Services Randy Reaves)



(Board President June Davis and members of the Maintenance Department)



### CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the June 29, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the July 17, 2017 Called Board Meeting Minutes.

Approved the **Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP).** The program will provide an additional opportunity for students on any secondary level campuses with special circumstances to have a more accommodating schedule.

Approved the June 2017 Financial Statements.

Approved **Communities in Schools.** An agreement was reached with Communities in Schools (CIS) to place social workers at 11 campuses: Parkway Elementary, Mary Harris Intermediate, Crowley Learning Center, Crowley High School, North Crowley High School, Crowley High School 9th, North Crowley High School 9th, Crowley Middle School, David L. Walker Intermediate, Meadowcreek Elementary and H.F. Stevens Middle School. The budgetary impact is \$440,000 annually, to be paid in two equal payments of \$220,000 to Communities in Schools. The board also discussed the possible expansion of the program.

Approved the **TCU Advise Partnership Memorandum of Understanding** (MOU). Under the agreement, Crowley and North Crowley high schools each have a full-time college adviser who works with students and staff to increase awareness, preparation, and college-going disposition at the campus. Activities include SAT/ACT prep workshops, scholarship assistance, college and financial aid applications, college visits and information sessions. TCU College Advising Corps works to increase the number of low-income, first-generation, and underrepresented students entering and completing higher education. CISD provides \$20,000 in matching funds to support costs associated with providing one adviser at each high school campus.

Approved renewing the district's agreement with Clayton Yes for 21st Century and Sports Tutoring 3rd Party Support for the 2017-18 school year. Both programs are grant funded.

Approved a **4-H Resolution** that allows for the approval of the 4-H Organization as an extracurricular activity. This means, that when a student misses class in order to participate in a 4-H activity, the absence is coded as extracurricular and does not count against the student.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS**

The board heard a presentation on the **2017-18 Student Code of Conduct**. The code serves to communicate to students, parents, school staff and the community exactly what is expected of students and how misconduct will be handled. The updated code reflects changes from the Texas legislative session, including items related to bullying, cyberbullying, definitions of certain prohibited weapons and authority of certain school personnel to refuse entry to or eject a person from property under the district's control, among others.



### **BOARD ACTIONS**

Approved a **PTA donation to Bess Race Elementary School**. The PTA is donating four picnic tables and two benches to be used in the playground and a new sound system for the cafeteria. The total value is \$4,579.99.

Postponed action on the **2017-18 Student Code of Conduct** until the Aug. 10 board meeting.

Approved the 2017-18 List of T-TESS-Certified Teacher Appraisers.

Approved an **Order Authorizing the Issuance of the CISD Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2017**. The parameter bond order delegates final pricing authority to board-selected pricing officers. The board establishes and approves various bond sale parameters. The parameter for the issuance of these bonds is up to \$100 million of capital bond funds. Every bond issuance CISD has conducted since 2005 has used the parameter sale process.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Interim Superintendent Dr. Patricia Linares gave several updates:

#### **SUMMER MEALS**

Crowley ISD is partnering with Aramark and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide nutritious meals for free this summer to children 18 years and younger.

Meals are being served at five campuses: J.A. Hargrave Elementary, Sycamore Elementary, Meadowcreek Elementary (from Aramark's food truck, "Spork in the Road"), Mary Harris Intermediate and Crowley High School.

Free meals have also been provided at CISD academic camps and athletic camps. The total number of students served each day has been averaging: 175 for breakfast and 220 for lunch. Linares gave special thanks to the entire Aramark team for helping ensure these students are fed nutritious meals when school is out for summer.

#### EMPLOYEE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Crowley ISD's new Employee Child Development Center is on track to open Aug. 8 when teachers return. The district currently has 32 children enrolled in the center, and that number is growing as new employees are hired and other employees find out they are expecting. In fact, some of the children enrolled have not been born yet. The center, housed at Jackie Carden Elementary School, is for children and grandchildren of CISD employees, ages 6 weeks to school age. The staff of seven employees has a combined 70-plus years of experience in child development and is led by Director Shawneequa Blount. Additional staff will be added as enrollment grows. Six rooms are under construction — five classrooms and one office.



#### HONOR UNIT WITH DISTINCTION

The North Crowley Panther Battalion has been awarded **Honor Unit with Distinction** for the 2017-18 school year. The U.S. Army awards this recognition to battalions that "maintain exceptionally high standards of training and discipline as evidenced by the results of the Command Formal Inspection and Unit Report" from last school year. There are 179 cadets representing both high schools enrolled in JROTC for the 2017-18 school year. Linares said they look forward to having the JROTC back with at board meetings to present the colors when school starts.

The JROTC is led by:

- •Lt. Col. Mickel Sawyer
- •Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Peavy
- •Master Sgt. Gene Bass

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board discussed the employment and duties of the superintendent.

July 20, 2017





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