

Crowley ISD Board of Trustees

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BOARD CELEBRATIONS

Board Member Gary Grassia praised the **CISD Art Show** on display at the Bill R. Johnson CTE Center.

Board President June Davis highlighted the **Victory over Violence Walk** that took place earlier in April. Davis, who participated in the event, noted the large crowd Crowley ISD had. “Crowley showed up to support the families that we have that experienced violence over the last year,” Davis said, noting plans to have a team even bigger next year.

RECOGNITION ITEMS

Gracie Pipes, a junior in the **Crowley ISD Global Prep Academy** and member of the **Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE)**, qualified for nationals in the public speaking category after winning first place at regionals and second place at state. Pipe’s speech focuses on student absenteeism and steps for improving attendance through building relationships. TAFE encourages students to learn about careers in education and assists them in exploring the teaching profession while promoting character, service and leadership skills necessary for becoming effective educators.



(From left to right: Bobette Vroon, Education and Training teacher and TAFE adviser; Gracie Pipes, student; Teresa Gilbert, Bess Race Elementary School teacher; and Evelyn Pipes, Pipes’ grandmother, who also is a retired teacher who taught Vroon)

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North Crowley High School debate students Maame Effirim and Kymbriun Gipson were recognized for qualifying for the **UIL Debate State Championship** in March. This year's cross examination (CX) resolution was, "The United States federal government should substantially increase its funding and/or regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States."



(From left to right: Maame Effirim and Kymbriun Gipson)

Culinary students from the Bill R. Johnson Career and Tech Center competed against teams from 14 other school districts from across the state in the **Aramark Lone Star Chef competition** in Waco on March 29, 2018. Teams had 30 minutes to craft a dish that was compliant with National School Lunch nutrition requirements. In addition, the dish had to incorporate two of three secret ingredients: yellow squash, poblano peppers and oranges. Teams were judged on presentation, flavor, use of secret ingredients and other criteria. Crowley ISD's team *ándole*, consisting of Paola Raya, KJ Keeton and Arturo Gonzalez, won first place for their Latin Heat recipe.

The **students won a \$2,500 scholarship prize** and a traveling trophy to display at their school until next year's competition. Chef Tess Collins, Aramark's executive chef for Crowley ISD, worked with the team in the weeks leading up to the chef competition. Zameika Williams, Julie Howerton and Stephanie Kinsey are culinary instructors at the Bill R. Johnson Career and Tech Center.

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(From left to right: Aramark Chef Tess Collins, KJ Keeton, Paola Raya, Arturo Gonzalez and Elisha Bury)

Crowley ISD's inaugural **Mission Possible competition** challenged students to collaborate with their peers to create innovative solutions to meet real-world needs in their community. The student finalists will present their projects to the school board during the May 17 workshop. This project-based learning competition would not have been possible without the support of community partners who made generous donations and served as judges, mentors and hosts throughout each of the three rounds. [Watch](#) to learn more about Mission Possible.



(Mission Possible judges review Sue Crouch Intermediate School team's project during the final round of competition at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas.)

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The **Heartbeat Team Award** winner for March (Shana Pink, H.F. Stevens Middle School) was introduced to the board. [Watch to learn](#) more about Pink and why she's the heartbeat of Crowley ISD.



(From left to right: Theresa Paschall, Shana Pink and Kimberly Buckhalton)

New employees recently hired by Crowley ISD were introduced to the Board of Trustees, including:

- Alex Croft, previously of Arlington ISD, as an assistant principal of Crowley 9th Grade
- J.J. Resendez, previously of Fort Worth ISD, as the head football coach at Crowley High School
- Courtney Allen, previously of Dallas ISD, as the head football coach at North Crowley High School

BOARD REPORT ITEM(S)

Trustees who attended the National School Board Association Conference on April 7-9, 2018 discussed what they learned during their sessions.

OPEN FORUM

Several speakers commented about the district's dyslexia program. Another parent discussed the student dress code and parent participation on elementary field trips.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the **March 22 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the April 12 Called Board Meeting Minutes**.

Approved the **March Financial Statements**.

Approved **renewals for a variety of RFPs and contracts**, including the Janitorial/Maintenance Supply RFP, Athletic Supplies and Equipment RFP, Fine Arts Supplies and Equipment RFP, Printing Services RFP, Child Nutrition Services Vendor Contract and Custodial Vendor Contract.

Approved **Budget Amendment** to pay for supplies, contracted services and travel for Central Administration as well as to pay for Professional Development supplies and travel for Oakmont and Hargrave elementary schools.

Approved **TASB Board Policy Update 110**. Update 110 focuses on updating and reorganizing several policies in a section of the policy manual addressing board member eligibility and qualifications, elections and vacancies and removal from office.

REPORT ITEM/PRESENTATION

Heard an **Investment Policy Review**.

BOARD POLICY

Heard policy reviews, including personnel and purchasing. Policies are being reviewed as recommended by the curriculum audit.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

Heard updates on various **Requests for Proposal (RFP) and Qualifications (RFQ)**, including the Armed Courier Services RFP, Insurance RFP, Strategic Planning RFP and Commercial Real Estate Broker RFQ.

Heard update on the **2018-19 Education Service Center ESC Region XI Crowley ISD Renewal Contract Summary and Master Local Interlocal Agreement**. The 2018-19 contract renewal summary is being finalized. The anticipated renewal costs are expected to closely match the 2017-18 costs of \$226,286.70.

Heard update on **Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD) Shared Agreement**. Crowley ISD serves as the fiscal agent for the Crowley Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD). Member districts for the 2018-19 school year will include: Alvarado, Burleson, Cleburne, Crowley, Everman, Joshua,

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Johnson County Shared Services Arrangement (Keene, Grandview, Godley and Rio Vista). Crowley ISD and member districts of the Crowley Regional Day School Program have reviewed the current Shared Services Agreement (SSA) in relation to the proposed guidance requirements from TEA. Crowley ISD will remain the fiscal agent as well as the district of accountability. Transportation will continue to be the responsibility of the district of residence. The RDSPD is funded through state and federal Deaf Education monies, as well as tuition from the seven member districts.

Heard update on **District of Innovation Plan Possible Amendments**. The District of Innovation advisory committee is recommending possible amendments to Crowley ISD's District of Innovation Plan, including teacher certification and required field-based experience and kindergarten start age.

Heard update on **2017-18 Budget** and saw a preliminary preview of the 2018-19 budget.

Heard update on **Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Approval – Bid Project 2**. In October, the board awarded the contract for renovation projects at Crowley High School and North Crowley High School to the firm Cadence McShane. The project includes: CHS Fine Arts addition, CHS 9th Grade expansion, NCHS Fine Arts addition, NCHS cafeteria addition and NCHS gym expansion. The GMP will be presented at a board meeting in May. Funding will come from the capital bond fund program.

Heard update on **Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Letter** regarding resolutions to be included in the 2018-2020 Advocacy Agenda. Resolutions proposals will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on June 15, 2018. Proposed resolutions are first reviewed by the TASB Resolutions Committee and then by the TASB Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board discussed personnel and the superintendent evaluation instrument.

BOARD ACTIONS

Approved administrative and professional staff contracts for 2018-2019.

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