

Crowley ISD Board of Trustees

Unofficial Summary of Actions

January 26, 2017



BOARD CELEBRATIONS

Board Vice President Ryan Ray thanked those involved in coordinating the school board tours of the district's **MyChoice Programs**. Trustees visited all the current programs at schools across the district.

Board Member Mia Hall recognized Aramark, the district's food services provider, and the staff at the Bill R. Johnson CTE Center who assisted with the culinary arts **Junior Ironclad Chef Competition** earlier this month. Ms. Hall as well as Board Secretary Gary Grassia and Superintendent Dan Powell and other CISD personnel served as judges for the event.

REPORT ITEMS

Board members were honored as part of the statewide **School Board Recognition Month**. Trustees are dedicated volunteers who play a crucial role in our schools and in the community. [Watch a video message](#) to the Board from Crowley ISD students.

Two statewide organizations named seven student athletes from Crowley High School and North Crowley High School **Academic All-State Athletes** for accomplishments in sports and in the classroom.

Texas High School Coaches Association, Football:

- Nick Flynn, CHS
- Ryan Meriwether, NCHS
- Chandler Rogers, NCHS
- Michael Ussin, NCHS
- Cailon Washington, NCHS

Texas Girls Coaches Association, Volleyball:

- Jael Lilite, NCHS
- Caitlynn Timberlake, NCHS

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(North Crowley High School Football Coach Eugene Rogers, Chandler Rogers, Cailon Washington, Michael Ussin and Ryan Meriwether)



(Jael Lilite, North Crowley High School Volleyball Coach Stephanie Cunningham and Caitlynn Timberlake)

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The **Heartbeat Team Award** winners for December and January (Cara Hyatt, Crowley High School counselor and Becky Oliver, Special Services transition specialist) were introduced to the Board.

Watch to learn more about [Hyatt](#) and [Oliver](#) and why they're the heartbeat of Crowley ISD.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the **Dec. 15, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the Jan. 12, 2017 Called Board Meeting Minutes.**

Approved the **December 2016 Financial Statements.**

Approved the **Employment of Personnel**, which includes five employees.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed the **Modified Schedule for State Assessment Testing Days.** The modified schedule allows high school students who are not being tested to report late on two testing days for the current school year, reducing interruptions during the testing period.

Discussed the **2017-18 School Calendar.** The district is in the planning stages of developing the 2017-18 school calendar. The board was presented with two potential draft calendars that also will be shared with the District-Wide Educational Improvement Council (DWEIC). A final calendar will be brought to the Board for consideration and possible action in February.

BOARD ACTIONS

Approved the **Naming of the Crowley High School Baseball Field the Mark Jones Baseball Field.** Mark Jones served the students of Crowley High School from 1981-2010. During his tenure he received multiple district coach of the year honors, was the 1991 state semifinalist and, in 2001, set the state record for 19 consecutive wins and ranking first in the state. Beyond his accomplishments on the baseball field, he inspired countless young men. These young men went on to be well-respected members of the Crowley community.

Approved **Finalizing Members of the District of Innovation (DOI) Advisory Committee** and first meeting date. House Bill 1842 provides that once the Board of Trustees has completed the public hearing and decided to move forward with the District of Innovation process, the Board must appoint a committee to develop the local innovation plan. The approved committee is made up of parents, community members and school personnel submitted by school board members.

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Approved **Consulting Relationship with the International Center for Leadership in Education**. Representatives from the center submitted a proposal to provide consulting services during the District of Innovation exploration process. The cost to the district is \$10,000.

Approved **Budget Amendments** to pay security officers who worked during College Night.

Approved several items related to preparing for the **May 6, 2017 Board of Trustees Election**, including ordering the election and entering into joint election agreements with Tarrant and Johnson counties.

Approved an **Alternate Bid for Additional Bleachers at CHS and NCHS**. Per the Board's request, an alternate bid was reviewed by the Capital Facilities Advisory Committee. Ten members of the committee reviewed and unanimously approved the proposal.

Approved a **Board Resolution Concerning the A-F Accountability System for Texas Public Schools**. The Crowley ISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to join hundreds of other Texas public school districts in passing a resolution calling on the Texas Legislature to repeal the rating system that uses A-F grades for schools and districts. [Read the full resolution.](#)

Approved a **Professional Development Waiver** for the 2017-18 school year, allowing for professional development opportunities in areas of need identified by the comprehensive needs assessment.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Powell gave several updates:

•MyChoice Programs

Families can begin applying for MyChoice Programs next week. Online applications open Feb. 1 for the 2017-18 school year. There was a great turnout Tuesday at Discovery Night for families to learn more about the programs. Campus principals and teachers from all 11 academies attended. Each principal led five different sessions, and almost every session was full. The district received 2,300 registrations via EventBrite for people to attend one or more of the sessions. An estimated 800 to 900 families attended.

Applications will be open Feb. 1-17. Students will be notified of acceptance during the week of March 6.

•Athletic Facility Improvements

Work has begun on the athletic facility improvements and expansions at CHS and NCHS that were approved by the Board, including a new football fieldhouse and new baseball/softball fieldhouse at CHS and an expanded football fieldhouse at NCHS.

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- **Upcoming Study Session Department Presentations** are scheduled for February 9 and March 9.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Administration discussed with the Board a **change in campus-level administrative assignments**.

- Kim Sherfield, current assistant principal at North Crowley High School, was named interim principal at J.A. Hargrave Elementary School, effective Jan. 30, 2017.
- Emily Scott, current principal at J.A. Hargrave Elementary School, was named assistant principal at North Crowley High School, effective Jan. 30, 2017.

The Board discussed the **Superintendent's Performance Appraisal/Contract**.

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