

Crowley ISD Board of Trustees

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PUBLIC HEARING

Held a School **FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) public hearing**. [FIRST](#) strives to hold school districts accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and to see that they achieve improved performance in the management of their financial resources. Again, this year, Crowley ISD received a “Superior” rating.

Held a public hearing on the **Texas Accountability Intervention System (TAIS) Improvement Plans** for Bess Race, J.A. Hargrave, Meadowcreek, Parkway and Poynter elementary schools. Campuses identified as “Improvement Required” during the summer of 2016 or are in their first year of follow up because they were identified as “Improvement Required” in the summer of 2015 must complete the Targeted Improvement Plan. This plan must be presented at a public hearing and receive board approval. Changes will be made throughout the year as data is collected and reviewed to determine the effectiveness of each strategy identified.

ACTION

Approved the **(TAIS) Improvement Plans** for Bess Race, J.A. Hargrave, Meadowcreek, Parkway and Poynter elementary schools.

BOARD CELEBRATIONS

Board Member Lyndsaie Benton **praised substitute teachers** for their work in CISD schools.

Board Member Mia Hall highlighted the district’s **College Fair**, which took place on Oct. 24 and praised organizers’ efforts.

Superintendent Dr. Dan Powell noted the success of the district’s **Real Estate Breakfast, the Chisholm Trail Education Foundation annual golf tournament**, which several trustees attended, as well as the practice **AVID showcase** at Summer Creek Middle School this week as the school prepares to host educators from across the state next week as an AVID National Demonstration School site.

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REPORT ITEMS

Juan Pina, a senior at Crowley High School, was honored for receiving a **perfect score on the Advanced Placement exam for Spanish Language and Culture**. He not only achieved the top score of 5, but he was also **one of only 108 students in the world** (amounting to just 0.07 percent of all 2016 AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam takers) to earn every point possible on this difficult assessment.



(Juan Pina and Crowley High School Principal Robert Gillies)

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Kristee Allen, the head of the Social Studies department at North Crowley High School, has been named **Social Studies High School Teacher of the Year** by the Texas Council for the Social Studies (TCSS). Her nomination included her educational background, experience and contributions to Social Studies education and council activities. Allen was recognized at an awards luncheon this month at the TCSS conference.



(North Crowley High School Principal Stefani Allen and Kristee Allen)

The **Heartbeat Team Award** winner for October (Bill Corrigan, Parkway Elementary School greeter and Life Skills instructional aide) was introduced to the Board. [Watch to learn more about Corrigan and his heart for students.](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the **Sept. 29, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Oct. 13 Called Board Meeting Minutes.**

Approved the **Student Transfer Report** for the children of non-resident district employees to attend CISD schools. The October report shows one transfer who is the child of an employee.

Approved the **September 2016 Financial Statements.**

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Approved the **Employment of Personnel**, which includes one employee.

Approved **Out of State Travel** for 10 district employees to travel to New York City with the CISD Honor Choir to serve as chaperones in March. The board also approved for 59 Honor Choir students to travel to New York City to perform and work with an acclaimed composer. They also will tour the 9/11 Memorial and attend a Broadway musical. The CISD Honor Choir students will raise money to pay for the trip.

Approved **Out of State Travel** for three coaches to travel with members of the Crowley High School Boys' Basketball Team to the Rose City Pasadena California Roundball Classic Tournament. They will leave Nov. 28 and return Dec. 4. The board approved for the students to attend the tournament as well. The Boys' Basketball Booster Club will pay for the trip.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed **two new high school course offerings** for 2017-18, including Navigating Life with Hearing Loss at Crowley High School for students who are deaf or hard of hearing and Microbiology and Safety for Cosmetology Careers at the Bill R. Johnson Career and Technology Education (CTE) Center, where students will learn about microorganisms and emerging diseases.

Discussed **2016-17 district and campus improvement plans**. Annually district and campus administrators use the district strategic goals and performance objectives approved by the Board to develop, review and revise the district and campus improvement plans in collaboration with staff and respective planning committees (District-Wide Educational Improvement Committee-DWEIC and Campus Performance Objectives Committee-CPOC).

BOARD ACTIONS

Approved the final draft of the **2016-17 Board Operating Guidelines**.

Approved the **2015-2016 Annual Financial Audit**. [Click for more information on the audit.](#)

Approved the **Band Equipment RFP**. CISD has an interlocal agreement with the Educational Purchasing Cooperative of North Texas (EPCNT) for band supplies, equipment and repairs. The EPCNT's membership has grown to 77 districts, allowing member districts better pricing due to volume purchasing from a collective group. Lewisville ISD is the host district for the RFP through the EPCNT and approved the renewal of the RFP at its Oct. 17 meeting.

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Approved **Crowley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**. The CTE Health Sciences Program of Study culminates with a capstone course that includes an internship for students at the Crowley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Students spend two to five hours per week in the internship on a rotating schedule. About 120 students will benefit from the internship. Students are supervised by a CISD Health Science teacher during the internship.

Approved **UT Tyler MOU**. The University of Tyler and the Bill R. Johnson CTE Center are partnering to provide a dual credit opportunity for Engineering 1201: Introduction to Engineering. The course will be taught online through a partnership between a faculty member of UT Tyler and an instructor at the Bill R. Johnson CTE Center.

Approved **UT Permian Basin Dual Credit MOU**. The University of Texas at Permian Basin offers online dual credit courses for eligible high school students. The cost is \$150 for each three-hour course. English 1301 and English 1302 courses are \$200 each. The courses are taught by a college professor in an online format. CISD students will be required to complete an assessment to demonstrate their readiness for an online college course.

Accepted administration's recommendation to take no action at this time on the **Crowley Police Department Internship Bill R. Johnson Career and Technology Education (CTE) Center MOU** as the Crowley Police Department works out staffing issues. The proposal would have allowed Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice Program at the CTE Center to partner with the Crowley Police Department for an unpaid internship opportunity for students in the Practicum Capstone course.

Approved **Texas A&M School of Law MOU**. The Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice Program at the Bill R. Johnson CTE Center will partner with Texas A&M School of Law for an unpaid internship opportunity for students in the Law Enforcement Program. Students will observe law school classes, participate in mock trial cases and observe the procedures for admissions to the law school. To be eligible, students must have completed Law Enforcement 1 and the Court Systems courses. Students will intern two to three days a week for about 2.5 hours.

Approved the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) **Curriculum Management Audit** in the amount of \$57,365 plus \$12,000 estimated travel expenses. A curriculum audit is designed to reveal the extent to which officials and professional staff of a school district have developed and implemented a sound, valid, and operational system of curriculum management. Such a system, set within the framework of adopted board policies, enables the school district to make maximum use of its human and financial resources in the education of its students, according to the proposal from TASA.

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SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Powell gave several updates:

•Employee Childcare Exploratory Committee

The district is creating an exploratory committee to research school districts in the area that operate childcare centers for employees. Burluson, Mansfield, Grand Prairie, DeSoto and other districts offer affordable childcare and early education programs to their employees during the school year. This is great recruiting and retention tool for staff in other districts. The exploratory committee, led by Dr. Theresa Kohler, will make site visits to learn more about how these centers operate.

•College Night

Hundreds of families were on hand to check out 52 colleges and universities in the college fair. CISD also offered seven different seminars on topics ranging from financial aid and Duke TIP to NCAA eligibility for student-athletes. Annette Duvall, Theresa Paschall, Angie Wilkinson, Mike Mundt and the entire College and Career Readiness team did a fantastic job organizing this event. Attendees also had the opportunity to participate in CTE Project Night where Bill R. Johnson CTE Center Principal Kady Donaghey and the teachers and students at the CTE Center showcased their projects.

•Real Estate Breakfast

Realtors and home builders learned more about CISD and MyChoice Programs at a Real Estate Breakfast earlier this month. They also heard an update on housing growth from the district's demographer.

•AVID Showcase

Summer Creek Middle School will host an AVID Demonstration Showcase for educators from across the state on Nov. 1. Earlier this year Summer Creek was selected to be a National Demonstration School. On Nov. 1, they will have the opportunity to show how they have implemented AVID as a schoolwide approach to college readiness.

•Principals Month

Gov. Greg Abbott has proclaimed October as Principals Month in Texas. The governor praised principals for the important role they play in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education. He said, "Principals are more than just caretakers of their schools. They are expected to be educational leaders, disciplinarians, community builders, spokesmen, budget analysts and guardians of policy mandates and initiatives." Crowley ISD is proud to have an incredible team of principals leading our schools.

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