

Crowley ISD Board of Trustees

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BOARD CELEBRATIONS

Board Member Lyndsae Benton commended Bess Race Elementary Principal Holly Anderson for a **staff development session** Benton was invited to attend at the school. “It was an excellent experience, and I know our kids are going to benefit from it,” Benton said.

Board President June Davis praised **Parkway Elementary** Principal Kristina Turner and her staff after she saw them volunteering at Central Market’s **Feast of Sharing**, an event that helps provide Thanksgiving dinner to homeless individuals and those in need. Davis saw Turner and 13 Parkway staff members at the event. “I was very glad to see them there,” Davis said. “They are not only talking the talk but walking the walk.”

REPORT ITEMS

Antwain George, a senior at North Crowley High School, qualified to compete in the UIL state cross country meet on Nov. 12. He finished 52nd overall in the state out of more than 200 athletes. He holds the school record for cross country at 15:33. He was also a First Team All District honoree all four years.



(Antwain George and Coach Robin Williams)

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The **Heartbeat Team Award** winner for November (Terry Gresham, Crowley ISD lead carpenter) was introduced to the Board. [Watch to learn more about Gresham and why he's the heartbeat of CISD.](#)

The board heard the **Annual Report of Violence**. Each year the district provides a report related to school safety and violence prevention.

The board also heard an **update on Choice Programming**. The Choice Programming Strategic Planning Team, consisting of 15 Crowley ISD campus and central office administrators, is currently in the process of developing a final proposal for the ongoing support of existing choice programs. The proposal will address any necessary updates to the grade configuration and/or physical location for each of our existing programs to be considered for the 2017-2018 school year. In addition, several traditional campuses have submitted proposals for possible new programming for the 2017-18 school year. These proposals are under consideration and no final decisions have been made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the **Oct. 27, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**.

Approved the **October 2016 Financial Statements**.

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

Approved **Out of State Travel** for four employees to travel with North Crowley High School Band students to the Winter Park Ski Music Festival April 5-9 in Winter Park, Colorado. No district funds will be used to pay for the trip.

Approved **Out of State Travel** for 141 North Crowley High School Band students to attend the Winter Park Ski Music Festival April 5-9 in Winter Park, Colorado. No district funds will be used to pay for the trip.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed **District of Innovation** process. Crowley ISD is exploring the possibility of seeking the designation of District of Innovation. Districts are eligible for designation if certain performance requirements are met and the district follows certain procedures for adoption as outlined in law. The board plans to discuss the issue further at a study session on Dec. 1.

Discussed the **2017-18 School Calendar**.

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Discussed the **Professional Development Waiver**. Each year school districts across the state make application for professional development days for their district calendar. The district is using these waivers to provide staff development opportunities according to district and campus improvement priorities and initiatives.

Discussed the **Performance Based Monitoring Targeting Improvement Plan**. This report is generated in response to a federal requirement related to funds CISD receives to specifically help four groups: 1) Bilingual/English as a Second Language, 2) Career and Technology, 3) Title One, and 4) Special Education. Based on the 2015 report the district was required to generate a District Targeted Improvement Plan to address the areas of greatest need. The discussion allowed the board to review the goals and results related to the plan approved last December and ask any questions regarding the formalized plan that will be presented for approval at the December 2016 meeting.

BOARD ACTIONS

Approved **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).

Approved **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.

Approved **Early College High School Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** between Tarrant County College and Crowley ISD for the 2017-18 school year. Crowley Collegiate Academy is the Early College High School partnership between Crowley ISD and Tarrant County College. A Memorandum of Understanding is required for each school year. Crowley ISD will pay normal operating expenses. Tarrant County College will pay TCC instructors.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Powell gave several updates:

• Curriculum Management Audit

The curriculum management audit proposed by trustees and approved at last month's board meeting is underway. This is being done through the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and the Texas Curriculum Management Audit Center. A lead auditor, Dr. Eve Proffitt, director of Innovative Learning at the

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University of Kentucky, has been assigned. Dr. Proffitt and her team of auditors will be in the district Feb. 12-16. A team of 17 CISD administrators has been assembled to compile a variety of documents, reports and data that the auditors have requested to receive prior to their visit.

- **Tour of MyChoice Academies**

The Board of Trustees has been invited to tour Crowley ISD MyChoice academies from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 11. Board members will visit seven different campuses and have lunch at the Bill R. Johnson CTE Center.

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