

Crowley ISD Board of Trustees

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BOARD CELEBRATIONS

Board President June Davis praised the Rachel's Challenge Community Night she attended Sept. 28. Davis said it was exciting to see students engage in activities that encourage kindness.

Board Member Lyndsa Benton appreciated the district's summer graduation ceremonies, which she attended Sept. 1. She said she is proud Crowley ISD offers that opportunity for students.

Superintendent Dan Powell introduced the new [Crowley Connections magazine](#) — a new district communications tool to help tell the stories of the good work happening in Crowley ISD.

REPORT ITEMS

The Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Outstanding Achievement was awarded to Alexia Montagnon, a North Crowley High School student and JROTC leader for her achievement in academics and leadership. Montagnon is one of only 28 students in the country to receive the honor.



(Alexia Montagnon with Board President June Davis)

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Campuses are celebrating **National Hispanic Heritage Month**, with activities such as programs, art contests, hallway displays and presentations on Hispanics who have made an impact in their fields. Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15 - Oct. 15. [Check out a video highlighting the month featuring Crowley ISD students.](#)

Seven Crowley ISD campuses received a total of 15 distinction designations in the 2016 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR). That is two more than in 2015 and 2014.

Distinctions include:

- North Crowley High School: Academic Achievement in Social Studies;
- Sue Crouch Intermediate: Academic Achievement in Math and Postsecondary Readiness;
- Mary Harris Intermediate: Academic Achievement in Math and Student Progress Top 25%;
- Sycamore Elementary: Academic Achievement in Math, Closing Performance Gaps and Postsecondary Readiness;
- Jackie Carden Elementary: Academic Achievement in Math and Student Progress Top 25%;
- Parkway Elementary: Academic Achievement in Math and Student Progress Top 25%;
- Oakmont Elementary: Academic Achievement in Math, Student Progress Top 25% and Closing Performance Gaps



(Left to right: Deputy Superintendent Dr. Trent Lovette, Parkway Elementary Principal Kristina Turner, Sycamore Elementary Principal Rebekah Hunt, North Crowley High School Principal Stefani Allen, Summer Creek Middle School Principal Cayla Grossman, Sue Crouch Intermediate Principal Camcea Stapinski, Mary Harris Intermediate Principal Lakisha Thomas, Jackie Carden Elementary Principal Vivian Lincoln, Oakmont Elementary Principal Kim Scoggins with Board President June Davis and Superintendent Dr. Dan Powell)

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Four Crowley ISD students have been recognized in the **National Merit Scholarship Program**. Two Crowley High School students have been named “Commended Students” — Alyssa Aguilar and Juan Pina. More than 1.5 million students take the PSAT and about 34,000 are named as National Merit Commended. This means that they scored in the top 5 percent of students who took the PSAT.

Two North Crowley High School students — Kenny Choi and Jane Hwang — are among the elite group of students nationwide recognized as National Merit Semifinalists. Only 16,000 students of the approximately 1.5 million who take the PSAT in the country become a National Merit Semifinalist. They are among the less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors selected to continue in the National Merit competition.



(Left to right: Alyssa Aguilar, Juan Pina, Jane Hwang and Kenny Choi)

Students from Crowley and North Crowley high schools earned 94 **Advanced Placement Scholar awards** in 2016 for college-level achievement demonstrated through AP courses and tests.

Nineteen students earned AP Scholars with Distinction awards for scoring at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and receiving a score of 3 or higher on five or more of the exams. Two students won the distinction of National AP Scholar by receiving an average score of 4 on all AP exams taken and receiving a score of 4 or higher on eight or more of the exams.

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AP Scholars with Distinction:

Vincent Berardi, Kun “Kenny” Choi, Samuel Dokken-Snowden, Stephanie Elbanna, Robert Ellis, James Gunter, Sean Hoffman, Leann Indolos, Meagan Millen, Kathie Nguyen, David Oyeka, Arun Palaniappan, Kathryn Pattison, Crystal Phan, Matthew Phillips, Rebecca Phung, Juan Pina, Logan Reed, and Megan Thomas

National AP Scholars:

Arun Palaniapan and Logan Reed



(Left to right: Juan Pina, Kathie Nguyen, Matthew Phillips, Kathryn Pattison, Kenny Choi and Sean Hoffman)

The **Heartbeat Team Award** winner for September (Megan Dixon, Inspire Academy dean) was introduced to the Board.

Campus Enrollment Figures for the 2016-17 School Year show an increase of students in CISD. As of Sept. 20, there were 214 more students enrolled compared to the same day last year.

Board members heard an **update on campuses that were identified by the state as “Improvement Required” in 2015**. Meadowcreek, Parkway and Poynter elementary schools were previously identified as needing improvement based on the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR). However, all three schools made the necessary improvements to “Met Standard” this year. Parkway Elementary not only improved this year but earned several distinctions as well.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the **August 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Sept. 8 Called Board Meeting Minutes.**

Approved the **Student Transfer Report** for the children of non-resident district employees to attend CISD schools. The number of transfers that are children of employees is 130.

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

Approved the **August 2016 Financial Statements.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed **Texas Accountability Intervention System (TAIS) Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP)** – Bess Race Elementary, J.A. Hargrave Elementary, Meadowcreek Elementary, Parkway Elementary and Poynter Elementary. 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 must receive board approval. The public hearing and opportunity for board approval will occur at the Oct. 27 meeting.

Discussed **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 will seek renewal approval at its Oct. 17 meeting. Pending the approval of the renewal terms by LISD, a tabulation of approved vendors will be presented for board approval at our Oct. 27 meeting.

Discussed **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.

Discussed **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.

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Discussed **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.

Discussed **Crowley Police Department Internship for BRJ CTEC MOU**. The Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice Program at the Bill R. Johnson CTE Center will partner with Crowley Police Department for an unpaid internship opportunity for students in the Practicum Capstone course. The internship will be during school, on weekends and special city events for those who want to expand their knowledge outside the classroom. Students will job shadow detectives, crime scene investigators and police officers to experience the day-to-day operations of a police department. Students will not go into the field or have close physical contact with inmates. They will be supervised at all times by Crowley Police personnel. All practicum students are eligible to participate once they have completed a background clearance.

Discussed **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.

BOARD ACTIONS

Approved the **Memorandum of Understanding for Huguley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center partnership** with CISD. The CTE Health Sciences Program of Study culminates with a capstone course that includes an internship for all students at the Burleson Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Inc. at Huguley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Students will spend about two to five hours per week in the internship on a rotating schedule. About 120 students will benefit from the internship.

Approved the **TASB Board Policy Update 105**.

Approved **Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Solar Energy Services Provider**. Two proposals were received from Nextera and Solar City. The administration recommended pursuing negotiations with Solar City. The project will include no up front, out-of-pocket cost to the district for the initial purchase of the equipment or installation. Additionally, all maintenance for the solar fields will be the responsibility of the vendor.

Approved the **Power Factor Correction Project** — an energy savings project that would allow the district to save money in penalty fees charged for inefficiency in conversion at the load point by installing 19 capacitors at locations in the district deemed to be below an efficient level. The proposed cost of the project is \$410,000. The district can pay it up front or finance it at 3.09 percent or 3.56 percent for 60 or 72 months respectively.

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Approved **Budget Amendments**, including transferring funds for choice programming.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Powell gave two updates:

- The **Crowley ISD Real Estate Breakfast** for area realtors, home builders and developers is set for 8:30 a.m. Oct. 18 at the Bill R. Johnson Career and Technology Education (CTE) Center. The district's demographer will discuss growth in CISD.
- The district's **Million Father March** drew fathers and father figures to all CISD campuses to welcome students as they arrived for school during a two-day period in September. The Young Men's Leadership Academy at David L. Walker Intermediate School challenged all campuses to participate. [Watch fathers and father figures welcome students in this video.](#)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered the administration's recommendations concerning a professional employee who resigned their contract during the 2016-17 school year without good cause; discussed an employment update; and discussed a proposed amendment to the Walton Donation agreement of 12 acres.

The board also discussed the superintendent's formative evaluation in a second executive session.

ACTION ITEM

Approved finding that an employee resigned their contract after the 45th day before the first day of instruction of the 2016-17 school year without good cause.

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