

Crowley ISD Board of Trustees

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PUBLIC HEARING

The board held a public hearing on the [2016-17 Texas Academic Performance Report](#). Each year the district is required to conduct a public hearing related to the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). The report reviews testing information for the previous year as well as other district data related to student graduation rates, student attendance, student demographics, district personnel and district finance.

BOARD CELEBRATIONS

Board Member Dr. La Tonya Mayfield attended **Dallas Park Elementary School's Career Day** and praised Principal Kevin Hunt and his staff for the event. "They did a phenomenal job," she said. "The children were so engaged. They asked wonderful questions."



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Board Vice President Mia Hall gave a shout out to **Oakmont Elementary School for its Blue Zones Project Celebration**. Oakmont is the first school in Crowley ISD to become “Blue Zones Project Approved” by implementing programs and policies that are associated with longevity and increased well-being. “I’m looking forward to the outdoor learning center and garden they will have in April,” Hall said.



Board Member Gary Grassia noted North Crowley High School’s winter guard, indoor drum line and indoor winds program. “Everyone has worked really hard for this new program that they’ve implemented,” Grassia said. He encouraged everyone to go support the students.

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Superintendent Dr. Michael McFarland thanked Board Member Dr. La Tonya Mayfield for opening the doors at **Alcon for a tour**. Various Crowley ISD district administrators and principals from STEM campuses toured Alcon recently. “We had a great time there. We believe we’ll have a great partnership for our students and for our teachers.”



RECOGNITION ITEMS

Staff and student recognition items were postponed because of weather.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the **Jan. 25, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the Feb. 8, 2018 Called Board Meeting Minutes.**

Approved the **January 2018 Financial Statements.**

Approved **Budget Amendment** to pay for travel expenses for curriculum specialists and administrators.

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REPORT ITEMS/PRESENTATION

Heard an update on **MyChoice Programs**. More than 1,900 applications were submitted for MyChoice Programs when applications closed on Feb. 16, 2018. That represents an overall increase of about 900 applications over last year. Projected 2018-19 enrollment for MyChoice Programs is 2,838 students. Through the MyChoice initiative, 156 new students have applied to enter CISD — 67 are incoming kindergarteners. However, 89 are recaptured families with school-age children who live in CISD but do not currently have a student attending CISD schools.

Heard an update on the **CISD Employee Child Development Center**. The CISD Employee Child Development Center opened on Aug. 8, 2017. Shawneequa Blount, center director, gave an update on the first semester of operation and shared initial planning steps for the 2018-19 school year. The center is gearing up for a spring enrollment drive and working on other projects, including collaborating with CTE students to develop an outdoor learning environment for the Child Development Center.

Heard a report on the **21st Century Program**. The 21st Century program is a high quality afterschool experience that provides extended learning opportunities during non-school hours, particularly for students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. The program helps students meet state and local standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities to complement regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.

Heard a review and reminder of **CISD Legal Services/Counsel**. There were 15 responses to a request for qualifications from June 2017. All 15 firms were approved for use.

DISCUSSION ITEMS and/or POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Approved [2018-19 School Year Calendar](#). Each year the Crowley ISD Board of Trustees approves the school calendar. Numerous stakeholders are involved in this process, including members of the District-Wide Educational Improvement Council (DWEIC) and Lead Team. The district also collaborates with surrounding school districts in the development process.

Approved **2018-19 Professional Development Waiver**. Effective with the 2018-19 school year, the Texas Education Agency will offer a new Staff Development waiver that provides for a maximum of 2,100 total waiver minutes to use for professional development. The waiver is only applicable to the 2018-2019 school year.

Approved **Budget Development Principles and Priorities**. The CISD Budget Development Principles are critical to ensuring the effective and efficient use of resources. The following six tenets will serve as a guide for achieving academic success and fiscal responsibility:

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- 1) Conservative approach to revenue generators
- 2) Aggressive approach to expense drivers
- 3) Student/classroom-centric budget management model
- 4) Connect expense drivers to revenue generators
- 5) Protect fund balance for rainy days
- 6) Current students/taxpayers should receive current benefits and investments

In addition to these principles, the district also is developing a list of budget priorities by surveying stakeholders and asking them to prioritize specific items in the areas of: academics, technology, facilities/operations, safety/security/student operations, communications and technology. The results of this survey will be shared with the board at a later date.

Approved the **COMMIT Partnership**, a cradle-to-career early childhood initiative. Commit is a collective impact organization dedicated to improving large- scale student achievement through systematic change.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

Heard an update on **Early Childhood Initiative**. An overview of proposed full and half-day program design, marketing and branding efforts and proposed “one-stop shop” registration processes was discussed.

Heard an update on **Student Fees, Fines and Charges**. The board annually approves the student fees, fines and charges structure that is provided to parents and students. The proposed fee schedule presented ensures consistency and equity at all elementary and secondary campuses. Annually, the student fees, fines and charges are adjusted to reflect newly established programs or increases in expenses for current programs.

Heard an update on **Student Dress Codes**. The Crowley ISD student dress codes are reviewed, modified and approved annually. The district’s dress codes consist of a Standards of Student Dress (PK-8) and a Student Dress Code (9-12). The dress codes align with the school level philosophies for safety, school culture and climate and building positive relationships with students.

Heard update on **Refuse and Recycling Service Bid**. The district’s agreement with Republic Services for districtwide refuse and recycling services will expire April 30, 2018.

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