

Crowley ISD Board of Trustees

Unofficial Summary of Actions

September 24, 2015



REPORT ITEMS

Students from Sycamore Elementary School made a presentation as part of **National Hispanic Heritage Month** which is observed every year in Crowley ISD and across the country from September 15 – October 15. This year's theme is *Honoring our Heritage. Building our Future.*



*3rd grade students from Sycamore Elementary
with music teacher Jenny Everwine*

Four CISD high school students who qualified for **National Merit Recognition** were introduced to the Board. Arun Palaniappan (NCHS) and Crystal Phan (NCHS) were named Commended Scholars for scoring among the top 5% of 1.5 million students across the nation who took the PSAT. Robert Ellis (CHS) and Rebecca Phung (CHS) were named National Merit Semifinalists for scoring among the top 1% of students in the nation. Robert and Rebecca are now eligible to advance to Finalist standing where they could be eligible for more than 7,000 college scholarships.



Robert Ellis, Rebecca Phung, Chrystal Phan, and Arun Palaniappan

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The Board recognized 15 high school students named **AP Scholars with Distinction**. These students received an average score of at least 3.5 (out of 5) on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. CISD's AP Scholars with Distinction are: Stephanie Elbanna (CHS), Leann Indolos (NCHS), David Oyeka (CHS), Crystal Phan (NCHS), Arun Palaniappan (NCHS), Rebecca Phung (CHS). Class of 2015 graduates: Brittany Alexandar (CHS), Liz Brosnan (CHS), Nicole Burkhardt (CHS), Daniel Dahlinger (NCHS), Patricia Escobar (NCHS), Libertad Heredia (NCHS), Rachel Kelley (NCHS), Amanda Leventhal (NCHS), Lauren Stokes (NCHS), and Michal Wozniczka (NCHS).



Rebecca Phung, David Oyeka, Stephanie Elbanna, Leann Indolos, Crystal Phan, and Arun Palaniappan

CISD's **Heartbeat Team Award** winner for September, Becky Barton, was introduced to the Board. Ms. Barton has been at Jackie Carden Elementary School for all 16 years of her teaching career.

Counseling Coordinator Theresa Paschall reported on the success of **Rachel's Challenge**. Assemblies were held for every middle school and high school student to hear the story of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine tragedy in 1999. The program challenges students to start and sustain a chain reaction of kindness and compassion that has transformed other schools and communities nationwide.

Ted Kretchmar, Director of Federal Programs and Accountability, provided an **Update on Campuses Identified as "Improvement Required in 2014"**. Each of the three campuses, Bess Race, CHS, and NCHS, made significant improvements in 2015 and are now rated as "Met Standard."

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the **August 27, 2015, September 10, 2015, and September 17, 2015 Board meeting minutes.**

Approved the **August 2015 Financial Statements.**

Approved the **September 2015 Employment of Professional Personnel and Employment of Administrative Personnel**, which includes seven employees.

Approved the **Student Transfer Report** for employee non-resident student transfers. The option for employees to apply to the Board for permission to transfer their children to CISD schools tuition free is a fringe benefit offered to all non-resident district employees.

Approved **Out of State Travel – Employees** for the CHS and NCHS choir directors to travel together to New Orleans, Louisiana in April 2016 to participate in a choir festival/contest.

Approved **Out of State Travel – Students** for CHS and NCHS choir students to travel together to New Orleans, Louisiana in April 2016 to participate in a choir festival/contest.

DISCUSSION ITEM

The Board discussed the **Band Equipment Bid** and the District's inter-local agreement with the Educational Purchasing Cooperative of North Texas (EPCNT) for band supplies, equipment, and repairs. A tabulation of approved vendors will be presented for approval at the October Board meeting.

BOARD ACTIONS

Approved the **2015-2016 Board Operating Guidelines.**

The Board chose not to submit a nomination for a candidate to appear on the ballot for the **Central Appraisal District of Johnson County Board of Directors 2016-2017.**

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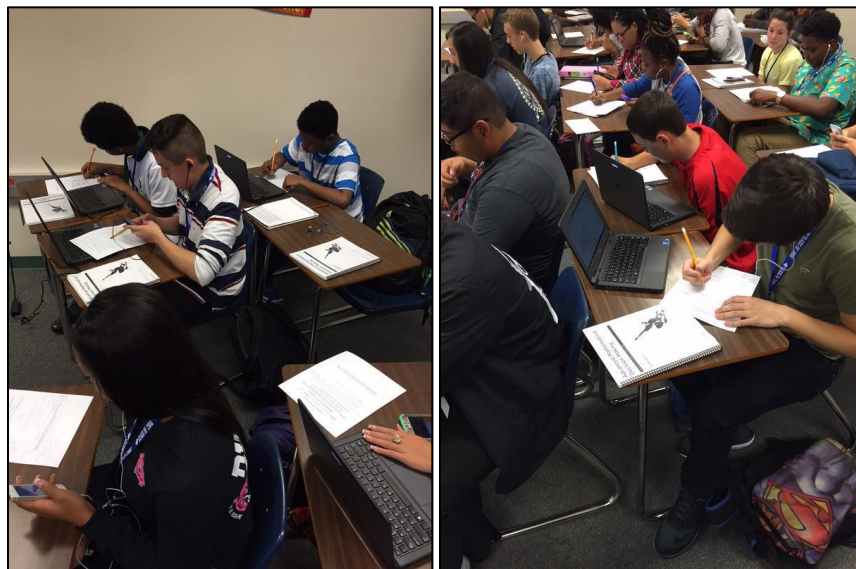
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Powell provided updates on several major projects recently approved by the Board. The installation of **artificial turf at the CHS and NCHS baseball and softball fields** approved by the Board in January has been underway after weather delays rain in late spring and early summer. The fields at CHS are now complete and work at the NCHS fields is scheduled to start next week with an anticipated completion date in mid-October.



CHS baseball field

The **One to One Teaching and Learning Initiative** approved by the Board in June is in full swing with Dell laptop computers distributed to 7th-12th grade students and iPad mini classrooms sets sent to every elementary and intermediate school.



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Crews have been moving earth in and around the **Chisholm Trail Ranch** development along the Chisholm Trail Parkway, including in and around the site of the future CISD elementary school #15.



Chisholm Trail Ranch development

Dr. Powell ended with a story from NCHS Principal Stefani Allen about the Panther cross country team. After a competition last weekend, the team members went to a restaurant. There were no coaches or adults with them, just the student- athletes dressed in their NCHS gear. Two elderly patrons noticed the team and were impressed by their behavior and positive attitudes. The two women told the team they wanted to pay for their meal. The students tried to resist, but the two women insisted and told our students to keep up the good work.



NCHS cross country team

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board discussed the Administration's recommendation concerning a **professional employee who resigned their contract after the 45th day before the first day of instruction of the 2015-16 school year.**

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Approved the Administration's recommendation that good cause did not exist for a professional employee to resign their contract after the 45th day before the first day of instruction of the 2015-16 school year and directed the Administration to file a complaint with the State Board for Educator Certification to seek sanctions for abandonment of contract.



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