

# PARTNERS IN COMMUNICATION

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Woodsboro ISD - February 21, 2018

## SCHOOL SAFETY

While we are separated by a great distance from the tragedy in the school in Parkland, Florida, the shock of this shooting and others in recent years leaves us questioning how these horrible events could have been prevented and how we can provide a safe environment for our own students and staff.

When it comes to random acts of violence, there are no guarantees of safety, but there are steps our school district and community can take to identify potential threats.

- Maintain a constant state of awareness of individuals, actions and social media postings that threaten students, staff, or schools.
- If you witness behavior that does not look right or if you see something on social media that appears threatening, please say something. Contact the principal, counselor, teacher, or a police officer.
- As we continue to assess campus and event security, we are **locking doors**, conducting emergency drills, and testing our own security procedures. As we conduct fire, tornado, and other drills, we need everyone to take these procedures seriously. These drills should train students and staff about what to do during an emergency.

**Woodsboro** School Principals have met with their staff to discuss what actions they could take to keep everyone safe. Teachers have agreed to keep their **doors locked**. The principals will conduct more safety drills so that students may know how to react during a crisis.

**If you see something--say something!**

**Safety is free. Use it generously.**

## Summary of Board Meeting February 21, 2018

### Reports

The WISD Board of Trustees heard reports on the following matters:

1. Facilities and Insurance - Mrs. Sykora stated that the school has received insurance payments totaling \$1,448.185. We anticipate a bid package to be prepared for roof and other facility repairs. The district continues to work with FEMA (federal) and TDEM (state) for facility funding.
2. *For discussion only:* A simple draft of a floor plan for a band hall and a small secondary grade level food service building were presented.

The band hall previously located at the back of the auditorium had roof damage and water on the floor. The band program had instruments that were damaged or a total loss.

David Brown, architect with Farrell/Brown, Inc., provided a draft floor plan of a new band hall and a small food service area with an outdoor pavilion.

The reason for proposing a secondary food service area was to improve student safety, to provide students an area for socializing, and to promote healthy eating with lower food costs. Food would be prepared in the district cafeteria and trucked to the new area.

3. Principals reported on attendance, academic progress, tutorials, and safety.

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4. Mrs. Sykora presented the Budget Calendar for 2018 which is a timeline for getting everyone involved in preparing next school year's budget by deadlines.
5. Mrs. Mundine prepared a two-year comparison of tax information from the State Comptroller Property Tax Assistance Summary Worksheet.
6. Mrs. Sykora gave an update on how much had been expended by function and percentage for budget year to date for 2017-18. She reviewed the financial statements.
3. Approved time off requests for KaSteene Harris, Jennie Blaschke, and Lynnette Emerson.
4. Approved Facilities Rental Agreement for Playoff Games in the Multi-Purpose Dome. During the discussion of gym usage, a Board member asked about Refugio ISD using our facilities for practice and games since Hurricane Harvey destroyed their gyms. As a good neighbor, WISD has allowed them to use both gyms. WISD has been collecting and maintaining all funds--gate and concessions. Refugio is paying their referees and scorekeepers. Mrs. Sykora will develop an agreement for gym usage next year since their gyms may not be ready by volleyball season.
5. Approved not conducting a Board election scheduled on May 5. The election is unnecessary since those who signed up to run are unopposed. Three seats were open and will be filled as follows:

## Announcements

- The district will host a Teacher Appreciation Dinner May 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. More details to follow.
- District central office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM with a 30 minute lunch beginning June 4 and ending July 27.
- Central office will be closed July 4-6 in observance of Independence Day.
- Board training is offered March 28 in Kingsville, May 16 in Victoria, and in San Antonio, June 14-16.

## Board Meeting Action

The WISD Board of Trustees approved of the following items:

1. Approved the District Calendar, 2018-19.
2. Declared the following three vehicles as surplus: Bus # 2 (1997 International), bus # 4 (1993 International), and a pickup (1994 Chevrolet). Information will be developed on offering these vehicles for sale.

**Place 3 Board of Trustee** - Toni Rodriguez will replace Mandy Nixon.

**Place 4 Board of Trustee** - Henry Balderamas will continue in his current position unopposed.

**Place 5 Board of Trustee** - Cody Drew Tuttle will replace Jeff Gillespie.

The new Board members terms begin after they are sworn in which will be scheduled after the May 5 election at a date to be announced.

*We sincerely thank Mandy Nixon and Jeff Gillespie for their many years of dedicated service to the school district.*