



BOARD REPORT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Superintendent's Report

Trustees heard reports as follows: Re-Imagine 2021: P-20, cash account report, student activity account report, comparison of revenue and expenditures to budget, a tax collection report and check disbursements for August 2018.

Trustees Unanimously Approve Extending Superintendent's Contract

In a 7-0 unanimous vote, trustees approved an annual extension/renewal of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nate Carman's contract. With such action, a full 3-year contract is back in effect. The board also determined the timeline for completing the superintendent's evaluation and as such, it will be completed in December. Dr. Carman has been proudly heading the district for a one-year period and is grateful for the support extended by trustees.

Special Recognitions

Trustees honored students Kaydence Thrailkill and Aron J. Almeida for being selected to take part as ambassadors in the National Campaign to Stop Violence. Working with their respective schools, including Berta Cabaza Middle School and Riverside Middle School, and in partnership with Communities In Schools, they received a special invitation to attend the event, "Do The Write Thing Challenge." They were selected to represent the district in Washington, DC in July; however, only Aron was able to make the trip where he met with State Representative Filemon Vela, Jr. and U.S. Senator Ted Cruz. He also participated in workshops met with Kuwait Ambassador Dr. Hassan Al-Ebraheem, and was recognized at a Gala on July 17, 2018. Their essays are in the "Do the Write Thing Challenge Book of Writings 2018" and are file at the Library of Congress in Washington.

Trustees also honored Rick Ramirez, a San Benito High School Science teacher and dual enrollment Biology I & II teacher with Texas A&M University in Kingsville. Ramirez also attended the Science Technology Engineering & Math Summer Conference as a representative and was inducted into the prestigious United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame as Distinguished Master of the Year in Oklahoma City.

Trustees also recognized campuses earning distinctions from the Texas Education Agency. They include: Fred Booth Elementary, La Paloma Elementary, Frank Roberts Elementary, Berta Cabaza Middle School, Veterans Memorial Academy, Judge Oscar De La Fuente Elementary, Dr. Raul Garza Jr. STEAM Academy, San Benito High School, Rangerville Elementary, Ed Downs Elementary and Dr. Cash Elementary. Dr. Cash was also honored for being named Best Elementary School via the *Valley Morning Star's* Reader's Choice Awards. A reception was held to recognize the campus accolades.

In other matters, trustees approved the following:

- Budget Amendments for 2018-19;
- Accepting bids on several property items struck off to Cameron County, and a resolution approving the highest bid(s) received on the tax resale conducted July 3 for such properties;
- The Region One Education Service Center School District's commitment form for the TXEIS software and services;
- The proposal of the 2018 property value study contract between Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP;
- A contract for bond election services with Cameron County;
- The replacement of playground equipment at Fred Booth and Frank Roberts Elementary campuses;
- The 2018-19 unemployment compensation with the Texas Association of School Boards;
- The option to extend the proposal for pest control services (districtwide) for 2018-19;
- The option to extend the proposal for evaluator services for the Afterschool Program-21st Century Cycle 9 Grant for 2018-19;
- A request to open a Frost Securities Account;
- The agreement between the district and the Texas Curriculum Management Cooperative for 2018-19;
- A Memorandum of Understanding between the district and Rio Hondo ISD (Cosmetology I and II) for 2018-19;
- A Memorandum of Understanding between the district and STEMS Alumni Association, Inc. for 2018-19;
- The State Compensatory Resource Guide for 2018-19;
- A Memorandum of Understanding between the district and Nueva Luz

Foundation for 2018-19;

- Endorsing Oscar Riojas from Mercedes as a trustee for the Region I, Position A, a seat on the Texas Association of School Boards Board of Directors;
- Designating trustee Orlando Lopez as a delegate and trustee Victor Rosas as an alternate to the 2018 TASB Delegate Assembly in Austin Sept. 29; and
- Board minutes.

In other matters, trustees tabled appointing a representative to the Cameron County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Trustees also heard from former student Romeo Garcia during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Executive Session

In other matters, trustees discussed items listed in Executive Session, including employment, resignations/agreement and retirements. Trustees hired Scott Hausler to serve as the principal at the Joe Callandret Positive Redirection Center. Trustees also approved a request to rescind a resignation of a contract employee.