

Crowley ISD Board of Trustees

Unofficial Summary of Actions

October 26, 2017



PUBLIC HEARING

The district had a public hearing on the **School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)**. CISD achieved a “Superior” score in the most recent ratings. The system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to better manage their financial resources to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes.

BOARD CELEBRATIONS

Board Member Dr. La Tonya Mayfield thanked staff and administrators for a wonderful **College and Career Night**, which she attended with her son.

Board Vice President Mia Hall thanked principals from the Young Women’s Leadership Academy at Mary Harris Intermediate School and Crowley and North Crowley high schools for allowing female students to participate in the **Girls, Inc. March on Main Street** on Oct. 20. “It was great to see Crowley ISD so well represented ... I’m really happy Girls, Inc. is partnering with our district.”

October is **National Principals Month**, and Board President June W. Davis celebrated principals. Davis said Crowley ISD is fortunate to have a wonderful group of principals who serve as educational leaders, community builders, spokesmen, budget analysts and much more.



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RECOGNITION ITEMS

The **CHS Mighty Eagle** and **NCHS Mighty Panther marching bands** performed in the Region 30 UIL competition on Oct. 17. Both bands received the top rating of First Division. This is a state-qualifying year for 5A schools. Since CHS received First Division, it will advance to the Area round on Oct. 28 in Birdville.



(CHS Band Director Rudy Salazar, Caroline Young, Jacob Duckett and Timbrel Hildebrand)



(NCHS Band Director Christopher Sample, Kayla Hawn, Annaliese Grassia and Gianni Mathis)

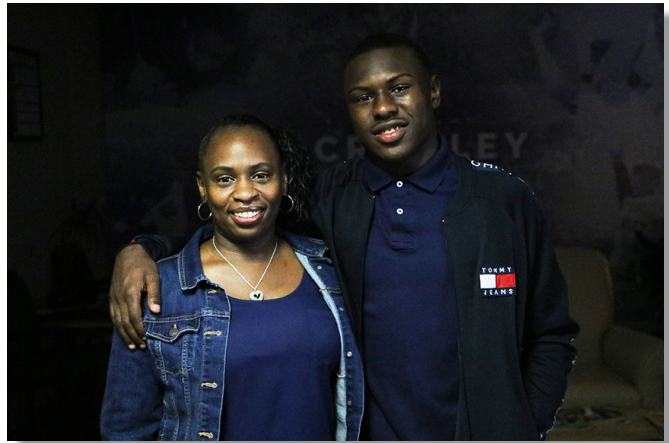
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Rodrick Williams, a senior student-athlete at Crowley High School, was named **Offensive Player of the Week** by DFW Varsity. Rodrick ran for 204 yards in the CHS homecoming game on Oct. 6 where the Eagles beat Granbury 48-17.



(Left photo: Rodrick Williams, a running back for the CHS Football team, plays during the Oct. 6 homecoming game. Right photo: Williams is with his mother at the Oct. 26 Board of Trustees meeting.)

The **Heartbeat Team Award** winner for October (LaToya Pierre, Leadership Institute at Crowley Middle School) was introduced. [Watch to learn](#) more about Pierre and why she's the heartbeat of Crowley ISD.



(Superintendent Dr. Michael McFarland, LaToya Pierre and Crowley Middle School Principal Omarian Brown)

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REPORT ITEMS

The board gave an **Update on the TASA/TASB Conference**. The board and Superintendent Dr. Michael McFarland attended the TASA/TASB Conference in Dallas on Sept. 6-8. Trustee Gary Grassia reported on a session he and Board Secretary Lyndsaie Benton attended entitled “Pre-K Matters.” Trustees Nedra Robinson and Ryan Ray reported on a session they attended entitled “Disrupting a Cultural Coma.”

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the **Sept. 28 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the Oct. 12 Called Board Meeting Minutes**.

Approved the **September 2017 Financial Statements**.

DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Discussed the **Appointment of Board Members to Advisory Committees**, including Policy Review, Strategic Planning, Technology, Finance, Equity, Capital Facilities, Sustainability and Instructional Materials.

Approved a report on the **Texas Accountability Intervention System (TAIS) Improvement Plan for Bess Race Elementary School**. Bess Race earned a “Met Standard” rating in 2017 but was rated “Improvement Required” in 2016.

Approved a **Budget Amendment** for professional development training and items necessary to cover the \$100 million bond sale.

Approved awarding Steele and Freeman Inc. as **General Contractor for new CTE Center**.

Approved awarding Cadence McShane as **General Contractor for High School Renovations and the Maintenance Facility**.

Approved the recommended list of **2017-18 School Health Advisory Council Committee Members**.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

Heard a presentation on the **2016-17 Annual Financial Audit**. The district received an “unmodified opinion,” which means that no material misstatements were found and that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is reported based off of generally accepted accounting principles. Superintendent Dr. Michael McFarland praised the Finance Department, specifically Stacy Adrian, executive director of budget, for the district’s conservative budgeting. He pointed out that the audit showed \$3.8 million going back into the

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district's fund balance. "That is not a common occurrence in districts across the state," he said. "We appreciate the hard work."

Discussed the **2017-18 Board Operating Guidelines**.

Heard plans for the **Career and Technology Education (CTE) Center Redesign**. The district is currently in the programming stage, and design could begin in mid-November. Under the current timeline, construction for a new CTE Center could start in May 2018, which would allow for it to open in the fall of 2020. A team is visiting other CTE centers, and a committee is studying programming by looking at current and emerging occupations and trends for the future. More information will be brought to the board regarding the CTE redesign in November.

Heard a report on **2017-18 District and Campus Improvement Plans** and the process for creating them. The goal is to bring a draft of district and campus plans in November and final documents in December.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Received an update on the **Solar Energy Project**, which is currently in the permitting phase. Applications for seven campuses have been submitted to Oncor Electric Delivery Company, including for Crowley High School, North Crowley High School, the CTE Center, Summer Creek Middle School, H.F. Stevens Middle School and Poynter Elementary School. The estimated start date for the project is April 2018.

Received an update on **Athletic Facilities**, including the Crowley High School baseball, softball and football fieldhouses, which are now complete, as well as the NCHS Football Fieldhouse, which is scheduled to be complete before the holiday break.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board discussed personnel, property and consulted with the board's attorney.

BOARD ACTIONS

Approved the employment of Joshua Dunn as the **Secondary Social Studies coordinator** and Bridgett Parrish as **Elementary English, Language Arts and Reading coordinator**.

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