Board Meeting Summary
November 19, 2019 • Regular Board Meeting • 6:00 p.m.

Awards/Recognition
The Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees recognized the 2019-2020 Conroe ISD National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. Conroe ISD Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program are:


The Woodlands High School - Joshua Bih, Silvino Fernandez Rosado, Ignacio Gonzalez, Blake Higdon, Shreya Joshi, Mateusz Kozlowski, Nicole Petit, Tien Shu, Shama Tirukkala, Julius Ulrichs, Kennedy Zapalac

Citizen Participation
The following citizens addressed the Board:

Kathryn Lagus, Lucina Smith, Rachel Walker, Ann-Marie Kennedy, Mary Herrington, Zoey Nofchissey, Marilee Poon, Kris Hodgins, Derek Carter, Regina Neely, Sam Neely, Nicole May, Amber Fusca, Elizabeth Felthous, Daniel Fenner, Kaylee Newell, John Nicks, Tom Oliver, Kelley Inman, Frank Warner, Ginger Pilot, Dale Fessenden, Jason Rocha, Jay Gross, Renee Verhagen, Matt Hoffman, Kevin Williams, John Wertz, Emily Hoppel, Enrique Rosero

Consent Agenda
The Board of Trustees approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Consider Amendment to the 2019-2020 Budget
- Receive and Consider Human Resources Report - Employment of Professional Personnel
- Consider Approval of Minutes for October 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and November 14, 2019 Special Board Meeting
- Consider Acceptance of the Summer 2015 Mechanical Project
- Consider Acceptance of the Miscellaneous Mechanical Repairs Phase 2 Project

Curriculum and Instruction
The Board of Trustees received reports that included an overview of the 2019 State Accountability ratings, as well as the SAT, ACT, Advanced Placement test, Dual Credit report, and the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) results.

Report highlights include:

- CISD had 38 National Merit Semifinalists in 2019
- CISD outranked both the State and Nation on the SAT with a combined Critical Reading and Math score of 1135
- ACT scores also outranked the State and Nation with a composite score of 23.2
- 4997 CISD students took 10,552 AP exams
- 3025 CTE Certifications were earned

The Board of Trustees approved the Targeted Improvement Plan of Houston Elementary. The Plan included the following:

- Plan based on the Effective Schools Framework
- Essential Actions Identified through Needs Assessment

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- **Milestones to achieve desired outcomes and address barriers** - identified for each cycle
- **District Commitment on Theory of Action** - every cycle

The Board approved the 2019-2020 District Improvement Plan and the 2019-2020 Campus Improvement Plans.

**Administration**

The Board received information regarding the development of the 2020-2021 school calendar. The District Level Planning and Decision-Making (DLPDM) Committee of Conroe ISD is responsible for developing a 2020-2021 school calendar to present as a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The DLPDM Committee will develop one or more draft calendars and will receive input on the calendars from the community and the schools. The calendars will be posted on the CISD website and will be available for review at all of the campuses in Conroe ISD. It is anticipated that the DLPDM Committee will present its recommendation to the Board of Trustees in January 2020.

Dr. Chris Hines, Deputy Superintendent, presented an attendance zones update for elementary schools in The Woodlands and College Park feeders.

The Board of Trustees approved Conroe ISD to solicit public or private prekindergarten partnerships as required House Bill 3. The Board approved the architects for pre-construction and design services for multiple projects.

Mr. Easy Foster, Director of Planning and Construction, presented the progress and status of current capital improvement projects.

**Business/Finance**

The Conroe ISD Board of Trustees awarded RFP #19-06-01 New and Used Vehicles and RFP #19-09-02 Police Vehicle New and Used Supplemental to the following vendors for an estimated annual expenditure of $500,000: Buckalew Chevrolet; Caldwell Country Chevrolet; Gullo Ford; Grapevine DCJ, LLC

The Board of Trustees awarded CSP #19-08-03 Job Order Contract Program to the following vendors for an estimated annual expenditure of $1,000,000: Facilities Sources; Joeris General Contractors, LTD; Ellisor Constructors, Inc.; LMC Corporation; GTT General Contractors, Inc.

The Board awarded RFP #19-09-03A Career Technical Education (CTE) Materials, Supplies, and Equipment to the recommended vendors for an estimated annual expenditure of $600,000.

The CISD Board of Trustees adopted a resolution approving a one-time payment of a $675 Retention Stipend to Qualifying Employees. To qualify for the one-time retention stipend, an employee must:

- have been employed on or before September 17, 2019,
- be classified as a full-time employee working at least as a 50% FTE (Full Time Equivalent),
- still be employed with the District as of January 21, 2020, and
- expect to be employed through May 29, 2020

Every employee meeting these requirements will receive the one-time $675 stipend in their February 14, 2020 paycheck. Stipend amounts for employees who work at least 50% but less than 100% will receive the retention stipend equivalent to the percentage they are employed.

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The Board of Trustees approved a pool of eleven recommended underwriters to provide bond underwriting services for the District in future bond issuances.

John Robuck, with BOK, Financial Advisor for the District, was in attendance to present a report on the Final Results – Refunding Bonds, Series 2019. The District took the opportunity to refund a portion of its outstanding debt at a lower interest rate and receive interest cost savings. The refunding is for interest cost savings and is not a restructuring of the District’s existing debt. The total debt service savings is $8,321,522.

The Conroe ISD Board of Trustees approved the Order Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Conroe Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2020; The approximate new issue amount is $122.5 million from the 2019 Bond Referendum. The bond sale will provide funds for; Building a New Elementary in the Caney Creek feeder zone, renovations and additions to; Conroe High School, The Woodlands College Park High School, The Woodlands High School, Oak Ridge High School, York JHS, Runyan, Creighton and Wilkerson Elementary, Safety and Security projects, Campus Renovations, Technology and Buses. We will begin the design phase for; the new elementary school in the CHS feeder, a Jr. High in the Caney Creek feeder, Conroe 9th grade addition, and the South County CTE at Oak Ridge High.

The Board of Trustees accepted the year-to-date financial reports for information as presented by Mrs. Karen Garza, Business and Accounting Manager.

Legal

The Board voted to cast its 1742 votes for candidates for election to the 2020-2021 Montgomery Central Appraisal District. The Board approved to cast the following votes:

- Bonar Luezy II – 581 Votes
- Bruce Tough – 581 Votes
- Barry Blanton – 580 Votes

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 p.m.