

# Board Meeting Summary

April 18, 2023 • Regular Board Meeting • 6:00 p.m.

## Opening

A regular meeting of the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, April 18, 2023, in the Board Room of Deane L. Sadler Administration Building located at 3205 W. Davis, Conroe, TX 77304. Superintendent Dr. Curtis Null and a quorum of the Board of Trustees were in attendance: Skeeter Hubert, Theresa Wagaman, Datren Williams, Stacey Chase, Tiffany Bauman Nelson, Melissa Dungan, and Misty Odenweller. Board President Skeeter Hubert called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Mr. Williams led the invocation and Mrs. Wagaman led the pledges.

## Awards and Recognitions

The Conroe ISD Board of Trustees, gave special recognition to Special Olympics Powerlifting State Champions, the Conroe Stars. Team members recognized are:

- Reese Adams
- Nicholas Breeden
- Kailee Chatman
- Caden Frost
- Alexy Jurado
- Logan Leonardo
- Kayla Lytton
- Tyrin Ouzeene
- Bianca Perez
- Jason Soddors
- Haley Tanguma

## Citizen Participation

The following citizen(s) addressed the Board:

- Bernita Corder
- Courtney McNall
- Rachel Walker
- Elaine McClure
- Amber Sullivan
- Whitney Skidmore
- Sierra Jacox
- James Bailor
- Lamont Robinson
- Brandon Lowrey
- April Prim
- Ann-Marie Kennedy
- Alexander Harris
- Erica Lawrence
- Erika Lewis
- Georgiana Lewis
- Nicole Guillory
- Paul Laskoski
- Amy Butler
- Carolyn Nini
- Luis Pedraza
- Audrey Warner
- Linda Long
- Melissa Bochat

## Consent Agenda

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

- Consider Approval of Minutes
- Consider Amendment to the 2022-2023 Budget
- Receive Human Resources Report and Consider Employment of Professional Personnel
- Consider Approval of Application for Renewal of Professional Development Waiver
- Request Ratification of the District's 2023-2024 Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Certification Form
- Consider Approval of the Conroe Regional Day School for the Deaf Shared Services Arrangement for the 2023-2024 School Year
- Consider Approval of Submission of a Low Attendance Waiver to the Texas Education Agency for Grand Oaks High School

## Human Resources

The Board of Trustees approved to name the following positions:

- Melissa Sciba – Principal of Gordon-Reed Elementary

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- Kenneth Shields – Principal of Clark Intermediate
- Dr. Tara Vandermark – Director of Elementary Education
- Jeffrey Fuller – Executive Director of School Improvement, Assessment and Accountability
- Rachel Jimenez – Director of Payroll

## Administration

The Board of Trustees approved to accept donated items purchased by the YMCA of Greater Houston for selected campuses that host YMCA afterschool programs. The YMCA allocated \$780,000 to purchase items for the District to use at selected campuses that host YMCA afterschool programs. Allocated fund amounts were determined by the operational capacity of the YMCA afterschool program at each site and forecasted expenses of the YMCA for 2023; however, all students at the selected campuses will have access to donated items during the school day.

Assistant Superintendent for Operations Mr. Chris McCord reported the status of the Districtwide Intruder Detection Audits conducted by the Texas School Safety Center.

Dr. Hedith Upshaw, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, presented an overview of the Texas Library Association (TLA) Annual Conference.

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Chris Hines presented an overview of the laws that impact student discipline, explained how the District manages student discipline, and at the conclusion of the presentation, he answered questions from Board members.

## Planning and Construction

The Board of Trustees voted to approve the selection of the following:

- Marshall Construction Company, Ltd. as construction manager-at-risk for the New Elementary/Intermediate School in the Woodlands Feeder Zone Project
- Ellisor Constructors, Inc. as construction manager-at-risk for the 7th-8th, 9th Grade Campus in the Grand Oaks High School Feeder Zone Project
- Joeris General Contractors, Inc. as construction manager-at-risk for the New Conroe Area High School Project

The Board approved a resolution authorizing the exchange of real property on adjacent to the Snyder Elementary School site. In exchange for the District conveying a 2.49 acre land locked parcel for the purpose of constructing detention, BCS Birnham Woods LLC, will convey to the District a 0.69 acre parcel on which BCS Birnham Woods LLC would also construct additional car cuing space for Snyder Elementary. The proposed exchange terms are of commensurate value to both the District and BCS Birnham Woods LLC.

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

## Business/Finance

The Board of Trustees voted to approve the employee medical coverage rates and plan design for the self-funded health insurance program.

Director of Finance Karen Garza presented the financial report.

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The Board of Trustees received information regarding revisions to Board Policy BBB *Board Members – Elections*. Board Policy BBB was recommended for revision as part of Local Policy Manual Update 120.

The Board of Trustees approved to uphold the Reconsideration Committee's decision in the Level 3 appeal hearing relating to *Ramona Blue* by Julie Murphy. The Reconsideration Committee determined that the novel was appropriate for high school libraries.

## Requests from Trustees Regarding Future Board Agenda Items

Trustee Stacey Chase requested the Board receive an update on campus capacities.

Board President Skeeter Hubert requests the Board of Trustees consider a resolution against school voucher programs.

## Adjournment

President Skeeter Hubert adjourned the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

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