

Board Meeting Summary

May 16, 2023 • Regular Board Meeting • 6:00 p.m.

Opening

A regular meeting of the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, May 16, 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. Dungan led the pledges.

Awards and Recognitions

The Conroe ISD Board of Trustees gave special recognition to students who participated in the Students Together Achieving Results (STAR) Program. This is the 14th group of students to graduate. As all 2023 STAR students were recognized Manuel Texidor, CISD Crisis Intervention Specialist, introduced Jordan Adams, a student participant from Caney Creek High School, who shared her experiences as a STAR Program member with the Board.

College Park High School's Marine Corps JROTC participated in the U.S. Marine Corps JROTC National Championships in Washington, D.C. and the National High School Drill Team Championships in Daytona Beach, Florida. At the events, the JROTC received multiple awards and the Board recognized them for the following:

- 2023 U.S. Marine Corps JROTC National Champion Armed Division Regulation Commander, Isabel Martinez
- 2023 National High School Drill Team Champion - Division 1 Armed Commander Trophy, Isabel Martinez
- 2023 U.S. Marine Corps JROTC National Champions Armed Division Color Guard
- 2023 National High School Drill Team Champions - Division 1 Armed Color Guard
- 2023 National High School Drill Team Champions - Division 1 Armed Regulation
- 2023 U.S. Marine Corps JROTC National Drill Champions
- 2023 National High School Drill Team Champions - Division 1 Armed Overall Championship

The Board of Trustees gave special recognition to The Woodlands High School students Jose Perez and Emilio Lopez for winning the 2023 6A Boys Doubles Tennis State Championship.

The Board of Trustees recognized the Conroe ISD Fine Arts Department and the District as a whole for its commitment to excellence in music education and for receiving the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) Award for the 11th year.

Citizen Participation

The following citizen(s) addressed the Board:

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| • Elizabeth Morrison | • Eliza Bailor | • Mark Fusca | • Maria Paulus |
| • Joseph Liu | • Alexander Harris | • Amber Fusca | • Susan Scruggs |
| • Theresa Neman | • Deborah Farris | • Carolyn Nini | • Betty Daugherty |
| • Rachel Walker | • Dana Briers | • Audrey Warner | • Dale Fessenden |
| • Roberta Sandler | • Sebastian Stik Duarte | • Linda Long | • Hailey King |
| • Monica Wetzig | • Lindsay Dawson | • Truly Heiskell | |
| • James Bailor | • Teresa Kenney | • Jackie Ruggeri | |
| • Karen Bailor | • Amber Sullivan | • Tina Orebaugh | |

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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

Human Resources

The Board of Trustees approved to name the following positions:

- Jamie Almond – Principal of Suchma Elementary
- Stacey Mosely – Principal of Knox Junior High
- Nina Norman – Principal of Washington High School
- Malinda Stewart – Director of School Improvement

Administration

The Board of Trustees received information regarding District campus capacity and trends that are impacting available classroom instructional space across all campuses. The presentation included information on the impact of program changes, special education needs, state-required facility standard changes, and the impact of special programs on classroom availability.

Assistant Superintendent for Operations Mr. Chris McCord discussed requiring students to wear identification badges during the school day. The Board of Trustees provided input regarding implementing the requirement.

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

Teaching and Learning

Dr. Hedith Upshaw, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, presented an overview regarding the instructional materials selection process for phonics curriculum. As required by Board Policy *EFA Instructional Resources – Instructional Materials*, the District has formed a committee to evaluate the quality of the instructional materials and make a recommendation to the Board regarding selection. The Board will receive the committee's recommendations regarding phonics instructional materials selections at their June 2023 meeting.

Planning and Construction

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

- Walter P. Jett Teacher Training Center Construction Project - The financial review yielded returned allowance and savings on the project in the amount of \$8,138.57.
- Runyan Elementary PE Addition Construction Project - The financial review yielded returned allowance and savings on the project in the amount of \$8,798.53.
- Wilkerson Intermediate PE Addition Construction Project - The financial review yielded returned allowance and savings on the project in the amount of \$306,666.37.
- 2021 Campus Renovations Construction Project - The financial review yielded returned allowance and savings on the project in the amount of \$59.13.

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

Business/Purchasing

The Board of Trustees approved to award RFP #23-02-13 Medicaid Collection Services to Onward Learning and authorize the superintendent to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the purchase. With this award, the fee collection percentage will decrease from 3.75% to 3.5% from the previous contract. The projected SHARS reimbursements for 2023-24 is approximately \$11.3 million. Pricing shall be firm for one year, through July 30, 2024 automatically renewing annually for two additional one-year terms unless either party objects.

Business/Finance

The Board of Trustees voted to approve a resolution to extend the existing Bank Depository Contract with Woodforest National Bank for a two-year period commencing not later than September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2025.

Director of Finance Karen Garza presented the financial report.

Legal

The Board of approved 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 table approval of a resolution opposing vouchers and education savings accounts as requested by Board President Mr. Skeeter Hubert.

The Board of Trustees approved Trustee Theresa Wagaman to serve on the TASB Board of Directors for Region 6, Position B.

Adjournment

President Skeeter Hubert adjourned the meeting at 12:43 a.m.

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