

# BOARD



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## *A Summary of the Minutes from the TISD Board of Trustees Meeting April 18*

## **Board of Trustees 2016-2017**

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*At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Trustees conducted the following business:*

**ADJOURNED** *to a sixty-one minute closed session.*

**RECOGNIZED** *recipients of the Texarkana Public Schools Foundation Innovative Teacher Grant – Brittany Adcock, Nicole Ayers, Tara Baker, Miriam Ballard, Penny Cole, Keaton Cordray, Whitney Crutcher, William Cruz, Amanda Davis, Erin Davis, Kacey Davis, Laura Dean, Britani DeMaet, Wendy Dowd, Tara Droske, Shelby Elliott, Rachel Epley, Sonya Freeze, Barbara Fugitt, Shelly George, Leslie George, Kamilah Golston, Cindy Gore, Therisa Gray, Megan Griffin, Kay Hamilton, Monica Harrison, Meagan Hensley, Christina Herrington, Gayle Higgins, Senitha Hodge, Carol Hubbard, Tamara Hudspeth, Jessica Kline, Kristen Larey, Liliana Luna, April McCright, Terri McMaster, Sandra McNeely, Sara Molchany, Mona Noel, Sherry Norton, Maximina Olalde, Jacquelyn Osborn, Stephanie Parker, Cora Patton, Jenny Pinnell, Rachel Sparks, Mindy Spigner, Kelli Thomerson, Daniela Tirrito, Nathan Upchurch, Carmelya Vaughn, Amanda Waits, Magan Wisdom, Stephanie Yowell.*

**CONDUCTED** *a public forum; there was no participation from the audience.*

**RECEIVED** *information from Superintendent Norton on legislative updates and upcoming field trips – 1) Theron Jones Early Literacy Center Students to Sci Port in Shreveport, LA on April 28, 2017; 2) Texas High Students to Central High School in Little Rock, AR and to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN on April 25–26, 2017; 3) Texas High DECA Students to Anaheim, CA on April 25–30, 2017; 4) GT Fifth Grade Students to Sci-Port in Shreveport, LA on May 2, 2017; 5) GT Fourth Grade Students to Sci-Port in Shreveport, LA on May 3, 2017; 6) GT First, Second and Third Grade Students to Sci-Port in Shreveport, LA on May 4, 2017; 7) Theron Jones Early Literacy Center Students to Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro, AR on May 10, 2017; 8) Texas High Students to Orlando, FL on May 10–14, 2017; 9) Nash Elementary Students to Old Washington State Park in Old Washington, AR on May 11, 2017; 10) Morriss Elementary 3rd Grade Students to Sci Port in Shreveport, LA on May 11, 2017; 11) Morriss Elementary 4th Grade Students to Logoly State Park in McNeil, AR on May 16, 2017; 12) Morriss Elementary 5th Grade Students to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL on May 21–24, 2017; 13) Nash Elementary Students to Mid America Science Museum in Hot Springs, AR on May 27, 2017; 14) Texas High Tiger Theatre Company Students to the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, NE on June 19–25, 2017.*

**APPROVED** *minutes of the March 21, 2017 regular Board meeting.*

**APPROVED** *personnel recommendations listed below:*

### **1) Resignations/Retirement**

*(all resignations and retirements are effective May 30, 2017 unless otherwise noted.)*

#### **Adult Education**

*Ransdell, Marva Dean – Director – Retiring, effective June 30, 2017*

#### **Instructional Services**

*Naghad, Jeanie Rena’ – Coordinator of Elementary Math and Science  
– Resigning, effective June 30, 2017*

#### **Martha and Josh Morriss Mathematics & Engineering Elementary School**

*Crutcher, Whitney – Instructional Coach  
Shirley, Sandra Kay – Fine Arts Teacher*

#### **Paul Laurence Dunbar Early Education Center**

*Cordray, Natalie – PreKindergarten Teacher*

#### **Spring Lake Park Elementary School**

*Brooks, Amber – Fifth Grade Teacher  
Hartman, Susan – Kindergarten Teacher  
Iles, Kimberly – Fifth Grade Teacher*

#### **Texas High School**

*Campbell, Cedina – History Teacher  
Harrell, Jeremy – Teacher/Coach – Resigning, effective March 26, 2017  
Hill, Rebecca – Art Teacher  
Love, Cellustein – Math Teacher  
Medley, Sara – Spanish Teacher  
Morton, Joseph Tyler – Teacher/Coach  
Olson, Kelly – Math Teacher  
Rankin, Joshua – Teacher/Coach – Resigning, effective March 31, 2017  
Sexton, Ella – English Teacher  
Stephenson, Joni – Music Teacher  
Vernon, Carolyn – French Teacher*

#### **Texas Middle School**

*Caesar-Simington, Deadra – Sixth Grade Science Teacher  
Crowson, Mitzi – Sixth Grade Science Teacher  
Holihan, Abigail – Eighth Grade English Teacher  
Holley, Zachary – Sixth Grade Social Studies Teacher*

#### **Theron Jones Early Literacy Center**

*Bunger, Lynzi – Fine Arts Teacher  
Floyd, Joey – First Grade Teacher*

#### **TILC**

*Mitchell, Joshua – Special Education Teacher*

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**Waggoner Creek Elementary School**  
*Sutterfield, Lisa – First Grade Teacher*

**Wake Village Elementary School**  
*Hendrix, Candice – PreKindergarten Teacher*  
*Jolley, Amy – Fifth Grade Teacher*

**Westlawn Elementary School**  
*Hatcher, Da'Lisa – Fifth Grade Teacher*  
*Narens, Colleen – Reading Interventionist*

### 2) Elections/Assignments

**Martha and Josh Morriss Mathematics & Engineering Elementary School**  
*Hambleton, Lori – Moving to Counselor on a Ten and One Half Month Contract*

**Spring Lake Park Elementary School**  
*Donovan, Brionna – Fifth Grade Teacher*  
*Markham, Andrea Ellen – Second Grade Teacher*

**Texas High School**  
*Elrod, Melinda – STEM World Geography Teacher*  
*Grider, Carol Patrice – Health Sciences Teacher*  
*Ludlow, Jennifer – Science Teacher*  
*Ludlow, Michael – Teacher/Coach*  
*Miller, Mary Katherine – Art Teacher*  
*Welsh, John – Math Teacher*

**Texas Middle School**  
*Knowles, Nancy – Sixth Grade Science Teacher*

**Wake Village Elementary School**  
*McCarter, Andrew – Assistant Principal*  
*Robertson, Monica – Fourth Grade Teacher*  
*Wright, Matthew – Fifth Grade Teacher*

**Westlawn Elementary School**  
*Smith, Christine Nichole – Moving to TTIPS Grant Coordinator on a Twelve Month Contract*

### 3) Consideration/Approval of Proposed Contract Recommendations: Renewals, Non-Renewals, Terminations, Etc.

*List was provided under separate cover.*

**APPROVED** *monthly investment report.*

**APPROVED** *Weight Training Equipment.*

**APPROVED** *TASB Policy Update 107 (List of Local Policies Affected, with the exclusion of item CDC (LOCAL), which will be considered at a later date by the District.) – 1) CDC (LOCAL) OTHER REVENUES GIFTS AND SOLICITATIONS; 2) CJ (LOCAL) CONTRACTED SERVICES; 3) DC (LOCAL) EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES; 4) DEE (LOCAL) COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT; 5) DFAA (LOCAL) PROBATIONARY CONTRACTS SUSPENSION/TERMINATION DURING CONTRACT; 6) DFBA (LOCAL) TERM CONTRACTS SUSPENSION/TERMINATION DURING CONTRACT; 7) DFCA (LOCAL) CONTINUING CONTRACTS SUSPENSION/TERMINATION; 8) FEA (LOCAL) ATTENDANCE COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE; 9) FFA (LOCAL) STUDENT WELFARE WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES; 10) FJ (LOCAL) STUDENT FUNDRAISING; 11) GE (LOCAL) RELATIONS WITH PARENT ORGANIZATIONS.*

**APPROVED** *waiver for low attendance days.*

**APPROVED** *monthly financial report.*

**APPROVED** *monthly expenditures.*

**APPROVED** *first reading of budget FY 2017-2018.*

**APPROVED** *bank renewal.*

**RECEIVED** *a report on the Theron Jones Early Literacy Campus from Principal Melodie White.*

**RECEIVED** *a report on student academic performance from Texas High School Principal Brad Bailey.*

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017.**