

# BOARD



**Texarkana**  
Independent School District

# BRIEFS

*A Summary of the Minutes from the  
TISD Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 30, 2015*

## Board of Trustees 2014-2015

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*At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, June 30, the Board of Trustees conducted the following business:*

**ADJOURNED** to a fifty-three minute closed session.

**RECOGNIZED** None

**CONDUCTED** a public forum. There were no participants.

**RECEIVED** information from Superintendent Norton on current legislative issues and upcoming plans to prepare for the next legislative session.

**APPROVED** minutes of the May 19, 2015 regular Board meeting.

**APPROVED** personnel recommendations listed below:

### 1) Resignations/Retirement

*(all resignations and retirements are effective June 11, 2015, unless otherwise noted.)*

#### **Morriss Elementary School**

*Marshall, Todd – Assistant Principal – Resignation, effective June 30, 2015*

#### **Nash Elementary School**

*Dreyer, Hannah – Fourth Grade Teacher*

*Lindsey, Karen – Second Grade Teacher*

#### **Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary Education Center**

*Wafford, Erin – Special Education Teacher*

#### **SDAEP**

*Keener, Nichole – English/Language Arts Teacher*

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

*Cook, Christina – Fine Arts Teacher*

*Lambert, Jan – Kindergarten Teacher*

*McAlister, Mark – Fourth Grade Teacher*

*Sellars, Whitney – Fifth Grade English Language Arts Teacher*

*Wadsworth, Jade – Second Grade Teacher*

#### **Texarkana ISD Virtual Academy**

*Wilburn, Amanda – Virtual Academy Teacher*

#### **Texas High School**

*Morey, Matthew – Band Teacher*

*Ransom, Emily – Librarian*

*Schroeder, Mark – Director of College and Career Readiness – Resignation, effective June 30, 2015*

*Sutton, Jay – Band Teacher*

#### **Texas Middle School**

*Gajewsky, Larry – Assistant Principal – Resignation, effective June 30, 2015*

*Henard, Joy – Sixth Grade Math Teacher – Resignation, effective May 26, 2015*

*Youngblood, Holly Brianna – English Teacher*

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

*Breed, Linda – Nurse – Retiring, effective May 31, 2015*

*Knipper, Lindsey – Second Grade Teacher*

*Phillips, Karen – First Grade Teacher*

#### **Westlawn Elementary School**

*Cox, Mary Kathryn – Special Education Teacher*

*Manning, Melissa – Fine Arts Teacher*

*Watson, Kassie – Principal – Resignation, effective June 30, 2015*

*Wisnabaker, Melinda – Fourth Grade Teacher*

### 2) Elections/Assignments

#### **Administration**

*Harris, LaNell Suzette – Health Services Coordinator*

#### **Highland Park Elementary School**

*Lynn, Brandy – Second Grade Teacher*

#### **Nash Elementary School**

*Tate, Karen – Diagnostician*

*Brewer, Alexa – Second Grade Teacher*

#### **Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary Education Center**

*Abrens, Anna – HeadStart Pre-Kindergarten Teacher*

*Stephenson, Joni – HeadStart Pre-Kindergarten Teacher*

*Sullivan, Shelly – HeadStart Pre-Kindergarten Teacher*

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

*Estes, Kemily – Second Grade Teacher*

*Herrington, Christina – Sci Tek Teacher*

*Graham, Amanda – Assistant Principal – 11-month Administrator Contract*

*O'Donnell, Kirsten – Third Grade Teacher*

*Thomas, Maegan – Fourth Grade Teacher*

*Slade, Audrey Anne – Principal – 12-month Administrator Contract*

*Sparks, Michelle – Fifth Grade Teacher*

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### **Texas High School**

*Ayers, Nicole – STEM PreAP/Algebra II Math Teacher  
Duncan, Jeremy – Academic Advisor  
Epley, Rachel – Library Media Specialist  
Faulkner, Tom – Head Tennis Coach  
House, Cory – Family Consumer Science Teacher  
Killgo, John – Assistant Band Director  
Loanzon, Leslie – Assistant Band Director  
Medley, Sara – Spanish Teacher  
Olson, Kelly – Math Teacher  
Strunc, John – World Geography Teacher  
Washington, Ashley – Instructional Technology Specialist*

### **Texas Middle School**

*Allen Nunez, Whitney – STEM Seventh Grade Social Studies Teacher  
Holihan, Abigail – Eighth Grade English Language Arts Teacher  
Hopper, Ruth Ellen – Art Teacher  
Jennings, Perry Randall – Seventh Grade Math Teacher  
Ledford, Bryan – Eighth Grade Assistant Principal  
Leuschen, Rachel – Sixth Grade Math Teacher  
Stephenson, Erica – Sixth Grade Science Teacher  
Wilson, Shonda – Teacher/Coach*

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

*Abraham, Paige – Kindergarten Teacher  
Dockery, Kendal – Kindergarten Teacher  
Edmond, Courtnee – First Grade Teacher  
Floyd, Joey – First Grade Teacher  
Gonzalez, Darcy – First Grade Teacher  
Lester, Meagan – First Grade Teacher*

### **Wake Village Elementary School**

*Walker, Winifred – Special Education Teacher*

### **Westlawn Elementary School**

*Fenton, Lisa – Fourth Grade Reading/Social Studies Teacher  
Nickleberry, Pamela – Third Grade Teacher  
Robertson, Venessa – Fourth Grade Teacher  
Stewart, Tiffanie – Special Education/Collaborative Teacher*

### **3) 2015-2016 Teacher Contract Proposed Renewals, Non Renewals, Terminations/Suspensions**

#### **Texas High School**

*Johnson, Elizabeth Dollie – Diagnostician - Moving to an Eleven-month Term Contract  
Klopper, Mary Catherine – Assistant Principal of STEM – Moving to a Twelve-month Term Contract  
Oubre, Michelle – Diagnostician – Moving to an Eleven-month Term Contract*

#### **Texas Middle School**

*Powell, Elizabeth – Diagnostician - Moving to an Eleven-month Term Contract*

- APPROVED *monthly investment report.*
- APPROVED *proposals for 1) Auto parts vendor; 2) Child Nutrition food, small equipment and supplies; 3) Student accident and catastrophic insurance.*
- ACCEPTED *Partners in Education donations for the period May 2015 totaling \$418,808.34.*
- APPROVED *Policy CDA (Legal): Other Revenues: Investments.*
- APPROVED *List of Brokers.*
- APPROVED *amendment to Policy DEC (Local): Compensation and Benefits: Leaves and Absences.*
- APPROVED *monthly financial report.*
- APPROVED *monthly expenditures.*
- APPROVED *budget amendments for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.*
- APPROVED *2015-2016 budget & proposed tax rate.*
- APPROVED *proposed change to the 2015-2016 School Calendar.*
- ACCEPTED *changing the name of the campus located at 3201 Lincoln Avenue to Goree Learning Center.*
- APPROVED *Cenergistic Energy Conservation Program.*
- APPROVED *competitive sealed proposals for construction of an Elementary School.*
- RECEIVED *a report on the Texas High campus from Principal Brad Bailey.*
- RECEIVED *a report on the Community and Student Engagement District Evaluation in Compliance with HB 5.*
- RECEIVED *a report on the State and Federal Grants Manual.*

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015.**