

# BOARD



**Texarkana**  
Independent School District

# BRIEFS

*A Summary of the Minutes from the  
TISD Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 21, 2013*

## Board of Trustees 2012-2013

**Paul Miller**  
*President*  
*At Large - District 6*

**Wanda Boyette**  
*Vice President*  
*District 3*

**Bill Kimbro**  
*Secretary*  
*District 1*

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*District 2*

**Jerry Chapman**  
*District 4*

**Bryan DePriest**  
*District 5*

**Fred Norton, Jr.**  
*At Large - District 7*

*The Board of Trustees meets in regular session on the third Tuesday of each month, and at other times as necessary.*

*The meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. at the TISD Services Building, 1600 Waterall, or at other designated locations in the District. The public is welcome to attend all meetings.*

*Citizens wishing to address the Board may speak on issues other than personnel during the Public Forum, an agenda item for all regular Board meetings.*

*At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, May 21, the Board of Trustees conducted the following business: the Oaths of Office to Board members Mrs. Wanda Boyette, Mr. Gerald Brooks, Mr. Bryan DePriest, and Mr. Fred Norton, Jr. to a thirty-four minute closed session.*

- ADMINISTERED** *the Oaths of Office to Board members Mrs. Wanda Boyette, Mr. Gerald Brooks, Mr. Bryan DePriest, and Mr. Fred Norton, Jr. to a thirty-four minute closed session.*
- ADJOURNED** *to a thirty-four minute closed session.*
- ELECTED** *Board officers for the 2013-2014 school year -- President -- Paul Miller, Vice President -- Wanda Boyette, and Secretary -- Bill Kimbro.*
- RECOGNIZED** *Duke University TIP Scholars Blaire Berry, Evan Carr, Corbin Hamilton, Michayla Hellums, Caleb LeGrand, Zoe Lovett, Macheala McAdams, Anna Morgan, William Norton, Eleanor Schroeder, Frances Schroeder, and Jacob Weeks, and recognized Luke Carter as a Grand Level Scholar. The Board also recognized Crystal Murphy and Heather Lanier who have been named Gates Millennium Scholars.*
- CONDUCTED** *an open forum. Hazel Cotton spoke during the open forum concerning the budget and CSCOPE curriculum, and Peggy Groom spoke concerning CSCOPE.*
- RECEIVED** *information from Superintendent Paul Norton that the legislative session will end on May 27th and the budget process is almost complete. He also informed the Board of an upcoming Board budget workshop on Wednesday, May 29 at 11:30 a.m. at the central office administration building. Superintendent Norton also noted two field trips - REACH middle school students to Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas May 21, 2013 and Texas High Engineering Math DC Class to the Paul Klipsch Museum in Hope, Arkansas May 22, 2013. He also reminded the Board about the Texas High School graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 8 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on Moores Lane.*
- APPROVED** *minutes of the April 16, 2013 regular Board of Trustees meeting.*
- APPROVED** *personnel recommendations listed below:*
- 1) Resignations/Retirement**  
*All resignations and retirements are effective June 12, 2013 unless otherwise noted.*
- Dunbar/Nash/Theron Jones/Westlawn Elementary**  
*White, Margaret -- Teacher/Girls Coach -- retirement effective May 31, 2013*
- Dunbar Elementary**  
*Ariniello, Jennifer -- Fourth Grade Teacher -- resignation*
- Nash Elementary**  
*Hickerson, Melissa -- Second Grade Teacher -- resignation*  
*Salinas Gonzales, Elvina -- Bilingual Elementary Teacher -- resignation*
- OPTIONS Academic Alternative High School**  
*Hopper, Ruth Ellen -- English Language Arts and Art Teacher -- retirement effective May 31, 2013*
- Spring Lake Park Elementary**  
*Chandler, Melissa -- First Grade Teacher -- resignation*
- Texas High School**  
*Daniels, Patricia -- Teacher/Girls Coach -- retirement effective May 31, 2013*  
*Fuqua, Whitney -- Special Education Teacher -- resignation*  
*Hawkins, James -- Special Education Math Teacher -- resignation*
- Texas Middle School**  
*Brewer, Brittany Nicole -- Math Teacher -- resignation*  
*Dillinger, Mike -- Assistant Principal -- resignation effective June 30, 2013*  
*Huffstetler, BJ -- Science Teacher -- resignation*  
*Hunt, Donna M. -- STEM Science Teacher -- resignation*  
*Parker, Ashley -- Sixth Grade English Language Arts Teacher -- resignation*  
*Schroeder, Jessica -- Sixth Grade STEM Science Teacher -- resignation*  
*Solice, Deborah -- English as a Second Language Teacher -- resignation*  
*Spangler, Jacob -- Sixth Grade Social Studies Teacher -- resignation*
- Theron Jones Early Literacy Center**  
*Crowell, Wendy -- Kindergarten Teacher -- resignation*
- Westlawn Elementary**  
*Hill, Jacqueline -- Pre-Kindergarten Teacher -- resignation*  
*Page, Taylor -- Fourth Grade Teacher -- resignation*
- 2) Elections/Assignments**  
**District Wide**  
*Baumann, Kimberly -- Instructional Coach*  
*McAfee, Melinda -- Coordinator of Multilingual Education Program -- move to twelve month professional contract*
- Dunbar Elementary**  
*Ponder, Paisley Elizabeth -- Pre-K/Head Start Teacher*
- Nash Elementary**  
*Ballard, Miriam -- Bilingual Elementary Teacher*
- Texarkana ISD Virtual Academy**  
*Niemeyer, Rita Diane -- Elementary Grades 3-6 and Special Education Teacher*
- Texas High School**  
*Bickham, Amanda -- College Algebra Dual Credit/Algebra Teacher*  
*Cochran, Robert -- Head Girls Basketball Coach/Physical Education Teacher*  
*Hill, Rebecca -- Arts-Ceramics Teacher*  
*Johnson, Elizabeth Dollie -- Diagnostician*  
*Lawson, Jr., Marvin -- Director of Music and Texas High Band*  
*Tirrito, Jr., Samuel -- STEM English Teacher*
- Texas Middle School**  
*Tennyson, Krichia -- Science Teacher*  
*Upchurch, Tonja -- Science Teacher*
- Theron Jones Elementary**  
*Mason, Whitney -- Second Grade Teacher*  
*Carr, Mandi -- First Grade Teacher*
- 3) Proposed Contract Recommendations: Renewals, Non-Renewals, Terminations, Etc.**  
*monthly investment report.*
- APPROVED** *proposal for 1) depository services to Farmers Bank & Trust for .55% fixed on interest bearing accounts for two years; 2) line of credit for \$5,000,000 to Guaranty Bond Bank at 1.95%; 3) solar roof mount PV array for Morris Elementary to Sustainable Sources totaling \$146,000.00, noting this is no cost to the district -- funds received from a SECO Demonstration Grant and AEP Sweepco Smart Source PV Program.*
- APPROVED** *Partners in Education donations for period April 2013 totaling \$13,365.23.*
- APPROVED** *addition of dual credit journalism program for Texas High School.*
- APPROVED** *monthly financial report.*
- APPROVED** *monthly expenditures.*
- ACCEPTED** *second reading of the 2013-2014 budget.*
- APPROVED** *change of date for June 2013 Board meeting to Thursday, June 27 to allow more time to work on the budget before final presentation to the Board.*
- APPROVED** *Morris Elementary PV Solar array and solar thermal water heater.*
- RECEIVED** *a report on the Nash Elementary campus from Principal Brandy Debenport.*

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2013.**