

# BOARD



**Texarkana**  
Independent School District

# BRIEFS

*A Summary of the Minutes from the  
TISD Board of Trustees Meeting  
November 19, 2013*

## Board of Trustees 2013-2014

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

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

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*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, November 19, the Board of Trustees conducted the following business:*

- ADJOURNED** *to a fifty-one minute closed session.*
- CONDUCTED** *a public forum. Texas High School teacher John Littman expressed his appreciation to the Board for allowing his students to come and participate in the Board of Trustees meetings due to a requirement for his government students. Mrs. Mary Bruce also spoke during the forum thanking the Board and administration for their sentiments and expressions of love and gratitude at this time last year for former Board member Dr. James S. Grant.*
- RECOGNIZED** *Jr. League Teacher Take Wing grant recipients Kristen McNamee, Amy Kyles, Dianne Cherry, Michelle Turner, Penny Cole, Nichole Keener, Nathan Upchurch, Jenny Walker, Amanda Bickham, Shea Phillips, Amy Tellez, and Penny Olson.*
- CONDUCTED** *a public hearing concerning the Texas Accountability Intervention System (TAIS) Target Intervention Plan; there was no participation from the audience.*
- RECEIVED** *information from Superintendent Paul Norton that the State Board of Education is continuing its review regarding the new graduation requirements detailed in House Bill 5 of the Texas legislature, and that he would keep the Board members informed of any new information he received. Supt. Norton informed the Board of an upcoming field trip for TMS seventh grade students to Arkadelphia, AR to visit the college campus on December 3, 2013. He also presented an update on the Strategic Planning Process to the Board members from the three day planning that the Strategic Planning Team just conducted. He reviewed the mission statement, the parameters, beliefs, and strategic objectives.*
- APPROVED** *minutes of the October 15, 2013 regular Board meeting.*
- APPROVED** *personnel recommendations listed below:*
- 1) Resignations/Retirement**
- Texas High School***  
*McBay, Micah – Drama Teacher – Resignation effective November 14, 2013*
- Westlawn***  
*Stilwell, Martha – Diagnostician – Resignation effective December 31, 2013*  
*Tirrito, Agnes – 4th Grade Teacher – Resignation effective December 31, 2013*
- 2) Elections/Assignments**
- Texas High School***  
*Davis, Marisa – Math Teacher Interventionist*
- Westlawn***  
*Collins, Kashandra – English Language Arts 5th Grade Teacher*  
*Willis, Lauren – Robotics Teacher*
- APPROVED** *monthly investment report.*
- APPROVED** *proposals for 1) Child Nutrition food, small equipment and supplies to Abernathy, Ben E. Keith, Campbell Kids, Labatt Food Service, PFG, Sysco East Texas, Tankersley, U. S. Foods, William George; 2) temporary services vendor for the period January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014 to Express Employment Services as the primary vendor, Temporary Services Unlimited as the secondary vendor, and Select Staff as the tertiary vendor.*
- ACCEPTED** *Partners in Education donations for the period October 2013 totaling \$6,557.37.*
- APPROVED** *Instructional Materials Adoption Committee.*
- APPROVED** *TASB Policy Update 98 with the exception of Policy DGBA(Local) – Personnel-Management Relations Employee Complaints/Grievances and Policy FEA(Local) – Attendance – Compulsory Attendance.*
- APPROVED** *monthly financial report.*
- APPROVED** *monthly expenditures.*
- APPROVED** *committed fund balance resolution.*
- ACCEPTED** *audit report FY 2013 from the firm of Thomas & Thomas.*
- APPROVED** *Bowie Central Appraisal District 2013 tax roll.*
- APPROVED** *resolution naming Board members Mrs. Wanda Boyette and Mr. Paul Miller as nominees to the Bowie Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 term.*
- APPROVED** *Texas Accountability Intervention System (TAIS) Targeted Intervention Plans.*
- APPROVED** *Texas High School Program of Studies and Course Description Guide for 2014-2015.*
- RECEIVED** *a report on the Texas Middle School campus and a STEM Program Update.*

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013.**