



Board of Education Meeting Notes

June 15, 2021

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the Canvassing of the School Board Runoff Election held on June 5, 2021 for Place 3. The Canvass was conducted to verify the election results.

Dewey Taliaferro – 367 votes (47.11%)

Ariela Martinez – 412 (52.89%)

Angela Branch, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education, swore in the elected CISD Board Member, **Ariela Martinez, Place 3.**

The Board of Education Officers were elected to current positions:
(effective June 21, 2021)

Kenneth Romo: School Board President

David Holder: School Board Vice President

Cathy Gatica: School Board Secretary



CONSENT AGENDA

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda. The consent Agenda Consists of items that the Board considers routine and approves under one motion. The items approved were:

- **Board Minutes from May 3, 2021, for a Regular Meeting, and Board Minutes from May 11, 2021, for a Special Meeting.**
- **Expenditure Report for the month of May 2021.**
- **TASB Risk Management Fund as the 2021-2022 District's Property and Casualty Insurance Carrier** for a total premium of \$274,907.00.
- **Contracting with Superior Pediatric Care for Physical and Occupational Therapy** for the Special Education Department in the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Renewal of the Food Service Management Contract with Sodexo for one additional year.** As required by the Texas Department of Agriculture, the District accepted proposals for this service in the spring of 2020. The mandated term for the contract was for one year with four one-year renewal options.
- **Skyward Annual License Fee for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$64,689.00.** The Skyward license fee covers the software used by the District for Student Records, Family Access, PEIMS, Finance, Human Resources and other programs.
- **The JJAEP Memorandum of Understanding:** A Memorandum of Understanding with Tarrant County Juvenile Services was reviewed to provide services for students who are expelled from Castleberry ISD for the 2021-2022 academic year.

DONATIONS

Irma Marsh Middle School received donations of gift cards and items totaling \$862.97 in April from various community businesses. Appreciation letters from Principal, Karelyn Roberts were mailed.

Castleberry Independent School District received donations of gift cards, coupons, and discounts from various community businesses to be given out to staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. Appreciation letters from Superintendent, Dr. John Ramos were mailed.



FINANCIAL SERVICES

1. **Budget Work Session 4:** Conducted for preliminary budget development. This is the fourth of four budget work sessions.
2. **Adrian Galvan of Tijerina, Galvan, Lawrence Financial Consulting (TGL)** presented information regarding cash defeasance options for Castleberry ISD's outstanding bonds.
3. **The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the Budget Amendment.** This displays any necessary budget amendments that should be made due to spending patterns. By law, the District may not exceed the budget amount within "Function" code without prior approval of the Board. The budget amendment is needed to balance functions within the funds for the end of the fiscal year.
4. **Delinquent Tax Collection Report** included information on the delinquent property tax collections for May 2021. This report has been prepared by CISD's tax attorney, Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott.
5. **Child Nutrition Report** included program highlights, improvements, and solutions which have taken place over the 2020-2021 school year. Employee training and community outreach continues to be a goal for the Child Nutrition Department.

HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES

- **The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve Teacher Contract Renewals:** The Superintendent of Schools presented recommendations to the Board of Education of Proposed Teacher Contract Renewals.
- **The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve Professional Contract Renewals:** The Superintendent of Schools presented recommendations to the Board of Education of Proposed Professional Contract Renewals.

NEW HIRES



Amber Picasso, Special Services Coordinator

Amber Picasso comes to us from Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD. She began her educational career teaching for nine years at Acton Elementary in Granbury ISD. She has served as an educational diagnostician for seven years at EMS ISD. For the last two years, she was the lead diagnostician for the District. Amber Picasso graduated from Tarleton State University with her Bachelor's (Curriculum and Instruction) and Master's degree (Reading Specialist). Amber earned her educational diagnostician certification post-masters in 2014. She is expected to graduate with her doctoral degree from Tarleton State University in August 2021. Amber has been married for 9 years to Chris Picasso. Amber is a life-long learner. Her goals are to help foster a culture of excellence and inspire others to exceed their potential.

Janie Adame, Bilingual Dyslexia Interventionist, Special Services

Eric Aguillon, CTE / Project Lead the Way, Castleberry High School

Evelyn Almodovar, Assistant Speech Language Pathologist, Special Programs

Dr. Darla Barnes, Associate Principal, Castleberry High School

Stephanie Berry, Assistant Principal, Irma Marsh Middle School

Cameron Bibens, 4th Grade Teacher, Castleberry Elementary

Caitlin Conders, Computer Science Teacher, Teaching Learning & Innovation

Jennifer Castillo, Social Studies Teacher/Coach, Irma Marsh Middle School

Jessica Christopher, 3rd Grade Teacher, A.V. Cato Elementary



Laura Depp, Elementary Math Instructional Coach, Teaching Learning & Innovation

Shana Dilldine, GT Teacher, Castleberry Elementary

Theodoro Garcia, PE Teacher/Coach, Castleberry High School

Morgan Hicks, 4th Grade Teacher, Castleberry Elementary

Amanda Kemp, Kindergarten Teacher, Castleberry Elementary

Nacoma Malone, Counselor, Joy James Elementary

Vianey Martinez, DLE Instructional Coach, Teaching Learning & Innovation

Tyler Neal, Secondary ELA Instructional Coach, Teaching Learning & Innovation

Elizabeth Nino de Rivera Vega, Bilingual PK Teacher, A.V. Cato Elementary

Oscar Perales, Secondary Math Instructional Coach, Teaching Learning & Innovation

Michele Quinones, Math Teacher, Irma Marsh Middle School

Jessica Rodriguez, Special Education Teacher, Joy James Elementary

Aimee Seaton, 1st Grade Teacher, A.V. Cato Elementary

Kelly Smith, Reading Interventionist, Joy James Elementary

Austin Vandiver, Special Education Teacher, Joy James Elementary

Leo Vasquez, Secondary Attendance Officer, Teaching Learning & Innovation

Jenna Vick, 3rd Grade Teacher, Joy James Elementary

Christopher Woodard, DAEP Teacher, TRUCE Learning Center

STUDENT SERVICES AND OPERATIONS

Ultraviolet Lighting, ESSER III Funds: Lenny Lasher, Executive Director of Student Services, gave a presentation on the installation of ultraviolet lighting through Surveillance Analytics (Buy Board Purchasing Cooperative: #20-603) in the amount of \$86,584.00. The scope of work includes the Athletic Complex (locker rooms & weight room), Castleberry High School (competition gym, boys and girls locker rooms), and a UVC Mobile Unit (nursing clinics, buses, etc.).

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the Capital Improvements Projects Update (2021-2022). The report reflected work scheduled to be completed and funds expended through the 2021-2022 school year.

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the CISD 2021-2022 Replacement Plan.

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TEACHING, LEARNING, AND INNOVATION

Renee Smith-Faulkner, Associate Superintendent, presented an update of the **2020-2021 District Improvement Plan**.

Renee Smith-Faulkner, Associate Superintendent, presented an update of the **Five Year Curriculum Audit**.

Leadership Academy at Joy James Elementary: Dr. June Ritchlin, Executive Director of Elementary Education, and Leigh Ann Turner, Principal at Joy James Elementary, gave a brief overview of the new Leadership Academy.



Teaching, Learning, and Innovation Report includes the following annual updates:

- A. **The Professional Learning Website** outlined the District's professional learning plan along with a list of opportunities.
- B. **The 2020-2021 Elementary Mathematics Report** included program highlights, improvements, and solutions which have taken place over the 2020-2021 academic year.
- C. **The 2020-2021 Secondary Mathematics Report** included program highlights, improvements, and solutions which have taken place over the 2020-2021 academic year.
- D. **The 2020-2021 Elementary Language Arts Report** included program highlights, improvements, and solutions which have taken place over the 2020-2021 academic year.
- E. **The 2020-2021 Secondary English Language Arts Report** included program highlights, improvements, and solutions which have taken place over the 2020-2021 academic year.
- F. **The 2020-2021 Counselor Report** included program supports provided to students, parents, and our community over the 2020-2021 academic year.
- G. **The 2020-2021 Special Education Report** included data and highlights for the Special Education programs in Castleberry ISD.
- H. **The 2020-2021 Fine Arts Report** included details about program highlights, improvements, and solutions that have taken place this past year.
- I. **Advanced Academics Report** provided an update and status of advanced academic courses offered by Castleberry High School, along with Dual Credit partnerships and On-Ramps Dual Enrollment with the University of Texas in Austin.
- J. **The 2020-2021 UIL Academic Report** highlighted this past year's UIL participation numbers and accolades from CISD campuses.

FUTURE MEETING

June 21, 2021 - Special Board Meeting

July 19, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting

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