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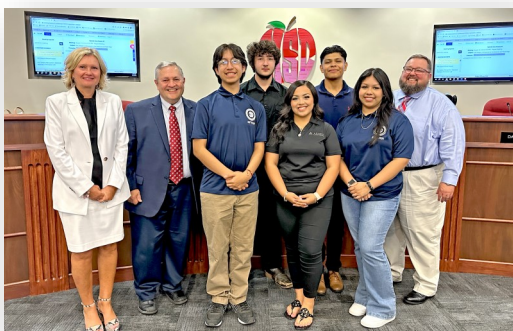


Castleberry Independent School District

Board of Education Meeting Notes

August 14, 2023

RECOGNITIONS



Stephanie Martinez, CTE Director, recognized TEA Summer Grant opportunities including Freshman Camps, 6th Grade STEM Camp, and the Summer Intern Program. The CTE Program received a \$100,000 Grant that was split between the Summer Camp Initiative and the Summer Internship program.

[Link to Presentation](#)



Lenny Lasher, Assistant Superintendent, recognized the district's Police Officers that do an amazing job in maintaining peace and order, protecting all students, staff, and visitors. They work extremely long days throughout the year while wearing heavy, protective gear daily and putting themselves in "harm's way" each and every day to protect our students.

Tony Provencio, Chief of Police

Frank Valdez, Lieutenant

Jackie Pehrson, Investigative Police Officer

Noe Padilla, Police Officer

Edgar Pina, Police Officer

Anita Sims, Police Officer



Wes Jackson, Director of School and Student Support, recognized **Stephanie Griffin-Vining, Jody Brazeal, Linda Rodriguez, and Estella Ortiz**; Castleberry ISD Camps Safety Monitors. Their role in the district is to conduct Exterior and Interior door checks, monitor Hallways, monitor exterior on golf carts, and conduct bag checks. The district appreciates their dedication to the students and staff of Castleberry.



DeAnne Page, Executive Director of Financial Services, recognized **Chris Page**, Auxiliary Services Coordinator, and **Heather Mayfield**, Management Information Systems Coordinator, for the completion of their TASBO Certification. Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) certifications are highly respected by school districts across Texas. Districts understand that a TASBO certification means you're educated in school business and dedicated to your profession.



NEW HIRE



[Claudine Avila, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Director](#)

Castleberry ISD welcomes Claudine Avila as 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Director. Avila has 20 years of experience in education in various roles, but most recently served as Project Director in Birdville ISD where she served as Project Director for the past four years. She started her career in education 20 years ago as a paraprofessional. Mrs. Avila received her Bachelor's Degree in Human Development and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership and Management. Her educational journey reflects a deep commitment to both personal and professional development, with a focus on positively impacting individuals and organizations alike.



[Jacki Smith, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Specialist](#)

Castleberry ISD welcomes Jacki Smith as 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Program Specialist. Smith has 5 years of experience in education in 21st CCLC grant funded programs, but most recently served as a Site Coordinator and Family Engagement Specialist in Birdville ISD for the past two years. Jacki pursued her academic journey at Alcorn State University in Lorman, MS, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science in Workforce Education Leadership. Her academic achievements reflect a strong commitment to both technical expertise and leadership skills, positioning her as a valuable asset in the fields of technology and education.



[Kristen Schmitt, Literacy Instructional Coach](#)

Castleberry ISD is delighted to announce the promotion of Kristen Schmitt to the position of Literacy Instructional Coach. She has served Castleberry for the past four years as a fourth grade ELAR teacher at Joy James Academy of Leadership. Prior to joining Castleberry ISD, she started her career in education at Fort Worth ISD, where she was a third and fourth grade teacher. Kristen graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Masters in Educational Leadership from Texas Wesleyan University. With a dedication to collaboration, Kristen aims to support teachers in making informed, intentional, and data-driven decisions.

CASTLEBERRY 21ST CCLC PROGRAM

Lauren Miller, Site Coordinator
Pamela Sifuentes, Site Coordinator

CASTLEBERRY ELEMENTARY

Jacklyn Munoz, SPED Inclusion/Resource Teacher

JOY JAMES ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP

Kamryn Haiber, 2nd Grade Teacher
Lashon Jaramillo, SPED ECSE Integrated Teacher

IRMA MARSH MIDDLE SCHOOL

John Faller, ELA 7th Grade Teacher
Kimberly Kruse-Smith, Inclusion/Co-Teach Teacher
Marina Neal, Registered Nurse

CASTLEBERRY HIGH SCHOOL

Brandy Aylesbury, CTE Professional Communications Teacher

REACH HIGH SCHOOL

Tracy Adair, Math Teacher

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:

1. Consider Approval of **Board Minutes from July 17, 2023, for a Regular Meeting.**



2. Consider Approval of **Board Policy Update 121 with recommended LOCAL policy** changes to: CKEA(LOCAL): Security Personnel Commissioned Peace Officers; CLB(LOCAL): Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment Management Maintenance; CVA (LOCAL), CVB(LOCAL): Facilities Construction Competitive Bidding; DEA(LOCAL): Compensation and Benefits-Pay Administration; FD(LOCAL): Admissions-Proof of Residency and Transfer of Credit; FFI(LOCAL) Student Welfare-Bullying Prohibited.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the **CISD Grading Guidelines** for the 2023-2024 school year.

Campus Improvement Plan Summative Reviews (Elementary and Secondary): The campus principals presented a summative review of the 2022-2023 Campus Improvement Plans.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Board of Education voted to approve the **Resolution Authorizing the Defeasance** of Certain Portions of the District's Currently Outstanding Obligations and Other Matters Related Thereto.

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the **2023 Tax Rate**. This ordinance was accepted and approved the tax rolls and levies the Ad Valorem Taxes for Castleberry ISD.

2023 District Appraisal Roll: 2023 Certified Appraisal Roll Valuation Summary was presented and the values have been certified by the Chief Appraiser. A complete list of all property is available for review in the Finance Office.

The School Board reviewed the **July 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report**.

Financial Services Executive Director Report:

1. **Board Budget Report as of June 30, 2023** showed Revenue and Expenditures by Fund and Function.
2. **Quarterly Investment Report** showed District investments by fund for the month ending June 30, 2023.
3. **Tarrant County Tax Collection Report for the month of June 2023**, reflected the amount of taxes, penalty, interest & delinquent taxes collected for the month, year to date, and the percent of the total levy collected.
4. **Annual Investment Report as of June 30, 2023** showed District Investment by Fund for the period ending June 30, 2023.

STUDENT SERVICES

Board of Education voted to approve the purchase of one **Police Unit from Holiday Autogroup.com** not to exceed the amount of \$65,275.



School Board approves over
23 CENT DECREASE to tax rate!

	MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	+	INTEREST & SINKING	=	TOTAL TAX RATE
2022	\$0.9346		\$0.50		\$1.4346
2023	\$0.7492		\$0.45		\$1.1992
DIFFERENCE	-\$0.1854		-\$0.05		

LOWER TAX RATE 2023

*Total \$0.2354**
Reduction
*PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF HOME

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TALENT ACQUISITION AND POLICY

Board of Education voted to approve the **Revised 2023-2024 Compensation Plan**.

TEACHING, LEARNING, AND INNOVATION

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the **2023-2026 Strategic Plan**. Renee Smith-Faulkner, Superintendent of Schools, provided to the Board of Education the goals, objectives, and strategies of the three-year strategic plan along with the monthly monitoring document.

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the **2023-2024 Castleberry ISD Professional Learning Plan**. The plan is posted on the Castleberry ISD website.

FUTURE MEETINGS

September 11, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting

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