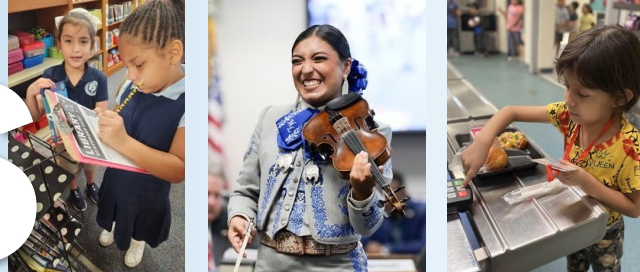




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Castleberry Independent School District

Board of Education Meeting Notes

September 11, 2023

RECOGNITIONS



Students from A.V. Cato Elementary presented to the School Board about all the amazing opportunities students have this school year, including Lion News Crew for morning announcements, the Blue Bonnet Book Club, the Photography Club, and the 4-H / Robotics / AgriLife / Go Green Club, and the Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) Program.



Stephanie Balster, Innovation Leader, and Caitlin Conders, Lead Computer Science Teacher, presented an award to Castleberry ISD elementary principals for the implementation of the computer science TEKS.

CS is Elementary™ announced the winners of the CS100 and CS100 “All-In” Awards for commitment to K-5 Computer Science Education. Among the twenty Texas elementary school awardees, A.V. Cato Elementary, Castleberry Elementary, and Joy James Academy of Leadership, have each been awarded the coveted “All-In” CS100 Award. This recognition celebrates their outstanding dedication to computer science education and their

unwavering commitment to preparing students for the digital age.

The “All-In” CS100 Award is a national recognition that acknowledges elementary schools across the country for their exceptional efforts in aligning instruction to meet state or district standards for computer science education. This distinction serves as a testament to the dedication of our educators and administrators to provide our students with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in an increasingly technology-driven world.

[Link to Presentation](#)

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Abigail Offenbaker, Communications Coordinator, presented on ParentSquare, a mass communication platform the district adopted this summer and implemented at the start of the school year. The platform offers a whole host of tools that allow the district, school administrators, and teachers to communicate more efficiently with families. Parents and guardians have the ability to choose **how** -- email, text message, and/or app notifications -- and **when** -- instantly or in a daily digest -- they want to receive communication. In addition, parents can view or subscribe to and sync campus and district calendars on their phone to see what events are happening at their child's school and in the district months in advance. Other features to be implemented over time are the ability to RSVP to events, sign permission slips electronically, log volunteer hours, and more.





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 August 14, 2023, for a Regular Meeting.**
2. Consider Approval of the **Technology Replacement Plan**: The Technology Operations department recommends purchasing 108 staff laptops, 7 IP65-rated Police Laptops, 30 Elementary computer lab AIO units from Dell. Purchase recommendations are to be made from the Replacement Plan fund set aside during the budget process. Purchasing from Dell will meet competitive bidding requirements under DIR contract DIR-TSO-3763.
3. Consider Board Approval of the **Parameters for the 2024-2025 CISD School District Calendar.**
4. Consider Approval of **Board Policy Revisions to EF(LOCAL)** - Instructional Resources.
5. Consider Approval of **Board Policy Revisions to EFA(LOCAL)** - Instructional Resources.
6. Consider Approval of **Board Policy Revisions to EFB(LOCAL)** - Instructional Resources, Library Materials.
7. Consider Approval of **Board Policy Revisions to CO(LOCAL)** - Meal Charges; and **COB(LOCAL)** - Community Eligibility Provision.
8. Consider Board Approval of **Appraisers for the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (TTESS)** in Castleberry ISD. The list includes all administrators who have completed the Teacher Evaluation and Support System training.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Castleberry Independent School District received a rating of “A” for “Superior Achievement” under Texas’ School FIRST financial accountability rating system. The “Superior Achievement” rating is the state’s highest, demonstrating the quality of Castleberry ISD’s financial management and reporting system.

This is the 18th year of School FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency. The primary goal of School FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts’ financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas’ school finance system.

NEW HIRES

CASTLEBERRY HIGH SCHOOL

Robert Garcia, 21st CCLC Site Coordinator

Joe Contreras, CTE-Environmental Science and Forensics

A.V. CATO ELEMENTARY

Melissa Gradel, Social Worker

JOY JAMES ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP

Luisa Mercado, 4th Grade Bilingual Teacher

Rosemary Torres, 4th Grade RLA Teacher



STUDENT SERVICES

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the **Resolution of Good Cause Exception for HB3 Armed Security Officer Requirement** for the Alternative Learning Center.

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the **Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Castleberry High School New Build and Expansion Project**. The Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) is a delivery method which entails a commitment by the Construction Manager (CM) to deliver the project within a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) which is based on the construction documents and specifications at the time of the GMP plus any reasonably inferred items or tasks.

Capital Improvements Projects Update (2023-2024): The Projects Report reflected work scheduled to be completed and funds expended through the 2023-2024 school year.

TALENT ACQUISITION AND POLICY

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the **Resolution Regarding the Designation of Non-Business Days for Public Information Requests**.

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the Petition to the **Texas State Board for Educator Certification to sanction the Teaching Certificate of Ms. Lisa Byrd**, in accordance with CISD Board Policy.

Talent Acquisition Report: Included the **Exit Interview Summary for the 2022-2023 school year** and the **Public Information Request Summary for the 2022-2023 school year**.

TEACHING, LEARNING, AND INNOVATION

2023-2024 District Improvement Plan Presentation: Dr. Lacey Padgett, Executive Director of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, presented a brief overview of the 2023-2024 District Improvement Plan.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Jennifer Kedare, Special Programs Coordinator MTSS/504, and Wes Jackson, Director of Student and School Support, presented an overview of the **Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) procedures** in the areas of Academics, Behavior, and Social Emotional Learning.

FUTURE MEETINGS

October 16, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting

Board Notes is produced by the CISD Public Information Office and contains information concerning decisions on issues and activities pertinent to the School District's operations. This report serves as a brief summary of the Board of Education meeting and is not intended to replace the official meeting minutes. The official minutes of each public meeting are maintained by the Superintendent's Office. CISD's regular Board of Education meetings are held at 6:00 p.m., the second Monday of each month (unless otherwise announced) in the Administration Building Board Room, 5228 Ohio Garden, Fort Worth, Texas 76114. The public is invited.