



**Eanes Independent School District**  
***Highlights from the December 14, 2011 School Board Regular Meeting***  
***Open Session***

*The following information is written to provide a quick reference of discussions and decisions that took place during the open session of the Eanes ISD School Board Meeting. The official meeting minutes are maintained in the Office of the Superintendent.*

**Board Members in Attendance**

Dr. James “Kal” Kallison, President  
Ms. Ellen Balthazar, Vice President  
Mr. Rob Hargett, Secretary  
Mr. Paul Stone, Past President  
Dr. Colleen Jones  
Ms. Ronna Martin  
Mr. Beau Ross

**District Officials in Attendance**

Dr. Nola H. Wellman, Superintendent  
Mr. Bill Bechtol, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment  
Mr. Lester Wolff, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

**Mission Statement**

Board President Kal Kallison read the Eanes ISD mission statement.

**Pledge of Allegiance & Texas Pledge**

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes from the following meetings:

- December 5, 2011 Study Session
- November 30, 2011 Regular Meeting

**Recognitions**

- Recently the Westlake HS Journalism department notched several honors at the national journalism convention in Minnesota. Congratulations to:

Jenny Messer, NSPA Design of the Year: Newspaper Page/Spread, first place  
Chris Bull and Jamie Kaplan (2012 grad), NSPA Design of the Year: Illustration, second place  
Paul Mathieson, NSPA Picture of the Year, Sports Action, second place  
Hannah Kunz, NSPA Picture of the Year, Sports Reaction, honorable mention  
Casey Simmons, NSPA Picture of the Year, Academics, honorable mention  
Michelle Ling (2012 grad), NSPA Design of the Year: Illustration, honorable mention  
In Saturday's Best of Show competition, the *Featherduster* (Lizzie Friedman and Hannah Kunz, editors) placed third for newsmagazines, the *El Paisano* yearbook (Walter Bezanson and Masha

Romanova, editors) placed ninth in its category (yearbooks 325 pages and more), and the *Final Draft* (Lauren Nelson, editor) won first among literary magazines.

On Sunday morning, 10 students received awards as a result of on-site write-off contests held Friday afternoon. Staffers bringing home awards were:

Chris Bull, Photo Portfolio, Superior

David Oliver, Yearbook Student Life Photography, Superior

Hannah Kunz, Newspaper News Feature, Superior

Allison Hooks, Yearbook Layout: Theme, Superior

Shea Wendlandt, Newspaper Sports Photography, Excellent

Paulina De La Fuente, Computer Design: Advertising, Excellent

Barrett Wilson, Photo Story, HM

Rachel Atzmon, Yearbook Copy Caption: Student Life, HM

Sarah Guthrie, Yearbook Copy/Caption Sports, HM

Ann McGuffey, Feature Writing, HM

- Cooper Ruff, a senior at Westlake HS and the head of the Chaparral Stadium Video Crew this football season, has been chosen to be a part of the 2012 Newtek All-American Video Crew. Cooper is one of four students chosen from across the nation to participate as a crew member in the US Army All-American Bowl. Cooper and the crew will receive specialized training in broadcast equipment and work with the NBC crew to televise the game. This will occur the first week of January in San Antonio at the Alamodome. Cooper was chosen due to his work on the Westlake Football broadcasts this past football season. Cooper was the head of the Chap TV crew and the lead director during the twelve broadcasts.
- Last week, Westlake HS junior Ben Breedlove collapsed in school, was not breathing and was turning blue. Immediately Westlake HS staff and students responded by calling 911 and attending to Ben. Their quick response and use of an AED to monitor his heart rhythm saved Ben's life. The Board recognized some of the heroes who saved Ben: Westlake HS nurses Holly Hubbel and Marisa Garcia, security officers Gayle Morris and Aaron St. Clair and students Taylor Martin and Faloyne Leahey. These folks were essential in taking care of Ben before paramedics arrived and we wanted to make sure they were recognized for such a heroic act.

Special thanks goes to Austin-Travis County paramedics Michael Kittok and Eric Gordon and the Westlake Fire Department's Brenton Cooper, Scott Elkins, Heath Nobles, and Mathew Palmer.

### **Reports**

- The Annual Independent Financial Audit Report was presented, which includes the audit of the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Enterprise Fund, Internal Service Fund, Private-Purpose Trust Fund, Student Activity Fund, as well as the activity related to the district's capital assets and long-term obligations. The report is online: <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=31954600>.

- Ms. Cindy Hayden, Finance Director, reported the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Amendment for the month ending November 30, 2011. The report is online: <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=31954439>.
- Board members were presented the Board Member Continuing Education Report.
- Ms. Shana Barksdale, Grants Coordinator, reported information on the Eanes ISD Elementary School Counseling Grant. The District received a \$1.2 million grant from the Department of Education to add four counselors into the elementary schools. These four positions will begin in January. The grants plan is online: <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=31953723>.
- Mr. Bill Bechtol, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, presented information on the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report. The AEIS report gives a snapshot of the campuses performance, looking at TAKS, attendance, completion rates, etc. The report is online: <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=31953737>.

### **Public Forum On Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report**

No speakers.

### **Open Forum**

No speakers.

### **Action Items – Consent Agenda**

- Action Item A (Monthly Financial Report and Budget Amendments) was approved.
- Action Item B (Westlake High School Newspaper and Yearbook Student Trip to Seattle, Washington) was approved.

### **Action Items**

- Action Item A (Personnel Recommendations) was approved. Ms. Loira Ortiz has been hired as a Spanish teacher at West Ridge MS.
- Action Item B (Annual Financial Audit Report FY 2010-11) was approved.
- Action Item C (Westlake Chap Club Donation for Stadium Scoreboard) was approved. The Chap Club is donating \$45,712 to purchase a new scoreboard that will also expand advertising opportunities.
- Action Item D (Possible Action on Election Date/Terms of Office for School District Trustees). The Board took no action, keeping the Trustee election in May until election information and legislative information is more firm.
- Action Item E (Class Size Waiver - Eanes Elementary First Grade) was approved.
- Action Item F (Westlake High School Roofing Improvements) was approved. A.D. Willis Co., Inc. has been contracted to make roof replacements in designated areas for \$594,488 from Bond proceeds.
- Action Item G (Purchase Order to Purchase and Install Wireless Network Equipment) was approved. Layer 3 Communications has been contracted in the amount of \$371,631.78 from

2011 Bond proceeds to purchase and install wireless networking equipment for Barton Creek, Bridge Point, Cedar Creek, Eanes, Forest Trail, Valley View, Hill Country, and West Ridge.

- Action Item H (Policy Implications of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™) and End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments: Local Policy Revisions - EIA(LOCAL) Academic Achievement - Grading/Progress Reports to Parents, EIAB(LOCAL) Grading/Progress Reports to Parents - Makeup Work and EIC(LOCAL) Academic Achievement - Class Ranking) was approved.
- Action Item I (TASB Policy Update 91, Affecting Local Policies: CDA(LOCAL) Other Revenues - Investments, DFBB(LOCAL) Term Contracts - Nonrenewal, EFAA(LOCAL) Instructional Materials - Selection and Adoption, FFH(LOCAL) Student Welfare - Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation, FO(LOCAL) Student Discipline; TASB Policy Update 92, Affecting Local Policies: DFF(LOCAL) Termination of Employment - Reduction in Force, DFFA(LOCAL) Reduction in Force - Financial Exigency, DFFB(LOCAL) Reduction in Force – Program Change) was approved.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

- January 9, 2012 Study Session - 7:30 a.m. \*\* note time change
- January 25, 2012 Regular Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- February 6, 2012 Study Session - 7:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.