



**Eanes Independent School District**  
**Highlights from the January 25, 2012 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. Larry Keiser, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services  
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 14, 2011 Regular Meeting
- January 9, 2012 Special Meeting

**Recognitions**

- Westlake HS AP Physics teachers Mr. Mark Misage, Ms. Nancy Misage, Ms. Madelyn Percy and Mr. Bob Witowski were recognized for their outstanding work and for the successful program they have built. Their students are achieving amazing scores on state and international tests. For example,
  - Westlake students took three percent of the AP Physics B exams in Texas, which earned 11.7 percent of the 5's, or top scores, in Texas. They also earned 0.7 percent of the 5's in the world!
  - WHS students took 3.1% of the Mechanics exams in



Texas and earned 9.3% of Texas 5's and 0.6% of World 5's!

- WHS students took 5.7% of the E&M exams in Texas and earned 15.5% of Texas 5's and 1.3% of World 5's!
- January is School Board Recognition Month and the seven board members who serve the district and work tirelessly to lead our students to success were recognized. School board members shoulder crucial responsibilities as advocates for our children and face difficult challenges with the overall goal of promoting student achievement. The District is grateful for all of the work the board puts into keeping Eanes at the forefront of excellence every year and commissioned some exceptional elementary student-artists to create some beautiful artwork for the Trustees.
- Congratulations to 10 West Ridge Middle School Future City Engineering teams, who competed at the Regional competition at Texas State University last weekend. Only one team per school advances to the Finals Round, and Team "Aeterna" won First Place during the final round of the event! They will now advance to Washington, DC in February to compete against the top teams from around the country. Members are Nicky Truong, Akshay Prakash, Selina Eshraghi, Zac Frost, Ben Gorr and Nina Gorr.

Several other WRMS teams won Special Award trophies during the competition, including: Best Essay, Best Presentation, Best Future City Model, Best Futuristic Design, Most Earth Friendly Design, and Best Virtual City Design. Congratulations to Ms. Carol Reese and these incredible students and we wish them the best at Nationals.

- Three students at West Ridge Middle School were recently recognized in the Patriot's Pen Writing Contest sponsored by VFW Post 4443. Matthew Kearney won first place, Stephanie Ruiz won second place and Cullen Claghorn won third place. Students were honored for their essays answering the question, "Are you proud of your country?" The VFW members read 28 essays from West Ridge, and were impressed with ALL of our students.
- Last weekend, Westlake HS had 18 students qualify for Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) State competition, which will be held in March in San Antonio. Congratulations to:

Bryan Luu - Pathophysiology  
Greg Tang - Extemporaneous Writing  
Rochelle Forni - Dental Terminology  
Hattie Hazen - Prepared Speaking  
Christy Goldberg - Medical Art Poster  
Amy Hilton - Medical Art Poster  
Daniel Mata - Forensic Medicine  
Jack Stocker - Forensic Medicine  
Kimmie Banks - Forensic Medicine & Healthcare Issues Exam  
Paige Southworth - Forensic Medicine

Micki Smith Stocker - Healthcare Issues Exam  
Fazilat Karowalia - Community Awareness  
Nishma Maredia - Community Awareness  
Mashal Sunesera - Community Awareness  
Elizabeth Battey - Creative Problem Solving team  
Kaina Chen - Creative Problem Solving  
Divya Prakriya - Creative Problem Solving  
Amy Qin - Creative Problem Solving & Healthcare Issues Exams

- Several Westlake HS students were recognized at the 2012 Scholastic Art and Writing Competition last weekend, including 14 Gold Key winners, 10 Silver Key winners and 10 Certificate of Merit winners. The students were recognized for their artwork in digital art, drawings, films, mixed media works, paintings, photographs, and sculptures.

**The Gold Key winners are:**

Cameron Abshire	Kevin McBrayer
Juan De Haro	Marianna Palermo
Brad Dunn	Madilyn Pflueger
Lucy Ellis (Portfolio)	Natalia Russell
Camille Jones	Troy Summersett
Christine Lee	Barrett Wilson
Thomas MacDonald	Betsy Yang (2)

**The Silver Key winners are:**

Taylor Cloyd	Karen Scott
Annie Fisher	Madison Scott
Sarah Haywood	Troy Summersett
Cameron Henley	Shea Wendlandt
John Moltz	P.J. Wermund

**The Certificate of Merit winners are:**

Cameron Abshire	Renee Nolan
Jonah Boatman	Dan Perry
Anna Duckett	Tanner Rowley
Lucy Ellis	Casey Simmons
Lydia Hoffmann	Milo Web

- Forest Trail ESL teacher Cynthia Lueck was awarded the prestigious “Members in Print Award” by Delta Kappa Gamma. The award was given for her published article, “ESL Parent’s Perceptions Matter”, published in the Delta Kappa Gamma International Bulletin.

**Reports**

- Students and staff from Westlake HS gave an update on Westlake HS Technology program, including WIFI.
- Mr. Larry Keiser, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, reported on the Annual Investment Report - Policy CDA (LOCAL) Other Revenues – Investments. The report is online: <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=32059811>.
- Ms. Cindy Hayden, Finance Director, reported the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Amendment for the month ending December 31, 2011. The report is online: <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=32059840>.

## **Open Forum**

No speakers.

## **Action Items – Consent Agenda**

- Action Item A (Monthly Financial Report and Budget Amendments) was approved.
- Action Item B (Annual Investment Report and Policy CDA (LOCAL) Other Revenues – Investments) was approved.
- Action Item C (Westlake High School Robotics Student Trip to St. Louis, Missouri) was approved.
- Action Item D (Westlake High School Yearbook Student Trip to New York City, New York) was approved.

## **Action Items**

- Action Item A (Personnel Recommendations) was approved. Ms. Megan Curtis was hired as an English teacher at Westlake HS, Mr. Joseph Shroeder was hired as a Special Education teacher at Westlake HS.
- Action Item B (Order of General Trustee Election for May 12, 2012) was approved.
- Action Item C (2011 Bond Scope and Budget Amendments) was approved. The report is online: <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=32060274>. Mr. Mike Salas, Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) Vice Chair, gave a report on the BOC's January 17, 2012 meeting.
- Action Item D (2011 Bond Purchase of Cisco Switches and Panduit Fiber) was approved.
- Action Item E (2011 Bond Job Order Contracting (JOC) Projects by Braun & Butler Construction, Inc.) was approved.
- Action Item F (2011 Bond Job Order Contracting (JOC) Projects by SpawGlass) was approved.
- Action Item G (2011 Bond Contract for West Ridge Middle School and Barton Creek Elementary Mechanical Improvements) was approved.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

- February 6, 2012 Study Session - 7:30 a.m.
- February 29, 2012 Regular Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m. closed session, open session approximately 7:30 p.m.
- March 5, 2012 Study Session – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.