



Eanes Independent School District
Highlights from the November 30, 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. 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:

- Special Meeting, October 25, 2011
- Regular Meeting, October 26, 2011
- Special Meeting, October 31, 2011
- Special Meeting, November 7, 2011
- Study Session, November 14, 2011

Recognitions

- Westlake senior Lindsey Harris was selected as a National Soccer Coaches Association of America High School All American. She is the first student-athlete in WHS history to achieve this honor. Lindsey has also been ranked as one of the top 125 high school seniors in the nation by ESPN College Prospects list. Lindsey has committed to play soccer at the University of North Carolina.

- Timothy Mosher, a 4th grader at Cedar Creek Elementary won The Young Writers Contest presented by Austin Family Magazine and his essay will be featured in the December issue of the magazine. Last week he was awarded a plaque and a Kindle at a presentation at his school.
- The Westlake HS Volleyball team finished their season with an impressive 43-6 record, including going 10-0 in District play. Congratulations to the team and their coaches Al Bennett and Lynne Bryant, as the squad finished as regional finalists. Senior Paige Caridi was selected to American Volleyball Coaches Association All American HS Team.
- Team Tennis finished their season with an outstanding 26-1 record as District 15-5A champions and Regional Finalists. The team ended its season ranked 5th in the State.
- Westlake HS had 8 students named All-State Orchestra. They represent the top percentage of students who enter the audition process. Congratulations to:
 - Ann Cho - Violin
 - Seth Davis - String Bass
 - Alina Lapotin - Harp
 - Bridget Walsh - Harp
 - Brenda Chiang - Harp
 - Jasmine Chen – Harp
- And Honorable Mentions
 - Irene Kuang - Viola
 - Kelly Bartek – Viola
- Congratulations to the Chaparral Band, who claimed 1st place in the 5A group and placed 3rd overall out of 26 bands in the Marching Festival held in October.
- Westlake HS has two Semi-Finalists –Catherine Liu and Hanyu Fu -and one Regional Finalist- Alexandra Ilic - in the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology. The students are chosen as the brightest high school minds in contention for the nation’s most coveted teen science prize and in line for college scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000.
- The Westlake High School Robotics Team competed at the Texas BEST Robotics Tournament in Dallas against 58 teams from Texas and New Mexico. The team qualified for the Semifinals and finished in 5th place just missing the finals by a few points. The team also received 1st place Founders Award for Creative Design, awarded to the team that makes best use of the engineering process in consideration of offensive and defensive capabilities in machine design. Previously at regionals, the team placed first in the head to head robot competition, took first in Best Team Exhibit, 1st in Spirit and Sportsmanship, and 2nd Place in BEST Award.

Reports

- Ms. Cindy Hayden, Finance Director, reported the Monthly Financial Report for the month ending October 31, 2011.
- Mr. Lester Wolff, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, reported on the Enrollment and Class Size Report - Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) Snapshot. As of the PEIMS Snapshot date, the District's enrollment is currently 7,778. The report includes information on class-size waivers and out-of-district transfers. The report is online: <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=31893083>.
- Mr. Wolff reported the Highly Qualified Compliance Report. Every regular education teacher in Eanes ISD is highly qualified.
- Mr. Bill Bechtol, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, presented information on the Gold Performance Acknowledgements. The report is online: <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=31891423>.
- Mr. Les Reddin, Executive Director of Facility Planning, reported on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Projects of 2011 Bond, Relating to 2012 Texas Accessibility Standards and Playgrounds. John Rickard (the District's Registered Accessibility Specialist), Codi Newsome (Broadus & Associates) and Jaime Beaman (Casa Bella Architects) also contributed to the report. The report is online: <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=31891425>.

Public Hearing on Taxation of Goods-in-Transit

- No speakers.

Open Forum

- Ms. Laura Avery spoke on the importance of accessibility and inclusion and thanked the Board for its attention to playground accessibility.
- Ms. Cheryl Fries spoke on the importance of accessibility on playgrounds.
- Mr. Al Cowan spoke on the District's out of district transfer policy and the Superintendent's contract.
- Ms. Lesley Lorenz spoke on class sizes and the transfer policy.
- Ms. Laurie Maccini spoke on class sizes and the transfer policy.

Action Items – Consent Agenda

- Action Item A (Monthly Financial Report) was approved.
- Action Item B (Westlake High School Student Trip to Taiwan, Republic of China) was approved.

Action Items

- Action Item A (Resolution Regarding Taxation of Goods-in-Transit) was approved. Eanes ISD currently has no obvious properties that would be entitled to the tax exemption; however, voting to deny the exemption with this action would preserve the District's right to tax goods-in-transit in the future.
- Action Item B (Resolution Regarding Participation in Litigation Concerning the Texas School

Finance System) was approved. The District will join a coalition of districts filing suit, contesting that the state has not provided adequate funding for schools and has taken away local discretion for districts to raise taxes, while going back on its promise to hold harmless.

- Action Item C (Adult Transition Services Facility Change Order No. 1) was approved. The change Order No. 1 is in the amount of \$152,934 and includes a foundation design, a canopy for the front entrance of the facility, freeze-protected hydrants, additional insulation board on the roof (per City of Austin energy regulations), higher-efficiency roof air conditioning units, an increase in the number of piers, and increases in the size and depth of the piers. The change order does not exceed the project's budgeted amount of \$2.2 million.
- Action Item D (Superintendent Contract) was approved. The Trustees approved a contract extension that is set to expire June 30, 2016. The Board gave President Kal Kallison authorization to execute the contract.

Upcoming Meetings

- December 5, 2011 Study Session - 7:30 a.m.
- December 14, 2011 Regular Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- January 9, 2012 Study Session - 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.