

BOARD BRIEFS

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Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees October 20, 2016

DELEGATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- **Spotlight on Excellence Award - TASA/TASB Directors** - Recognized for their work on the Student Showcase at the TASA/TASB Convention were Shelly Bynum, Elizabeth Cantu, Andrew Denny, Katie Dolan, Emily Fricke, DuAnne Humby, Andrew Hendley, Rachel Holliday, Angus McLeod, Colin Meinecke, Rosalinda Montero, Patti Pawlik-Perales, Jessica Marie Sanchez, David Stephenson, Bari Wenglein, and Josh Younke.
- **ExCEL Golden Apple Award** - Shawn Simpson, 5th Grade Teacher, Woodridge Elementary
- **Carnegie Foundation Dissertation of the Year Award** - Dr. Jimmie Walker, Elementary Academic Dean
- **Duke University Talent Search - Alamo Heights Junior School** - Grand Recognition: Sophia Carroll and Daniel Half; State Recognition: Keats Baggett, Charles Bell, Paul Bessler, Laura Beuhler, Sophia Carroll, Bella Chase, Brooken Cole, Ethan Coleman, Blake Danner, Jennifer Drawert, Zachery Foster, Daniel Half, Naomi Heath, Abigail Jones, Sofia Lloyd, Cristian Lopez, Timothy McLallen, Isabella Negrete, Claudia Olson, Robert Richardson, Samantha Rosart-Brodnitz, Colin Troy, Edward Villa, Benjamin Wolle, Emily Worthen and Theodore Yun.
- **National Merit Scholars - Alamo Heights High School** - Semi-Finalist are Samuel Berryman, Avery Myers, Ellery Parish and James Taylor; Commended are Grant Anderson, Samuel Becvar, Drew Benedikt, Jack Callahan, Benita Lee, Caitland Love, Joseph McGrath, Cooper Noble, Cole Pringle, Sterling Rios, Sine Scribbick, Zoe Seay and Sophie Toppit; and National Hispanic Scholars are Elisabeth Medina, Sterling Rios, Zoe Seay, Martha Vazquez and Cameron Young.
- **Katherine Green, President, Alamo Heights High School Student Council** gave a report of the many activities during Homecoming Week such as the hallway decoration contest, Howdy Parade and Carnival, the Bonfire, and ending with the Homecoming Dance. The Student Council Officers attended the Fall General Meeting in which 75 schools attended. Red Ribbon week will be the week of October 24, 2016.

ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION OR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Mrs. Sandra Shelton, Director of Technology, demonstrated the updated website for a one-stop site for parents. She also discussed the community-wide book study: *Unselfie* and the parent symposium on October 29, 2016.
- Dr. Dana Bashara gave a presentation of the District of Innovation which provides a district exemption from certain sections of the Texas Education Code. A district that completes the process possesses the District of Innovation designation for five years. Allowable exemptions include, but are not limited to, are length of the school day; class size; educator certification; teacher contracts; and designation of a campus behavior coordinator
- Mr. Mike Hagar, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, along with Lowel Tacker, LPA, presented an update on the Bond Development discussing improvements for Alamo Heights High School.
- Revision to FFA(REGULATION): District Wellness Plan – Wellness and Health Services was that the District will allow up to six exempted fundraisers for the school year for each campus.
- Dr. Alfaro presented the 2015-2016 Discipline Report. The presentation included the Report on Violent or Criminal Incidents and locally tracked discipline data from the Junior School and High School.

Trustees approved:

- 2017 Summer Costa Rica Language and Culture Trip on June 11 – July 1, 2017, for high school students who have completed Spanish levels 2 through 6.
- Alamo Heights High School New Proposed Courses as follows: Art Appreciation; Sports Medicine I, II, and III; Performance Theatre (Acting Methods); Methodology for Academic and Personal Success (MAPS) – for 9th and 10th Grades; College Transition – 11th and 12th grades; Path College Career Prep – 11th and 12th grades; Graphic Design and Illustration II; Animation II; Video Game Design II; Video Game Design III; Sports Psychology; Academic Decathlon; Student Leadership (Student Council); SAT/ACT Prep Course.
- Board Resolution, District of Innovation for Alamo Heights Independent School District. House Bill 1842 created the District of Innovation designation which provides a district exemption from certain sections of the Texas Education Code.
- Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) and Texas Principal Evaluation and Support System (T-P ESS) Calendars were approved per Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §150.1003 (Teachers) and §150.1023 (Principals) which indicates that a school district will establish an appraisal calendar for teachers and principals.
- 2016-2017 Early Release Waiver for three early release days for Howard ECC, Cambridge and Woodridge Elementary; and two early release days for Alamo Heights Junior School.

Trustees approved the following donations:

- \$18,820.91 from the Alamo Heights School Foundation Kenneth S. Adams Memorial Fund for the Special Education Department to cover the cost of "We Play Smart Interactive Computer Tables" that provides special needs children the opportunity to interact and play with typically developing kindergarten students.
 - \$740.47 to Howard ECC from Julie and Fred Bonewell to purchase a buddy bench in the memory of their daughter Jessica Louise Bonewell.
 - \$7,750 from the Alamo Heights Junior School PTO for the teachers to purchase supplies for their classrooms.
 - \$500 from Katherine Detmer for the AHJS Athletics for their fundraiser.
 - \$1,547.85 to the AHJS Athletics which is the amount collected at the Athletic Picnic.
 - \$500 for the AHJS Athletic Department from The Winter Law Firm PLLC for the Athletic fundraiser.
 - \$500 for the AHJS Athletics Department for their fundraiser from Scott and Carol Rymer.
 - \$3,636.80 for the Alamo Heights Junior School from the JS PTO to purchase the 2016-2017 Agenda's.
 - \$1,000 to the AHJS UIL from Dan R. Kirby, DVM Alamo Heights Pet Clinic, Inc.
- Total donations in the amount of \$34,996.03.

The following business recommendations were approved:

- Payment of bills
- A list of Brokers and Deals for investments.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alamo Heights Central Office Board Room.

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