

# BOARD BRIEFS

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## Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees May 18, 2017

### ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Trustees approved a Resolution honoring Lynn Thompson for her years of service to the district.
- Ema Sanchez administered the oath to the newly elected trustees: Mrs. Margaret Judson and Mr. Ryan Anderson.
- Board Officers for the 2017-2018 school year are:  
President: John Tippit  
Vice President: Margaret Judson  
Secretary: Lisa Krenger  
Assistant Secretary: Perry Shankle
- Board Committee Assignments for 2017-2018 school year are:  
AH School Foundation: Bonnie Giddens  
Assessment and Long-Range Planning: Perry Shankle  
Budget Committee: David Hornberger  
Audit Committee: John Tippit, Lisa Krenger, Bonnie Giddens  
Investment Committee: David Hornberger, Ryan Anderson  
Building Committee (Bldg/Maint/Tech): David Hornberger, Perry Shankle  
Communications Committee: Perry Shankle  
Goals and Priorities Committee: John Tippit  
Legislative Committee: Ryan Anderson  
Nominations Committee: Margaret Judson  
Policy Review Committee: Ryan Anderson  
District Education Advisory Council (DEAC): Lisa Krenger  
District Design Team: Margaret Judson

### DELEGATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- **Spotlight on Excellence** - Toni Gilbert, Alamo Heights Junior School
- **Profile of an Educator** - Austin Amaro ('09 Academy), Casey Fallis (Art Teacher, AHJS) and Mariana Medaris (4<sup>th</sup> Grade Dual Language Teacher, Woodridge Elementary)
- **HEB Excellence in Education Award** - Lifetime Achievement Award Finalist, Alma Gonzales, Woodridge Elementary
- **HEB Excellence in Education Award** – AHISD - Winner - Best Small School District in Texas
- **FAME (Funding Arts and Music Education) Award** - Eleanor Anderson and Sarah Hernandez
- **State Science Olympiad** – AHJS - 10<sup>th</sup> in State. Team Members are: Keats Baggett, Laura Beuhler, Jake Borawski, Sebastian Buzenas, Alex Canizaro, Bella Chase, William Forney, Daniel Halff, Griffin Hall, Emma Moser, Jillian Ran, Grace Toman, Theo Yun, Catherine Zarr, and Liv Humphries. Alternates were: Naomi Heath and Netra Patel. The team is under the direction of Michael Snell.
- **National Latin Exam and State Junior Classical League, AHJS and AHHS** - Top 5 Finishers and/or National Latin Exam Gold and Silver Medalists. Members from the Junior School are: Sophia Carroll (State, NLE), William Hannah (NLE), Jackson Jacobi (NLE), Zoe Lehmann (NLE), Isabella Negrete (NLE), Ben Padilla (State, NLE), Sofia Rojo (State, NLE), Hailey Soupiset (State), David Truumees (State), Carter Williams (State). Members from the High School are: Sofia Angulo (State, NLE), Kate Ballantyne (State), McKenna Carpenter (NLE), Matthew Colligan (NLE), Bali Daniels (NLE), Justin Du (NLE), Natalia Garcia (State), Scott Hampton (State, NLE), Estrella

Hernandez (State), David Huo (State, NLE), Henley Johnson (State), Victoria Khoury (NLE), Benita Lee (State), Griffin Mosqueda (NLE), Luke Nester (NLE), Ellery Parish (State), Zoe Seay (State), Hanah Shields (State, NLE), Kate Soupiset (NLE), Sophia Weiss (NLE), Preston Westheimer (NLE), Nicholas Zars (NLE). The teams are under the direction of Nicole Lehman.

- **UIL Award of Achievement for *The Hoof Print*, 2017 Newspaper Staff, AHHS** - This is the state's highest award and the second time for AHHS to receive this award. Additionally, the team was nominated for a UIL Star Award in which only 10% of high school newspapers receive this nomination. Hoof Print staff are: Alston Anthis, Hunter Farrimond, Thomas Fitch, Grant Gibson, Will Hoffman, Brandon Johnson, Will Krenger, Grace Liljenwall, Daniel Macias, Deryl Reynolds, Reed Sechler, Estee Steves, Thomas Volpe, Jeremy Wasson, Luke Coerver, Colby Davis, Parker Howie, Avery Miller, Parker Taylor, and Alexi Wagner. The team is under the direction of Kristin Cade.
- **UIL Award of Distinguished Merit and Yearbook, Yearbook Award for *The Olmos*, 2016 Yearbook Staff, AHHS** - Members of the Yearbook staff are: Katie Dubrof, Sarah Fulton, Liam Lockhart, Andrea Magoon, Hannah Mann, Mia McFarland, Felicity Rangel, Avery Miller, Aubrey Rosenthal, Allie Spies, Estee Steves, Emma Valero, Avery Myers, Madison Boyd, Paulina Alcala, Abbie Farrimond, Emma Wilcox, Sophie LePere, and Emily Massey.
- **UIL Journalism Headline Writing Champion** - Carrie Mullins, AHHS
- **AHHS JROTC Drill & Colorguard Nationals** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place at Open Division Color Guard competition at the 2017 National HS Drill Team Championships.
- **AHHS JROTC Cyber Patriot Awards** - AHHS JROTC "Mighty Mules" for placing third in the State Competition at the Cyber Patriot IX Competition. The cadets were awarded an Apple iPad Pro in addition to their Trophy. Members of the team are: Cadets Caleigh Agosto, Destiny Facio, Hannah DeHoyos, Julie Rodriguez, and Rafika Islam, Team Captain. The "Golden Mules" Cyber Patriot Team comprised of Cadets Sasha Rukhina, Jana Hendricks, Matthew Horgan, Team Captain, Abby Zepeda, Riley Henshaw and Brian Wendt, won first place (State of Texas All Services Division) Trophy. Each team member also received a \$1,000 scholarship. The Senior Cadets Matthew Horgan and Riley Henshaw were also awarded a \$6,000 scholarship from Hallmark University and a 4-year paid Cyber Internship from Booz, Allen & Hamilton.
- **UIL State Champions - Alamo Heights High School Cheerleaders** - Members of the team are: Varsity – Ansley Austin, Anissa Beccerra, Kennadie Cohoe, Mikaela Goode, Laura Gonzalez, Erin Greehey, Lauren Hicks, Annie Lynd, Shelton Northington, Alexi Romo; JV – Brooke Archer, Berkley Behnke, Ella Behnke, Faith Christianson, Chloe Collins, Sloane Davis, Abby DeLaGarza, Camille DeWees, Carly Fuhrmann, Audrey Garcia, Sarah Hayne, Maddie Hulse, Callie Jacobs, Ellie McGrath, Caroline Oliver, Sarah Yockey; and Freshmen – Crosby Beckle, Annie Bernstein, Emma Bryant, Kendall Cohoe, Kendall Johnson, Halle Kershner, Reagan Laine, Bella Rowland, and Emily Scott.
- **UIL State Track** - Melanie Peters, AHHS student, for being a first-time state attendee, appearing as a Freshmen. Melanie placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100-meters race and 5<sup>th</sup> in the shot put. She is under the direction of Coach Brian Rickets.
- **Katherine Green, President, Alamo Heights High School Student Council President**
- Kathy Marshall, next year's Student Council President reported on two major projects they worked on: The Make a Wish where they raised money to help grant a wish to a student and they held class elections for the 2017-2018 school year.

## **ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION OR POSSIBLE ACTION**

### ***Trustees approved:***

- **Senior Gift to Alamo Heights High School** - This gift is the creation of furniture for a study area for students that mimic the type of seating found in the engaged classrooms with a charging station to be placed in under-utilized spaces such as the landing area of the second floor main hallway, the locker bay at the end of upstairs south hallway and the locker bay in downstairs north hallway.
- **Student Trips:**
  - **National Junior Classical League Convention Trip to Troy, Alabama, June 23-29, 2017** - This trip is for students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and any high school student enrolled in Latin classes.
  - **AHHS Band Trip to Hawaii on March 9-14, 2019**

**Trustees heard the following presentations:**

- **Parent and Student Surveys** - Dr. Jimmie Walker gave a presentation on the redesign of the End of Course Surveys. The writing team looked at what to measure, what to do with the results, what type of feedback would be beneficial for teachers, and how to communicate the results to parents. Members of the writing team are: Susan Frey (teacher at Junior School), Amy Lagueux (Instructional Coach at Howard ECC), Nicole Lehmann (teacher, High School), Susan Peery (Principal, Howard ECC) and Jimmie Walker (Elementary Academic Dean).
- **Alamo Heights Junior School STEM Course Update** - Mr. Jeff Wheatcraft, teacher at Alamo Heights Junior School gave a STEM Course Update. His classes have grown especially with the number of female students taking the class. This year they did an Iron Fertilization Experiment, they asked teachers for projects that they need built or designed, built tornado probes and have a tornado prediction center. For next year they want to expand and refine their current projects.
- **District Design Team Update** - Dr. Dana Bashara gave an update on the District Design Team. She gave a review of the work plan consisting of the Blueprint for Learning – Engaged Classrooms, Writing Teams (Showcase of Engagement, February Professional Development Day, Ambassadors for Engagement, Professional Development Plan for digital environments), Learning focus: Measures of Engagement/Learner Profile work, Ongoing support: Use of Coaches on Campus/DI and Design integration, and Redesign of EOC surveys. Goals for the 2017-2018 are the work plan to continue writing teams for Learner Outcomes and Collaboration efforts. They will continue the Learning Topic for Blueprint for Learning.

**Trustees approved the following donations:**

- \$1,500 from the AHJS PTO to the Alamo Heights Junior School for the visiting author.
- \$9,000 from the AHJS PTO to the Junior School for the field trips on April 21, 2017.
- \$58,501.38 from the Alamo Heights Mule Team Spring Allocations to AHHS for athletic equipment and extracurricular needs.
- \$4,000 from the Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation to Woodridge Elementary in honor of Leila Morales, finalist and Olivia Sethney, runner up in the Cavaliers River Parade art contest.
- \$110,479.56 from the Woodridge PTO for the 2017-2018 school year curriculum enrichment projects.
- \$500 from CO LAB to the Alamo Heights ISD Destination Imagination teams for Global competition.
- \$1,000 from Mr. Jon David Crumley to Alamo Heights ISD Destination Imagination teams for Global competitions.
- \$3,000 from an anonymous donor for the Alamo Heights ISD Destination Imagination Teams for Global competition expenses.
- \$1,000 from Mrs. Yolanda E. Tecuanhuey and Mr. David Newby for the Linda Duffy Scholarship.
- \$3,000 (\$500 each) from the Alamo Heights School Foundation for Heights Heroes for the 2016-2017 academic year. Following are the recipients: Anna Duce (Howard ECC), Megan Canales (Cambridge), Amber Brown (Woodridge), Chris McDow (AHJS), Eric Cruz (AHHS), and Roberta Jacobson (Robbins).
- \$2,500 from Stephen and Nancy McWilliams for the Jon McWilliams Memorial Scholarship Fund to be awarded to a Class of 2017 senior.
- \$1,000 from HEB to Woodridge Elementary in honor of Alma Gonzalez for being a finalist in the Lifetime Achievement category of the Excellence in Education awards.

A total of \$195,480.94 in donations.

**The following business recommendations were approved:**

- Payment of bills
- Proceed with RFQ for Construction Manager at Risk

**The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alamo Heights Central Office Boardroom**

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