

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

The Board of Trustees for the Clear Creek Independent School District met in a regular meeting in the Board Room at the Education Support Center, 2425 E. Main Street, League City, Texas 77573, on September 23, 2024.

1. *Call to Order*

President Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. *Establishment of a Quorum*

President Sanchez established a quorum.

Trustees present: Arturo Sanchez, President
 Jonathan Cottrell, Vice President
 Jay Cunningham, Secretary
 Scott Bowen, Trustee
 Jessica Cejka, Trustee
 Jeff Larson, Trustee
 Jamieson Mackay, Trustee

Staff present: Karen Engle, Superintendent
 Members of the Superintendent's Cabinet

3. *Closed Session*

President Sanchez called the meeting into closed session at 6:02 p.m.

President Sanchez reconvened the meeting into open session at 6:47 p.m.

4. *Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge*

Katie Carter, Clear Springs High School Sophomore, led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

5. *Moment of Silence*

Dr. Engle led the Board and the audience for a moment of silence.

6. *Recognitions*

A. *Winner of the Endeavor Award Patch Design*

As part of the launch of our 2025-2030 Strategic Plan, we asked students to design a mission patch that reflects our Vision which is to empower every student with a world class education that ignites passions and fuels endeavors. We had incredible designs to choose from. It was Katie Carter's design that rose to the top. We unveiled her patch at our Convocation before our 5,000 employees. Katie, who is from Clear

Springs High School, and mom were able to join us at Convocation. We would like to more publicly thank you, Katie, for bringing our vision for our students through a thoughtful mission design. This mission patch will be included on the back of CCISD recognition medals, and our recognition portion of the school board meetings will now be called “Endeavor Awards.” Katie described her vision of her patch to the audience. Her Art teacher, Mr. Eric Pearce made comments regarding Katie’s artwork.

B. 2025 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

We are thrilled to announce that CCISD is home to 23 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. To put this in perspective, they are among the top 1% in the United States. They will now move forward to be considered as a finalist which involves an extensive application, write an essay, and earn SAT and ACT scores that confirm their performance on the qualifying test. The semifinalists are listed below:

From Clear Brook High School

Jathniel Alison
Dennis Tran
Tiffany Tran

From Clear Creek High School

Jack Koss
Ryan Reddy

From Clear Falls High School

Richard Lyun
Manu Vajha

From Clear Lake High School

Michael Abrego
Aarya Chinnappa
Ann Dang
Emily Dong
Celia Gafka
Joshua Kenyon
Heather Korth
Anthony Lin
Angelo Mazzilli
Ben Mendoza
Dhrumi Shah
Colin Shen
Gary Sun
Charles Weatherspoon
Ana Westhelle
Arnold Zhang

C. FFA Prestigious 2024 Gold Emblem Rating

Clear Brook High School FFA Chapter received the prestigious 2024 Gold Emblem rating at the 96th Annual Texas FFA State Convention! The Gold Emblem rating is only bestowed upon the top 10 percent of FFA chapters in Texas. Congratulations to these students and their teachers for all their hard work. We had the officers from the Clear Brook High School FFA Team in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Dana Morgan, Director of CTE, attended the meeting to support this FFA chapter.

7. District Update

Dr. Karen Engle, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Board of Trustees with a District Update regarding District Goals (Student/Staff Attendance, National Board Certification of Teachers, ConnectCCISD), School Health Advisory Committee Application, and Legislative Priorities.

8. Community Input

The following members of the Community addressed the Board during the community input portion of the meeting:

Agenda Item (3-minutes):

- Robin Collins – GCAD Board of Directors Position

Non-Agenda Item (1-minute):

- Tom Davis – A Fresh Look at our National Anthem

9. Action

A. Consent Agenda

Trustee Larson moved to pull item #10 and Secretary Cunningham moved to pull item #9. Vice President Cottrell moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the consent agenda minus item #9 & item #10. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
2. Consider Approval of Monthly Human Resources Board Report
3. Consider Acceptance of Donations
4. Consider Approval of Monthly Financial Statement
5. Consider Approval of the 2024 Tax Collection Report
6. Consider Certification of 2024 Taxable Values
7. Consider Approval of 2024 – 2025 T-TESS Appraisers
8. Consider Approval of Elementary Class Size over 22:1 ratio for the Fall Semester of 2024 - 2025
9. ~~Consider Approval of an ILA Contract for the Clear Falls and Clear Springs High Schools Stage Lighting Controls Project~~
10. ~~Consider Approval of Construction Contract 2024.418 for Replacement of Security Cameras at Challenger Columbia Stadium and Veterans Memorial Stadium~~
11. Consider Approval of FDB(LOCAL) Admissions - Intradistrict Transfers and Classroom Assignments - SECOND READING

12. Consider Approval of FNCE(LOCAL) Student Conduct – Personal
Telecommunications/Electronic Devices - SECOND READING

***Consider Approval of Construction Contract 2024.418 for Replacement of
Security Cameras at Challenger Columbia Stadium and Veterans Memorial
Stadium***

Trustee Larson asked questions about item # 10. Mr. Alex Aragon, Director of Facility Services, answered the questions. Trustee Larson moved to accept the superintendent's recommendation and approve Construction Contract 2024.418 to Digi Security Systems, LLC., in the amount of \$233,998.00 for replacement of security cameras at Challenger Columbia Stadium and Veterans Memorial Stadium. The motion carried unanimously.

***Consider Approval of an ILA Contract for the Clear Falls and Clear Springs
High Schools Stage Lighting Controls Project***

Secretary Cunningham asked questions about item #10. Mr. Alex Aragon, Director of Facility Services, answered the questions. Secretary Cunningham moved to accept the superintendent's recommendation and approve an ILA-Buyboard contract in the amount of \$425,000.00 to Performing Arts Supply Co., for the Clear Falls and Clear Springs High Schools stage lighting controls project. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider Approval of 2024 Tax Rate

Ms. Alice Benzaia, Chief Financial Officer, presented the information to the Board. Members of the Board made comments and had questions. Ms. Benzaia answered the questions. Trustee Bowen moved to adopt a 2024 tax rate of \$0.969. The 2024 adopted total tax rate of \$0.969 consists of a maintenance & operations tax rate of \$0.699 per \$100 of taxable value and an interest & sinking tax rate of \$0.27 per \$100 of taxable value. The motion carried unanimously.

***C. Consider Approval of Resolution of the Clear Creek ISD Board of Trustees
Submitting the Names of Five Nominees or Less for Election to the Galveston
Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.***

Trustee Larson moved to nominate Mr. Chad Tressler as a candidate for election to the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Trustee Bowen moved to postpone that vote indefinitely and explained his reason for doing so. The motion to postpone the vote failed 5 against and 2 for. Secretary Cunningham moved to approve a resolution to submit Mr. Chad Tressler as a candidate for election to the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously.

***D. Consider Approval of Resolution of the Clear Creek ISD Board of Trustees
Nominating a Candidate(s) to be Placed on the Ballot for an Appointed Position on
the Board of Directors of the Harris Central Appraisal District.***

Trustees did not have any candidates to nominate for the Board of Directors of the Harris Central Appraisal District. No action was taken.

10. Adjournment

President Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Arturo Sanchez, Board President

Jay Cunningham, Board Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Minutes prepared by Greta McMahon

