



Calallen ISD

Board Workshop

Tuesday, November 28, 2017 6:00 PM

Agenda of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Calallen ISD

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Calallen ISD will be held November 28, 2017, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Odem-Edroy High School, One Owl Square, Odem, Texas.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

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2. New Business
- A. Workshop - Update on 85th Legislature 4
 Presenter: Dr. Almendarez
3. Adjourn



Calling the Meeting to Order

I call this meeting of the Calallen Independent School District Board of Trustees to order and let the record show that a quorum of Board Members is present and that this meeting was duly called and posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
CALALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

Date : December 11, 2017

Subject: Workshop Presentation – Update on 85th Legislature

New Business

Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Following a legislative session, Board of Trustees must be updated on the new laws passed.

ITEM ADDRESSED

Workshop Presentation – Update on 85th Legislature

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action. Presentation only.

85th Legislative Update

November 2017



Senate Bills and House Bills Affecting Students





SB 179 : David's Law

David's Law - New law that will have major impact on day-to-day operations in schools

- Bullying does not have to involve a pattern of repeated behavior
- Definition of bullying has always required there be an effect on the "target"



SB 179 : David's Law - cont.



- Cyberbullying off campus is expressly included in the definition if it “interferes with a student’s educational opportunities” or “substantially disrupts the orderly operation of a classroom, school, or school-sponsored or school-related activity.”

S T O P
cyberbullying

SB 179 : David's Law - cont.



- Notice of alleged bullying must be given to the parent of the “target” on or before the 3rd business day after the incident is reported.
- School policy must include a method to report bullying anonymously.
- Chapter 37 is amended to allow for expulsion or DAEP for student who engages in bullying encouraging suicide/incites violence/threatens release of intimate material



SB 179 : David's Law - cont.

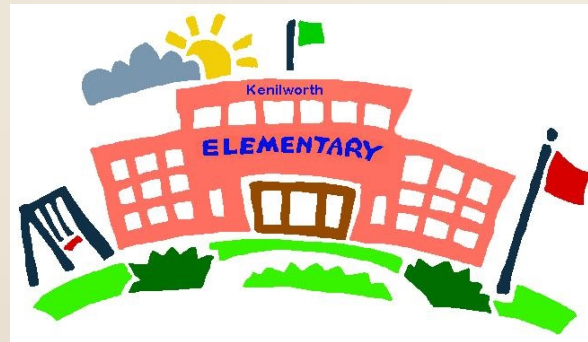


- After investigation, the Principal may report to law enforcement if reasonable grounds are believed to show the student has engaged in assault or harassment
- The person reporting to law enforcement is immune from liability (civil & criminal) and disciplinary action
- Parents or students can obtain injunctive relief to stop/or prevent cyberbullying of a minor.

HB 674: No Suspensions for Little Ones



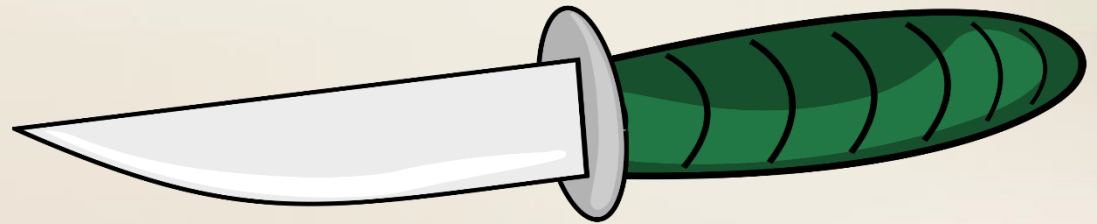
- Prohibits the out-of-school suspension of a student below 3rd grade unless the student commits an offense involving weapons, drugs, alcohol or violence.



HB 1935: What defines “a KNIFE”



- Now, an “illegal knife” will be called a “location-restricted knife” and is simply defined: Any knife with a blade of more than 5.5 inches



SB 1843: Aptitude for Military Service



- Schools must provide students in grades 10 to 12 an opportunity to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Test and meet with a military recruiter

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U.S. AIR FORCE



U.S. ARMY



HB 1152: Uncle Sam Wants YOU!



- Students who are 17 or older can get up to 4 days of excused absence for the purpose of enlisting in the U.S. armed forces.



SB 825: No longer a mandate!



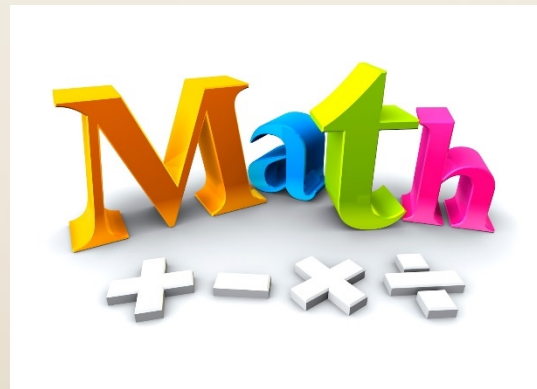
- College prep assessments in 8th and 10th grades are now discretionary.



SB 826: Flexibility on course sequence



- Eliminates requirement that advanced English can only be taken after English I, II or III; and advanced Math only after Algebra I and Geometry



HB 3706: Dropout Recovery Goes Online



- Authorizes a dropout recovery program to be offered online

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SB 463: Individual Graduation Committees

- Extends the life of Individual Graduation Committees thru September 1, 2019; also allows diplomas to be issued to certain students who entered 9th grade prior to 2011-12 but failed a required test for graduation at least 3 times.



HB 3593: Cybersecurity

- Authorizes classes for credit on cybersecurity and may be counted for credit requirement for languages other than English





SB 671: Full Immersion

- A student who completes a “dual language immersion” program in elementary school can get 1 high school credit that counts toward languages other than English





SB 1566: Before and After School

- Authorizes the District to operate before and/or after school programs for middle and elementary school students. Students enrolled or who reside in district are eligible (including home schooled and private school students)



SB 195: Walking To School In A Bad Neighborhood

- This law expands the transportation allotment regarding “hazardous traffic conditions” to also include students who face “a high risk of violence” on their walk to school



HB 3024: “He got his bell rung”



- The list of people who can require that a student be pulled out of interscholastic practice or event due to suspected concussion now includes a chiropractor





SB 1566: LICE!

- Board must adopt a policy that requires elementary school nurse to give notice of lice within 48 hours to affected student's parent and notice within 5 days to parents of each child assigned to the same classroom



Senate Bills and House Bills Affecting School Operations

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HB 441: No School on Memorial Day!



- **Prohibits** school to be held on
Memorial Day





SB 693: Buckle Up!

- The law dictates when buying a 2018 (or later) bus model that the bus must have seat belts - **unless**, the local school board holds a public meeting and official votes not to do so due to budgetary constraints

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HB 1424: Drones!

- Makes it a crime to fly a drone over a sports venue at less than 400 feet if the venue seats at least 30,000 people.





HB 1463: Can a blind person make use of your website

- If a complaint is filed, it gives the owner 60 days to fix the problem before a suit can be filed; applies to District's website

(Note.. Federal law contains no such requirement)

HB 22: A to F and other Accountability Issues



- A “D” is no longer “unacceptable” it is “needs improvement”
- Only “F” rates schools are “unacceptable”
- Rating performance for 2017-2018 school year will be publicly released in August 2018, but limited to “met standard” or “improvement required”
- Many provisions about who is counted as a dropout



HB 2087: Student Data & Student Privacy

- Creates restrictions for “operators”
- “Operator” is one who operates a website, online service, mobile app
- Prohibits “operator” from:
 - a) target advertising
 - b) creating a profile
 - c) selling/renting student information

HB 2442: 75,600 Minutes and counting. . . .



- Retains the requirement of 75,600 minutes BUT refers to it as “minutes of operation” which includes lunch/recess
- Commissioner will adopt rules defining full-day and half day
- DAEP and Dropout Recovery can receive full ADA funding by providing 43,200 minutes of instruction



SB 1533: Controlling Your Property

- Code of Conduct must now include “an explanation of the provisions regarding refusal of entry to or ejection from district property” including the appeal process.





SB 1566: Teachers Packing Heat

- Requires schools to allow teachers and other employees with a “license to carry” to have a firearm in their personal vehicle, parked in a school parking lot!





HB 822: Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April)

- The bill calls for appropriate activities in public schools and elsewhere to raise awareness during the month of April

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SB 1533: Sex Offenders

- Registered sex offenders will be required to immediately report to the Administration if they are on school premises during standard operating hours.

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SB 7: Crossing that Invisible Line



- Makes it a criminal offense for an educator to have sexual contact with a student enrolled in any K-12 school (private or public school)
- Requires Principals to promptly report to the Superintendent when an educator is terminated or resigns due to evidence of misconduct; Superintendent must immediately turn over report to SBEC

SB 7: Crossing that Invisible Line . . . cont



- Provides immunity from liability for administrators who make the reports in good faith
- Makes it a state felony to fail to report
- Districts must adopt a policy calling for a notice to parents of students “with whom an educator is alleged to have engaged in misconduct



HB 3563: Out with “Highly Qualified”

- The requirement to give notice to parents applies when a teacher does not meet certification requirements for the grade level and subject matter assigned





HB 2486: A Texas Version of USERRA

- Texas version of federal law that requires employers to return a person to their previous position following active duty in the service





SB 725: Leftovers

- Allows schools to give away certain kinds of food to non-profit organizations through an “official” of the non-profit associated with the campus... i.e. parent, teacher or counselor

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nonprofit

Senate Bills and House Bills Affecting Special Education



Learning Knows No Bounds

SB 1398: Cameras In the Classroom



- Installation of cameras is triggered only by written request
- Parent's request applies only to classroom in which their child is served
- Only Principal, Asst. Principal or others assigned to work in self-contained classroom can make a request
- Only the Board as a whole (not individuals) can make a request



SB 160: PBMAS, TEA and 8.5%

- The Commissioner must not implement a system of monitoring schools by measuring how many, or what percentage of students in the district are receiving special education services

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SB 1153: Intervention Strategies - RTI Process

- Specifies that the “student records” that parents have a right to see include “records relating to assistance provided for learning difficulties, including information collected regarding intervention strategies used with the child”





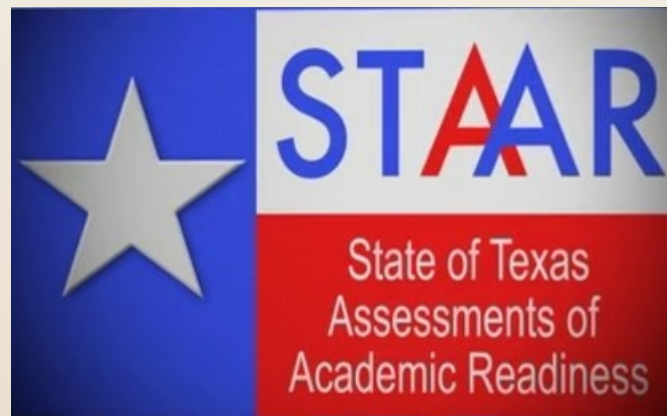
SB 1153: Intervention Strategies - RTI Process

- Requires each school to notify the parents each year if the child is receiving assistance for learning difficulties
- Requires PEIMS to report the total number of students served through 504 separately, from the number of students with whom the district used “intervention strategies”



HB 657: STAAR Tests and Students with Disabilities

- New law provides a way for the ARD Committee to promote a student without him having to go through a 2nd administration of the STAAR test, as well as other requirements





SB 2141: How do you require a person to abide by a voluntary Code of Ethics?

- Requires non-lawyer advocates who receive monetary compensation for representing parents in due process hearings to abide by a “voluntary code of ethics”





HB 1886: Dyslexia and Transition

- Requires each ESC to hire a “Dyslexia Specialist”
- Requires screening for dyslexia “at the end of the school year of each student in kinder and each student in 1st grade”
- Other transition requirements for the 2018-2019





SB 589: Are you a UBA?

- New law will create a group of “LBA’s” - people who have a license to analyze behavior
- The law puts “behavior analysts” under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation



HB 579: Epipens in the Private Schools

- Requires private schools to handle epipens in the same manner as the public schools



Senate Bills and House Bills Affecting School Boards and Superintendents

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SB 1566: Boards and Superintendents

- New law takes “potshots” at Superintendents
- Section 2 permits Board to require certain school staff to participate in Executive Session and says, “A Superintendent may not interfere with an appearance or testimony required by the Board.”



SB 1566: More...Boards and Superintendents

- Section 3 creates a timeline for the District to respond to a Board Member's request for Public Information and authorizes the Board Member to sue the District if it fails to produce the information on time.





SB 1566: Board Members on Campus

- As of next school year, the District must create a policy on visits by School Board Members to a District campus or other facility
- There has been an expressed concern about this issue for a long time.



SB 1566: The Board and Academic Achievement

- In effect as of Sept. 1st of this year, it requires the School Board to “provide oversight regarding student academic and strategic leadership for maximizing student performance.”
- Also requires each Trustee receive 3 hours of training on this subject every 2 years.





SB 1440: Texas Open Meetings Act

- This bill clarifies that it is **OK** if a majority of the Board shows up at a forum or debate that is to inform the electorate. It does not constitute this as a **“meeting”** so long as there is no formal action and any discussion of public business is incidental.





SB 1566: Complaints about Extra-curricular Activities

- Section 9 amends statute that requires board to have grievance procedure to address complaints about ABCD's (Athletics, Band, Cheerleaders, Drill Team)





SB 1566: More. . . Complaints about Extra-curricular Activities

- Section 9, subsection (b) says the Board is not required to hear a complaint “concerning a student’s participation in an extracurricular activity that does **not** involve a violation of a right guaranteed by Chapter 2
- Therefore, a “garden variety” complaint will not get a parent before the Board.

Senate Bills and House Bills

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Miscellaneous



HB 3270: Did that welder commit a crime?

- Requires criminal background checks for those who work as contractors and sub-contractors on construction projects involving instructional facilities... **BUT ONLY IF** the person will have continuing duties on the project and the opportunity for direct contact with students!





SB 1566: Are you a DOI?

- If you are a District of Innovation (DOI), there must be a copy of your DOI plan in a “prominent location” on your website

