

## **Board of Trustees**

**January 25, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of the Crowley Independent School District met on Thursday, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Crowley ISD Administration Building, 1900 Crowley Pride Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76036. A quorum of Board members was present. The meeting was duly called and notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

## **ROLL CALL**

### **THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:**

Daryl Davis  
June W. Davis  
Gary Grassia  
Mia Hall  
La Tonya Woodson – Mayfield  
Nedra Robinson  
Kelicia Stevenson\*

## **Celebrations / Board Points of Pride**

### **Crowley High School**

On Friday, January 26 Crowley ISD will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1999 Crowley Eagles boys' basketball team winning the state championship. The recognition will be held at approximately 8 p.m. between the girls' and boys' games vs. L.D. Bell. We look forward to celebrating our alumni and enjoying some great basketball with them.

### **Bess Race Elementary School**

On Thursday, January 18, Bess Race Elementary welcomed families, staff, school board members and prestigious community honorees to the Boys to Men Induction ceremony. The 17 inductees applied and went through a rigorous interview process. We celebrate these students and look forward to their continued success in Crowley ISD!

### **Leadership ISD**

High school students from Crowley ISD shared their perspectives and experiences with community members from across Tarrant County on Friday, January 19 at the Bill R. Johnson CTE Center. We were proud to host Leadership ISD's Civic Voices monthly meeting to equip public education advocates to create equitable and sustainable improvement in schools.

### **Maintenance & Operations**

Thank you to our maintenance and operations crew for their hard work this winter. During last week's frigid weather, this team worked around the clock to take care of our school buildings so that everything was ready for students and staff to return.

### **North Crowley High School**

Shout out to North Crowley for the following honors:

-Chris Jimerson Jr. – Star Telegram Fort Worth area Football Player of the Year  
-Ray Gates – Star Telegram Fort Worth area Football Coach of the Year  
-Tommy Brakel – McDonald’s All-American Game basketball coach for the West... We are proud of you!

### **School Quality Reports**

Over the last few weeks, campuses have engaged hundreds of CISD families via zoom to review the School Quality Reports. The virtual format has allowed families to interact, ask questions and review data with the campus principals and district staff. In Crowley ISD we focus on the metrics that matter to our stakeholders. Awesome work!

### **Summer Creek Middle School**

The students and staff at Summer Creek Middle School are elevating the standard. On Monday, January 23 the campus offered onsite haircuts for students. We would like to thank every barber who participated in Summer Creek's new FRESH-N-CLEAN CUTS self-esteem initiative! Thank you for being a part of the dream team!

### **Superintendent Report**

#### **School Board Recognition Month**

Crowley ISD School Board members are "Locally Elected, Community Connected" and the District joined school districts across the state in celebrating January as School Board Recognition Month.

Crowley ISD Trustees are extraordinary volunteers who play a crucial role in our schools and in our community. These public servants attend meetings, study detailed reports, listen to concerns and do the hard work to benefit the students and the community at large. They bring a variety of skills and backgrounds to their task, and they take their responsibilities seriously. And the whole community benefits from their vigilance in providing great schools.

Trustees receive no pay for their dedicated efforts. They not only volunteer their time and effort for our local schools, but they also speak up for our system of public education on a statewide level.

Each January, the District pauses during the month of January and regular activities to say THANK YOU to these dedicated volunteers. We appreciate their generous sharing of time and energy on behalf of our children and our communities.

2023-2024 Crowley ISD Board of Trustees

Dr. La Tonya Woodson-Mayfield, President  
Gary Grassia, First Vice President  
Dr. Mia Hall, Second Vice President  
Nedra Robinson, Secretary  
Daryl R. Davis, II, Trustee  
June W. Davis, Trustee  
Kelicia Stevenson, Trustee

### **Introduction of New Principal of Deer Creek Elementary School**

Charlotte Carter, the new principal of Deer Creek Elementary School, was introduced to the Board of Trustees.

### **Recognition Item(s)**

#### **Presentation by Fort Worth City Councilmember Dr. Jared Williams**

Fort Worth District 6 City Councilmember Dr. Jared Williams recognized the Board of Trustees for being selected Region 11 Board of the Year and as a Top 5 Honor Board in Texas.

#### **Purpose Driven Youth Empowerment Donation in Memory of Former Principal Vivian J. Lincoln**

Purpose Driven Youth Empowerment donated 670 library books to Crowley ISD in memory of former Crowley ISD principal, Mrs. Vivian J. Lincoln. The books, totaling \$3,400 in value, will be distributed across all Crowley ISD campuses. CEO Nita Page presented the donation to the Board.

#### **Crowley High School Band Recognition**

Student leaders from the Crowley High School Mighty Eagle Marching Band were recognized for their fall 2023 accomplishments and provided a preview of spring 2024 events and competitions.

#### **North Crowley High School Band Recognition**

Student leaders from the North Crowley High School Mighty Panther Marching Band were recognized for their fall 2023 accomplishments and provided a preview of spring 2024 events and competitions.

#### **Heartbeat Team Award**

Marisela Montes, a first-grade teacher at S.H. Crowley Elementary School, was recognized as the January 2024 Heartbeat Team Award winner.

### **Student School Board Trustee Program**

#### **Introductions and Updates from Student Trustees**

Student Trustees Vincent James from (CHS) and Tommy Tran from (NCHS) were introduced and provided feedback and updates from their campuses.

#### **District Follow Up to Prior Concerns**

The administration will follow up to concerns raised by student trustees from previous meetings.

### **Discussion Item(s)**

#### **Facility Naming Procedures**

Elementary School #16 is scheduled to open in Fall 2024 in the Karis neighborhood in the City of Crowley. Per Board Policy CW (LOCAL), responsibility for the final decision in naming or renaming schools and other facilities within the District rests with the Board. In doing so, the

Board may request the Superintendent to solicit potential names from staff, community, and students. The Board may also choose to establish a facility naming committee composed of community members appointed by the Board.

The attached policy includes information on standards and guidelines, recommendation process and more.

### **Report Item(s)**

#### **Introduction of Student Voter Empowerment Club and March to the Polls Sponsors**

The Student Voter Empowerment Clubs (SVEC) established and sponsor non-partisan dynamic student-led civic engagement clubs in high schools, open to grades 9-12. SVEC clubs fill the gap from a lack of civics education in school curricula, increase student voter turnout, and cultivate a lifelong commitment to voting and civic engagement.

*\*Trustee Kelicia Stevenson joined the meeting at 7:54 p.m.*

#### **STEM Plus for All Activities**

STEM Plus is helping fulfill Crowley's Vision 2025 to provide all students with choices and access to early STEM opportunities and secondary CTE pathways. This means students are challenged with STEM learning in the classroom and extracurricular activities to apply their learning to real-world applications. The Crowley ISD STEM Plus program focuses on building capacity in our learner profiles and their 21st century skills. STEM Plus focuses on student learning through applications of cultural relevance, collaboration, engineering design process, and communication skills.

Students are introduced to STEM and STEM careers through exploration and creative hands-on activities in Pre-K through 2nd grade. Students in 3rd through 5th grades engage in student-centered learning to identify projects for which they are passionate. At the four middle schools and two ninth grade campuses, students are able to select electives that pique their interests and lead them into a career pathway in high school. Students will also have access to after school programs or clubs through STEM Plus.

#### **Open Forum**

No one spoke during open forum.

#### **No. 8587 Consent Agenda**

Member (**Daryl Davis**) Moved, Member (**Mia Hall**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Recommend approval of the consent agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried unanimously 7 – 0.

June W. Davis	Yes
Daryl Davis	Yes
Gary Grassia	Yes
Dr. Mia Hall	Yes
Dr. La Tonya Mayfield	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes
Kelicia Stevenson	Yes

- Approval of the Consent Agenda
- Approval of the December 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the January 11, 2024 Called Board Meeting Minutes
- Financial Statements
- Budget Amendment
- Resolution to Compensate Employees for Inclement Weather Day (January 16, 2024)
- RFP – 036-2023-2024 Kitchen Equipment – Refrigerators and Heated Cabinets
- RFP- 035-2023-2024 Kitchen Exhaust Hood, Floor and Ceiling Surface Cleaning

**Consideration and Possible Action Item(s)**

**No. 8588 Consider and Take Action on an Order Calling a Board of Trustees Election on May 4, 2024 – Order of Election**

Member (**Nedra Robinson**) Moved, Member (**Daryl Davis**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Recommend approval of the May 4, 2024 Order of Election, as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried unanimously 7 – 0.

Gary Grassia	Yes
June Davis	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
LaTonya Mayfield	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes
Daryl Davis	Yes
Kelicia Stevenson	Yes

**No. 8589 Crowley ISD Board of Trustees Resolution to Enter Into Joint Election Agreement with Tarrant County Elections on May 4, 2023**

Member (Daryl Davis) Moved, Member (Nedra Robinson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Recommend approval of the May 4, 2024 Crowley ISD Board Of Trustees Elections resolution to enter into a joint election agreement with Tarrant County Elections as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried Unanimously 7 – 0.

Gary Grassia	Yes
June Davis	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
LaTonya Mayfield	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes
Daryl Davis	Yes
Kelicia Stevenson	Yes

**No. 8590 Crowley ISD Board of Trustees Resolution to Enter Into Joint Election Agreement with the City of Crowley on May 4, 2024**

Member (**Daryl Davis**) Moved, Member (**Nedra Robinson**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Recommend approval of the May 4, 2024 Crowley ISD Board of Trustees Election Resolution to enter into a joint elections agreement with the City of Crowley as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried Unanimously 7 – 0.

Gary Grassia	Yes
June Davis	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
LaTonya Mayfield	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes
Daryl Davis	Yes
Kelicia Stevenson	Yes

**No. 8583 2024 – 2025 Central Appraisal District (CAD) Board of Directors Election Ballot**

Member (**Nedra Robinson**) Moved, Member (**Mia Hall**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'I recommend that Crowley ISD Board of Trustees cast its 12 votes as follows for the 2024-2025 election of the Board of Directors of Central Appraisal District (CAD): 12 votes for Duaine Goulding'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried Unanimously 7 – 0.

Gary Grassia	Yes
June Davis	Yes
Mia Hall	Yes
LaTonya Mayfield	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes
Daryl Davis	Yes
Kelicia Stevenson	Yes

**Future Action Item(s)**

**Consider and Take Action on an Order Calling a Board of Trustees Election in the District on May 4, 2024**

A general election will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024 for the purpose of electing two Crowley ISD School Board Trustees (Places 3 and 4) to serve on the Crowley ISD School Board. This is a future action item that will be brought back for consideration and possible action during the January 25, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

**Purchase of Kitchen Equipment for School Cafeterias**

The following purchases are planned to improve food service at campuses across the District:  
15 reach-in refrigerators  
2 pass-through refrigerators

1 roll-in refrigerators  
5 reach-in freezers  
20 reach-in heated cabinets  
3 pass-through heated cabinets  
1 roll-in heated cabinet

These purchases will be paid with the Child Nutrition Fund as part of the District's spend down plan. Approximately \$70,000 to \$75,000 total to be paid with the Child Nutrition Fund. This is a future action item that will be brought back for consideration and possible action during a future Board Meeting.

### **Development of 2024-2025 School Calendars**

The District is in the planning stages of developing the 2024-2025 school calendar that maximizes instruction time for students and planning/development time for educators. Drafts of the calendar will be reviewed by the Executive Leadership Team, the District-Wide Educational Improvement Council (DWEIC) and principals before being brought to the School Board possible action at a future meeting. This is a future action item that will be brought back for consideration and possible action during a future Board Meeting.

### **Naming of Elementary School No. 16**

Elementary School #16 is scheduled to open in Fall 2024 in the Karis neighborhood in the City of Crowley. Per Board Policy CW (LOCAL), Responsibility for the final decision in naming or renaming schools and other facilities within the District rests with the Board. This is a future action item that will be brought back for consideration and possible action during a future Board Meeting.

### **Executive Session**

The Board of Trustees convened in Executive Session beginning at 9:7 p.m. and returned to open session at 10:31 p.m.

### **Consideration and Possible Action Item(s)**

#### **No. 8584 Discussion of Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings**

The Texas School Safety Center recently conducted an Intruder Detection Audit at one or more of the District's campuses. The state gives school districts 45 days from official notification to enact corrective actions and we took immediate action as a response to the findings. While the District is not releasing any sensitive details to the public regarding the audit in open session, a corrective action plan was put into place due to the findings. This audit is conducted as part of Governor Abbott's school safety directives for all school systems to help school districts identify how campuses can improve safety for our children and staff, such as ensuring exterior doors are locked.

The audit provides Crowley ISD with an opportunity to create a safer learning environment and is just one of the many actions that the district is taking to ensure that our schools are safe. Following the statement made by the District, no further action was required or taken.

**No. 8585 Discussion and Possible Action, by Resolution, to Authorize the Negotiation and Subsequent Sale of District Real Estate Located at: 7350 Granbury Road, Ft. Worth, Texas 76123, in Keeping with District Policy CDB (LEGAL)**

Member (**Nedra Robinson**) Moved, Member (**Gary Grassia**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Administration recommends that the Board grant authorization by resolution to begin negotiating the sale of real property located at 7350 Granbury Road, Ft. Worth, Texas 76123.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion Carried Unanimously 6 – 0.

Gary Grassia	Yes
June Davis	Yes
LaTonya Mayfield	Yes
Nedra Robinson	Yes
Daryl Davis	Yes
Kelicia Stevenson	Yes

*Dr. Mia Hall was not present during this portion of the meeting.*

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY 