**Minutes of Board Recognition Ceremony February 12, 2018**

**The Board of Trustees**

**Texas City Independent School District**

*Members Present: Hal Biery, President*

*David Moss, Vice President*

*Melba Anderson*

*Nakisha Paul*

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*Absent: Dickey Campbell*

*Bryan Thompson*

*Present: Dr. Rodney Cavness, Superintendent*

*Susan Myers, Deputy Superintendent of Education*

*Margaret Lee, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations*

*Dr. Terri Burchfield, Executive Director of Support Services*

*Marcus Higgs, Executive Director of Human Resources*

*Adriana Lyle, Executive Administrative Assistant*

*Melissa Tortorici, Director of Communications*

A Board Recognition Ceremony of the Board of Trustees of Texas City Independent School District was held Monday, February 12, 2018, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Blocker Middle School Auditorium.

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| 1. | **Cover Page** | |  |
| 2. | **Welcome by Melissa Tortorici** | |  |
| 3. | **Call to Order** | |  |
| 4. | **First Order of Business** | |  |
| A. | | Announcement by the president whether a quorum is present, that the meeting has been duly called and notice of the meeting has been posted for the time and manner required by law  *Mr. Hal Biery, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Biery announced that a quorum was present, that the meeting had been duly called, and notice of the meeting had been posted in the time and manner required by law.* |  |
| 5. | **Pledge & Invocation**  *Kohfeldt Elementary first grade student* Brooklinn Bellow *led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.*  *Heights Elementary fourth grade student,* Connor Morgan*, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.* | |  |
| 6. | ***Board Recognition (See Attachment)***  ***Foundation for the Future Projects in Education Program***  *The Texas City ISD Foundation for the Future has awarded more than $3.6 million for innovative teaching grants since its inception through the Projects in Education Program. The Foundation is made up of a volunteer board of directors. The Foundation awarded more than $258,946 to teachers during Prize Posse in January.*  *All subjects $36,849.66*  *Art $9,710.54*  *CTE $16,445.24*  *Behavior $13,134.78*  *Drama $9,295.81*  *Foreign Language (Spanish) $1,086.33*  *Journalism $1,027.78*  *Language Arts $10,980.48*  *Math $10,250.14*  *Music $63,048.70*  *Reading $5,770.54*  *Science, $74,462.82*  *Special Ed $5,724.74*  *STEM $1,158.95*  ***Texas Music Educators Association Elementary Music Grant***  *Gwen Dorsey teaches general music at Levi Fry Intermediate, was awarded an $800 grant from the Texas Music Educators Association to buy a set of ukuleles to use with her 5th grade general music students.*  ***Texas Library Association Grant***  *The La Marque Middle School library suffered a tremendous loss after flooding from Hurricane Harvey. Librarian Thema Jones was awarded a Texas Library Association grant for $2,500 for the LMMS library.*  ***LMHS Region Concert Band***  *Kaila Sajna, 9th grade flute player at La Marque High School, placed in the top 20 at the High School Region 13 Audition earning a chair in the Region Concert Band. Kaila was the 4th best flute player at her grade level. LMHS Band Directors are Daniel Quintana, Andy Hedrick, and Daniel Wesson.*  ***La Marque Middle School Top Fundraisers***  *Students at La Marque Middle School participated in a campus-wide fundraiser. Two students worked incredibly hard to raise the most money to earn the special awards. Legend Kuate, 6th grade, and Cymone Swain, 7th grade, each earned a limo ride to lunch with the principal and a blue tooth speaker. Congratulations to these girls for helping out school programs with*  *this fundraiser.*  *LEGEND KUATE*  *CYMONE SWAIN*  ***Blocker Deer Park One Act Play Contest***  *Blocker Middle School Thespian Stings performed Pride and Prejudice by Helen Jerome at the Deer Park One Act Play Contest last semester. The romantic comedy is based on the novel by Jane Austen. Blocker won three individual awards. Isaac Padilla won an All Star Cast Award for his impassioned portrayal of Mr. Darcy. Elizabeth Villapondo won an Honorable Mention Award for her spirited portrayal of Elizabeth Bennet. Macaedon Maree received an All Star Tech Award for outstanding work as a Lighting Technician. The Blocker Theatre Arts director is Sagina Varghese.*  ***Jump Rope for Heart - Heights***  *Heights Elementary students participated in Jump Rope for Heart. The top fundraisers were honored. The coaches at Heights are Jacob Hon and Sara Riske. Winners are as follows:*  *AUBREY CUNNINGHAM*  *MASON CUNNINGHAM*  *EMMA GATES*  ***La Marque Elementary Turkey Trot Winners***  *La Marque Elementary students ran in the Guajardo Elementary Turkey Trot in November. Multiple classrooms have been located at Guajardo this year post Hurricane Harvey. The LM Elementary coaches are Mike Nelson and Bobby Broussard. Winners are as follows:*  *XOEY DIAZ - 3rd Grade Girl JANESHIA DIXON – 2nd Grade Girl*  *DANE FABEL – 3rd Grade Boy TREMAINE THOMAS – 2nd Grade Boy*  ***Levi Fry Intermediate Project Connect***  *Levi Fry Intermediate held the 2nd Annual Project Connect on campus. Project Connect is a school-wide event designed to promote a safe, bully-free community of learners. After completing a paper chain activity with classmates, students wrote essays and poems. Rachel Kauffman coordinated Project Connect. The winners are as follows:*  *ALEXIS HADLEY, 1st*  *BROOKELYN HUTCHINS, 2nd*  *ALEX CUELLAR, 3rd*  ***FFA Shooting Team takes 3rd Place***  *In December, the Texas City FFA Shooting Team competed in the Concordia-Lutheran FFA Sporting Clays Shoot. The team was made up of Thomas Frohne, Zander Stevens, Rustin Hara and Hunter Frankovich. The team placed 3rd in the youth team division out of 296 entries. Brandon Noto is the FFA faculty advisor.*  ***Boys Golf takes 2nd Place***  *TCHS Boys Varsity Golf Team won 2nd in the 2017 Texas City Boys Varsity Invitational on Nov. 14 at Bayou Golf Course. Nate Brooks won 3rd place Individual Medalist in the Tournament that featured teams from across the County. The team is coached by Mark Cooper. The team is made up of:*  *NATE BROOKS*  *COLE DUNKEL*  *LORENZO GONZALES*  *IAN KOCOUREK*  *SETH MARETT*  ***All State Choir Audition Process***  *Students all across the state of Texas competed in the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Area Choir Auditions for a place in one of the Texas All State Choirs on January 13th. To get to the Area Auditions, these students had already auditioned for District, Region, and Pre- Area, advancing at each level, and at each level, the competition increased. Five TCHS choir students advanced to audition at the final level of competition to qualify to perform in a TMEA All-State Choir in February 2018. Of those five, three placed in the All State Mixed Choir. These students have studied many hours individually, with voice teachers and with their directors to prepare college-level repertoire for these auditions. For the Pre-Area round, they prepared four pieces of music, three of which were in a foreign language. Their choral directors are Kathy Skinner and Rico D. Hamilton. Private voice teachers for these students are Marcy Talley, Derrick Bready, and Guillermo Delgado. Special thanks and appreciation are extended to the TCISD Foundation for the Future and Randy Dietel and the Frank Webb Trust for funding the Private Voice Lesson Grant.*  *MARISSA ANGEL, Soprano 1, Pre-Area 3rd chair*  *SETH ROGERS, Tenor 2, Pre-Area 3rd chair; All State Mixed Choir*  *VERONICA STOVICH, Soprano 2, Pre-Area 1st chair; All State Mixed Choir*  *NICHOLI STROM-MCKEE, Tenor 2, Pre-Area 4th chair; All State Mixed Choir*  *TIERNEY ZARAZUA, Alto 2, Pre-Area 1st Chair*  ***LMHS VEX Robotics Judge’s Award***  *The La Marque High School Robotics Team won the Judge's Award at the 2017 Space City VEX Competition. Judges considered a number of possible criteria for this award, such as team displays of special attributes, exemplary effort and perseverance at the event, and team accomplishments or endeavors throughout the season that may not fall under existing awards. La Marque High School made a fantastic showing in their VEX tournament debut in November. Team 1765E qualified as the captain of the 7th ranked alliance, eliminated by the 590B lead 2nd alliance in the division 2 quarterfinals. The Space City tournament is the largest and most prestigious qualifying event in the state of Texas. This year's event featured 80 teams in middle and high school divisions from across the state, including 10 of the top 15 ranked high school teams and 6 of the top 15 middle schools. Their teacher is Chris Cabana.*  *JAMES DAVIS*  *JOSEPH MEDINA*  *SUNDOS NOFAL*  *ERIC REYES-BUSTOS*  *QUINTON RUSSELL*  *KEIVUN TURNER*  ***Blocker VEX Robotics State Bound***  *The Blocker VEX Robotics team competed at their first ever event at Lewis CTE High School In Pasadena on December 9th. They tied for 3rd place in skills as the only middle school team in a field of 35 high school teams. Their total score of 67 was high enough to earn them the #1 ranking among Texas middle schools Due to that event. They went on to join the top seeded alliance of Texas City High School’s team 590G and team 20002B from Silsbee, and win the Tournament Championship. They are the only middle school team to win a high school event in South Texas this season. The win qualified the team to compete next at the South Texas State Middle School Championship at Clear Brook High School on February 24th. Stacey Richardson is the Blocker Robotics teacher. Community volunteer is Harvey Cappel.*  *TAVAGOH COCKRELL*  *JORDAN DAVIS*  *CODY GREGUREK*  *ISABEL LARRALDE*  *ALANA LEE*  *ANGELINA LOVE*  *AYDEN ROBINSON*  *DIARA TSIKIS*  ***Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art Winners***  *Students throughout Texas City ISD competed in a District Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art Show is competing against multiple schools. Twenty-six of our students were selected to advance to the competition at NRG in Houston. The 7 District*  *winners will have their art displayed at the Hayloft Gallery through rodeo season. Art teachers with students who won the local competition are Desiree Haddock, Jennifer Massie, Aisling Jones and Lola Rios. Joan Finn organized the show for the District. The local winners are:*  *High School Division*  *AUDRI SLOWEY, Best of Show*  *EMILY DEVASIER, Gold Medal*  *ROSALBA GARZA, Gold Medal*  *Middle School Division*  *LENNON PHILLIPS, Best of Show*  *ISABEL SANCHEZ, Gold Medal*  *Elementary Division*  *GAVIN SCOTT, Best of Show*  *JOVANI GONZALEZ, Gold Medal*  ***La Marque Middle School Region Band***  *Six La Marque Middle School students auditioned and made Region Band. This this is only the second year for some of them to be playing an instrument. There were more than 100 flutes that auditioned and more than 80 trumpets and percussionists auditioning. These students performed in region ensembles on January 27, 2018. Damien Hicks is the LMMS Director of Bands, and Lynne Springer is the Assistant Director. LMHS directors are Daniel Quintana, Andy Hedrick, and Daniel Wesson.*  *JONIEL PIZARRO-LACEN, First Flute overall*  *JABARIE WEBB, 9th Chair Trumpet in top ensemble*  *ROSHAAD ROBINSON, 7th Chair Percussion in top ensemble*  *RENE BARRIENTOS, 9th Chair Trumpet in the second ensemble*  *JESSICA SPAHR, 12th Chair Trumpet in the second ensemble*  *ETHAN SAJNA, 1st Chair Percussion in the third ensemble*  *NATHANIEL SAJNA, 4th Chair Saxophone in the third ensemble*  ***Guajardo Elementary Turkey Trot***  *Guajardo Elementary held its 20th Annual Turkey Trot in November for students and teachers. Students race around the track to see who is the fastest boy and fastest girl in each grade level. Winners receive a turkey to take home for their holiday meals. Coaches are Melissa Morris and Cassidy Mitchell.*  *First Grade*  *DOMINQUE JOHNSON*  *KAYLA SALAS*  *2nd Grade*  *JACOBI JOLLY*  *CARA ROMERO*  *3rd Grade*  *SAVANNAH JENNINGS*  *GUNNAR TAYLOR*  *4th Grade*  *DAVEON HENDERSON*  *TRINITI JOINER*  *Faculty & Staff*  *AMY PARKER*  ***FFA Leadership Development***  *Congratulations to the Texas City FFA members who placed at the District 6 Leadership Development Events at Pearland Turner High School. The Agriculture Advocacy Team of Shane Baker, Kennedy Perez, and Javonne Pool placed 5th. The Senior Chapter Conducting Team of Shelby Lipscomb, Sarah Klos, Daniel Gracia, Blaine Nowak, Ginny Roth, Genesis Thorsen and Alexa Taylor placed 6th. Coaches are Nikki Ashcraft and Lorrie Abels.*  ***TCHS Freshman Region Band Honors***  *The Texas City High School Band sent nine students to Freshmen Region Auditions in November. They competed against 15 other 5A and 6A band programs from Region 17. Congratulations to the following 9th grade students for their accomplishments: Bernardo Rabago, Trombone, 7th chair; Leonardo Rabago, Baritone, 3rd chair; Amy Nichols, Clarinet, 6th chair; and Fernando De Los Santos, Trumpet, 12th chair. Their private lesson teachers are Jill Bartee, Clarinet; Moses Martinez, Baritone/Tuba; and Joven Whidbee, Trumpet. The Directors of the TCHS Sting Band are Matthew Raines, Director of Bands; Benjamin Guillotte, Assistant Band Director; and Justin Brophy, Assistant Band Director. The Band program is also thankful for the sponsorship of the private lesson grant through the TCISD Foundation for the Future in conjunction with Mr. Randy Dietel.*  *FERNANDO DE LOS SANTOS*  *AMY NICHOLS*  *BERNARDO RABAGO*  *LEONARDO RABAGO*  ***All State Band Audition Process***  *The Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Region Band process is rigorous. This process began in August when our students received the chosen region etudes for the audition. They immediately began master classes and other small group instruction to work as a group to learn this music. The Region band audition process lasts for three days. The students are given letters and divided into rooms. Each room has five judges that are hidden behind a partition for anonymity. The students are called up in groups of 5 to play the excerpt or cut of the music, that is chosen by the judges. Each student is scored on the three pieces of music prepared with 100 points each possible score. TCHS competed against 983 in the first round from 5A schools including Manvel, Shadow Creek, Santa Fe, Ball High, Angleton and 6A schools including Clear Creek, Clear Lake, Clear Brook, Clear Falls, Clear Springs, Dickinson, Friendswood, Alvin, and Brazoswood. This year 26 TCHS students attended the TMEA Region 17 Band auditions. The Directors of the TCHS Sting Band are Matthew Raines, Director of Bands; Benjamin Guillotte, Assistant Band Director; and Justin Brophy, Assistant Band Director. The Band program is also thankful to Randy Dietel and the Frank Webb Trust on behalf of the Education Foundation for the private lesson grant program that helps support the development of these fine musicians.*  *District Band*  *AMY NICHOLS, Bb Clarinet*  *BERNARDO RABAGO, Tenor Trombone*  *LEONARDO RABAGO, Euphonium*  *CRISTOBAL RAMOS, Tenor Trombone*  *Region Band*  *AARON CANTU, Tenor Saxophone*  *KAMERON MILLS, Eb Clarinet*  *GABRIEL POARCH, Euphonium*  *CRISTOBAL RAMOS, Tenor Trombone*  *LEONARDO RABAGO, Euphonium*  *Advanced to Area*  *LOGAN BONNER, French Horn*  *AARON CANTU, Tenor Saxophone*  *KAMERON MILLS, Eb Clarinet*  *GABRIEL POARCH, Euphonium*  *AMY NICHOLS, Bb Clarinet*  *LEONARDO RABAGO, Euphonium*  ***La Marque Primary Jingle Bell Run Winners***  *La Marque Primary held a Jingle Bell Run for 1st grade students in December. The students ran a mapped course that they practiced before the event. Their coaches are Darris Lewis and Tami Silllivent.*  *Blue Team Winners*  *JERNIE EVANS, 1ST*  *SHON’AE MIDDLETON, 2ND*  *JANIAH JACKSON, 3RD*  *KYRON SCOTT-FORD, 1ST*  *DIERRE COCKFIELD, 2ND*  *TYRONE FOX, 3RD*  *Gold Team Winners*  *DE’ZERIA LANIER, 1ST*  *KENNEDY BLUE, 2ND*  *JAYCE JOINER, 3RD*  *KIYON MARSHAL, JR., 1ST*  *ARDEN COCKFIELD, 2ND*  *NATHAN GUERRA, 3RD*  ***TCHS Future Teachers State Bound***  *Texas City High School students did a great job at the Texas Association of Future Educators Regional Competition held at the University of Houston Clear Lake in December. Twenty-twp high schools and 350 students competed in more than 40 different events. Christina Hartsfield**is their teacher. The following 13 students qualified to compete at State.*  *AUDRIANNA SLOWEY - TAFE Regional Vice President Officer*  *JAVON ROUGELY - Exploring Non-Core Teaching Careers; Teacher Created Materials*  *J'DYN BOOKMAN and DESTANEY CHARLES - Project Visualize Appreciation*  *XITLALIE UGARTE and BRANDI PERRY - Project Visualize Awareness*  *DANIELLE MEDINA - Bulletin Board High School*  *DEYADIRA DELGADO and JOSHUA LOCKE - Teacher Created Materials Elementary*  *LAURYN BELLOW and HANNAH O'DONNELL - Education Leader Fundamentals Test*  *ERICA CRUZ – Bulletin Board- Elementary*  *BRIE’LLE WILSON and ECHO MILLER – Bulletin Board Elementary*  ***Rotary Youth Leadership Awards***  *The Rotary Club of Texas City selected 15 juniors from Texas City High School and the Rotary Club of the Mainland selected 1 La Marque High School junior to attend the District 5910 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in Woodlake, Texas. RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship and personal growth. It provides an effective training experience for selected youth, and potential leaders encourage the leadership of youth by youth and recognizes publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities. Senior Tierney Zarazua returned as one of 24 counselors this year. Drake Jackson and Mia Tortorici were selected to return as 2019 counselors.*  *AUBREY DYSON*  *DRAKE JACKSON*  *MEGAN MCKNIGHT*  *SYDNEY OSTEEN*  *YESSENIA PERRAZA*  *MORGAN PERRY*  *GEORGIA REED*  *JAVON ROUGELY*  *DI’AVIAN RUFFINS*  *BOBBY SERDA*  *BLAINE SHOLMIRE*  *KAYLIN SIMPSON*  *AUDRI SLOWEY*  *TYLER STANLEY*  *MIA TORTORICI*  *KATIE WILTSHIRE*  *TIERNEY ZARAZUA*  ***Kohfeldt Exceptional Student Council***  *A group of students from Kohfeldt Elementary has proven to be invaluable during the school year are Members of the Student Council, who are often called upon to help with a variety of school activities. These students often arrive early and stay late to help the school. Some of these dedicated students are as follows:*  *BRIDGEATTE BETHEA*  *DAYMEIN BOSQUEZ*  *JENIYA CHARGOIS*  *MADISON DOUGLAS*  *ALEJA HAYWOOD*  *AUIANA JARAMILLO*  *BROOKE KELLEY*  *CONNOR KUSHNER*  *ERIK MARTINEZ*  *DAMIEN MAY*  *ADAN MORALES*  *LAILA NALL*  *SAMUEL RAMIREZ*  *ALINA RODRIQUEZ*  *BRISEIS ROQUE*  *AUGUSTINE RUIZ*  *LILIANA SANCHEZ*  *SHYANNE TAYLOR*  *FERNANDO VELA*  *CHARIS WILSON*  *KAYLEIGH WREN*  ***Roosevelt-Wilson Science Fair Winners***  *Roosevelt-Wilson Elementary conducted their annual school-wide Science Fair in the fall. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students participate in the Science Fair with classroom projects. 3rd and 4th grade students do individual projects for competition. The Science Fair Committee is made up of Erin Ceccacci, Sarah Fremont, Christy Monroe, Katie Osborne, Diana Smith, and Debbie Tysarczyk. The grade winners are as follows:*  *3rd Grade Behavioral Medical*  *NOAH GARCIA, 1ST*  *KHLOEE ATTERBERRY, 2ND*  *NATALIE TRAN, 3RD*  *3rd Grade Chemistry*  *KAMDEN BARTON, 1ST*  *ZOEY LILLIE, 2ND*  *RILEY FERGUSON, 3RD*  *3rd Grade Earth Science*  *HUDSON SIMS, 1ST*  *DESTINY RODRIGUEZ, 2ND*  *KAYDEN KAUTZ, 3RD*  *3rd Grade Physics*  *ISAIAH PEREZ, 1ST*  *SAMUEL CALHOUN, 2ND*  *JAGGER KING, 3RD*  *4th Grade Chemistry*  *AVA LAFLEUR, 1ST*  *LOGAN DAY, 2ND*  *MADDOX TRIGO, 3RD*  *4th Grade Earth Science*  *KASSIDY SCANLON, 1ST*  *SINTHIA DUBRULE, 2ND*  *ANTONIO CADRIEL 3RD*  *4th Grade Physics*  *ABBY STOKES, 1ST*  *ABIGAIL MARTINEZ, 2ND*  *KELLY STIDHEM, 3RD*  ***TCHS VEX Robotics State Bound***  *The Texas City High School VEX robotics teams recently concluded the qualifying portion of their season. Winning every event they entered, TCHS teams brought back 5 Excellence Awards, 12 Tournament Championships, 5 Design Awards, 3 Robot Skills Championships, and five times were Tournament Finalists. The teams were dominant in taking a full quarter of the state qualifying awards available in the South Texas region. All of the TCHS teams will next compete at the South Texas State High School Championship at Clear Brook High School on February 24th where they will attempt to qualify for the VEX World Championships for the 3rd straight year. James Jobe is the Robotics teacher. TCHS alumnus Jeff Ciabatoni volunteers his time assisting.*  *RYAN CARPENTER*  *JORDYN CHEATHAM*  *LEVI CHITTENDEN*  *NEAL CRUZ*  *GRIFFIN FEATHERLY*  *KATIE FOREMAN*  *DILLON HARVEY*  *TREVOR HOOKS*  *CONNOR JORDAN*  *EVAN LANDRUM*  *KEILAN LEVESQUE*  *CELESTE LINDUSKY*  *WILLIAM MCLAREN*  *FARRELL MOELLER*  *SAM MOON*  *TREVOR MURPHY*  *JACKSON REILY*  *BRANDON ROSE*  *BRAYDEN SCHURWON*  *RAY SHEPPARD*  *ZACH SMITH*  *BO STEBER*  *SAMMY TRANCHINA*  *JOHNNY VALDEZ* | |  |
| 7. | **Adjournment** | |  |

*Mr. David Moss, Board Member, moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.*

Approved:

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Adriana Lyle, Secretary Date

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