

Minutes of Board Recognition Ceremony November 12, 2018

The Board of Trustees Texas City Independent School District

Members Present: *Melba Anderson*
 Nelson Juarez
 Nakisha Paul
 Mable Pratt

Absent: *Hal Biery, President*
 Bryan Thompson Vice President
 Dickey Campbell

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

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

1. **Cover Page**
2. **Welcome by Melissa Tortorici**
3. **Call to Order**
4. **First Order of Business**

Ms. Melba Anderson, Board Member, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Ms. Anderson 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**

Lilly McPeek will lead the Pledge to the U.S. Flag tonight. She is a fifth grade student at La Marque Elementary. She is in Ms. Freeman's homeroom class.

Alina Smith will lead the Pledge to the Texas Flag tonight. She is a 3rd grade student at Roosevelt-Wilson Elementary in Mrs. Gripp's and Mrs. Osborne's classes.

Board Recognition

6. Veteran Graduates

The following veterans have qualified to receive their high school diploma through the Texas Education Code 28.0251, which provides for a school district to issue a high school diploma to veterans who were honorably discharged and who left school to serve in WW II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the Iraq War, or the Afghanistan War.

Johnathan Wayne Bouvier

Daryl Thomas Everett

Lawrence Wade Johnson

National Merit Commended Honors

Texas City high School senior Keilan Levesque has earned being named a Commended Student in the 2019 national merit Scholarship Program. Keilan is being recognized for his academic promise demonstrated on the Preliminary SAT/national merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. He is currently ranked first in his class.

President's Volunteer Service Award

Makesa Billiot, a Texas City high School senior, has been honored for her volunteer services with a Certificate of Excellence from the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, and with a President's Volunteer Service Award. Presented annually by Prudential Financial in partnership with the national Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), The President's Volunteer Service Awards recognize Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country. Texas City high School nominated Makesa Billiot for national honors in recognition of her volunteer service.

Eagle Scout Project

Austin Guerra, a sophomore at Texas City high School, completed an Eagle Scout project at Levi Fry Intermediate during the 2017-2018 school year. Austin raised money by doing popcorn fundraisers, and he planted flowerbeds in two different areas at the front of the school. He also installed benches and trashcans as a part of his beautification project.

Spirit Shirt

Guajardo Elementary had their first Spirit Shirt Contest sponsored by the school's PTO. All third and fourth graders were able to design a spirit shirt for the contest. The winning design will be featured on this year's Guajardo Spirit Shirt. The winners received a free shirt and a gift card to Hey Mikey's!

Illiana Hernandez 1st Place

Sydney Mays, 2nd Place

LMHS Marching Band Honors

The La Marque High School Cougar marching Band had a successful fall marching season. They received Excellent ratings at the 2018 Toyota Gulf Coast marching Band Championship held at McNeese State University. This great accomplishment came just one week after the band traveled to Edna to compete at the Edna Cowboy Invitational. They also took 1st place at the US Bands Baytown Showcase contest. Daniel Quintana is the Director of Bands. Assistant Band Directors are Tim Briones, Andy Hedrick, and Lynne Springer.

*Lonnie Griggs, Jr.
Sadie Parnell*

National Robotics Champions

Teams of students from Texas City high School and Blocker middle School competed in the mobile robotics Technology and robotics: urban Search and rescue Contests at the 2018 SkillsUSA Championships. The competition took place at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky., June 25-29. The students earned the right to compete when they won first place at the Texas SkillsUSA Championships this spring. Our high school team earned the Bronze medal for their 3rd Place finish. Our Blocker team placed 1st, earning the Gold medal. The SkillsUSA Championships featured more than 6,400 students competing in 104 occupational and leadership skill areas. Their teachers are SkillsUSA and Texas City high School robotics instructor, James Jobe, and Blocker Middle School robotics teacher, Stacey Richardson.

*Alana Lee
Diara Tsikis*

State Fair of Texas Success

*Javonne Pool placed 7th with his steer Willie at the 70th Annual youth market Steer Show at the State Fair of Texas last month. Imerie Kelley and Justin Roth also showed steers. All three students represented the Texas City FFA. **Nikki Ashcraft** is the FFA advisor.*

2nd Place Senior Livestock Judging Team

The Texas City FFA Senior livestock Judging Team placed 2nd overall on October 13 at the Jackson County youth Fair. Judging Teams help youth to develop life skills in the areas of decision-making, critical thinking, oral reasoning, self-confidence, and problem solving. Youth evaluate a class of four items and then answer questions or orally defend their placings. The students earn points for how well they do that. In the individual competition, junior Javonne Pool was 3rd overall, and sophomore Italeigh Kelley was 6th overall. Their agriculture teacher is Tim Ashley.

*Italeigh Kelley
Brylee Packard
Javonne Pool
Justin Roth
Genesis Thorsen*

Book Pumpkin Winners

Elementary students throughout the district get excited each year for the Pumpkin Book Character Contest hosted by the school librarian: Antoinette Pacini, Guajardo; Lisa Giusti, heights; and Cheri Rios, Kohfeldt.

Guajardo Elementary
*Taylor Elliott, 1st Place
Braden Johnson, 2nd Place
Paisley Partida, 3rd Place*

Heights Elementary
*Gerardo Acevedo Garia, 1st Place
Gianni Perez Hadley, 2nd Place
Juan Villegas, 3rd Place*

Kohfeldt Elementary
*Micary Billiot, 1st Place
Christian Garcia, 2nd Place
Lyric Salgado, 3rd Place*

Speech & Debate Honors

Texas City High School, Speech & Debate students, are off to a great start in their fall competitions. Multiple students have placed in a couple of tournaments so far. The Speech and Debate coach is Victoria Graves.

*Josh Azagidi
Cameron Drinkwater
Michael Garza-Henderson
Josh Ivy
Jillian Lemaire
Nick Lucero
Mya Moore
Cole Robinson
Adrian Sendejas*

Outstanding La Marque Middle School Students

Each month, the La Marque Middle School staff nominates students who are making a positive difference on campus. These students are featured on the main hallway bulletin board and are recognized by their principal with a phone call home to parents. The following students are the first recipients for the 2018-19 school year:

*Gustavo Arellano
Haleigh Caldera
Dhalyn Compton
Naomi Elliott
Nathan Ferguson
Sincere Johnson
Ruby Jones
Caleb Smart
Ireland Stowe
Julian Trevino*

Texas City High School Jazz Band Honors

In September, five members of the TCHS 'Swinging Stingaree' Jazz Band attended the UIL Region 17 Jazz Band auditions. For the third time in the history of the jazz band program, a student advanced to the Area round of auditions. These students auditioned blindly with five judges seated behind a partition while being scored on three styles of prepared Jazz pieces and an improv piece. The Directors are Matthew Raines, Benjamin Guillotte, Chris Monasmith, Joven Whidbee, Joe Chaidez, Tess Jones, and Damien Hicks.

Students who received honors at this competition are as follows:

*Aaron Cantu, Jazz Band 1 Tenor Sax 1 First Chair, Advanced to Area
Fernando De Los Santos, Jazz Band 1 Trumpet First Chair, Advanced to Area
Bernardo Rabago, Jazz Band 2 Tenor Trombone 4th Chair
Jonatan Reyes, Jazz Band 2 Trumpet 4th Chair
Blaine Sholmire, Jazz Band 2 Jazz Guitar First Chair*

TCHS Marching Season Success

TCHS Sting Band is celebrating its 81st year of music education in TCISD. The Sting Band has performed in various venues and received numerous awards this marching season including the 16th Annual Galena Park marching Invitational. Last month, the Stingaree marching Band received Superior ratings from all three judges at the UIL Marching Contest, earning Sweepstakes. According to the UIL archives, this is the second time in Sting Band history in the last 15 years that the band has received straight 1's at contest. The previous year received was 2013. The Band wishes to acknowledge randy Dietel and the TCISD Foundation for the Future for the investment in private lessons for band students. Tonight the band is being represented by:

Luke Brinkley, Drum major

*Paige Christian, Band Captain
Blaine Sholmire, Drum Captain
Makayla Smith, Guard Captain
Deiveon Clemons, Guard Captain
Raven Pope, Guard Captain
Carl Lavergne, Brass Captain
Joseph Reed, Woodwind Captain
Aaron Cantu
Amy Nichols
Emmie Peek
Cristobal Ramos
Kaitlyn Rodriguez*

TCHS All State Choir Auditions

There were 46 Texas City high School Choir students that competed in round 1 (District) of the region IV Texas music Educators' Association All State Choir Auditions in September. In October 44 students competed at the region 17 TMEA Choir auditions. At that audition, 11 students placed in the region mixed Choir and are advancing to Pre-Area. In addition, 13 students made the region mixed Choir, 13 made the region Treble Choir, and 7 made the region Concert Choir. Rico D. Hamilton and Jacob Angel are the choir directors for Texas City high School. The Choir wishes to acknowledge randy Dietel and the TCISD Foundation for the Future for the investment in private lessons for choir students. Private voice teachers are Kathy Skinner, David Smith, and Marcy Talley. There are four rounds of competition in the All- State Process. Good luck to our 11 students competing next month in round 3. They will now continue the process by preparing four other pieces of music for "round" three at Pre-Area Choir Auditions.

Advancing to Pre-Area (round 3 of 4)

*Makesa Billiot
David Dozal
Taylor Harper
Keira Johnson
Micah Lozano
Micah Mannie
Giovanni Marcciano
Angelica Moran
Jonathan Reyes
Shaylee Rivera
Julian Yanas*

Region Mixed Choir

The students listed above puss

*Riley Rinard
Rashaun Smith
David Stewart*

Region Treble Choir

*Shariya Anderson-Shumpert
Laurissa Casteel-Garza*

*Brianna Cuyos
Nevaeh Diaz
Zoe Faus
Samira Harper
Demi Hildebrand
Peyton Marett
Cara piazza
Sydney Schaefer
Victoria Valdez
Skye Wooley*

Region Concert Choir

*Robyn Lechman
Anaya Longoria
Kegan Raines
Erik Sandoval
Benjamin Shannon
Jonathan Silvas
Zayden Wynne*

Advanced from District to Region

The students listed above plus:

*Franchesca Bonilla
Gabriel Clements
Aubrey Dyson
Jacavon Mayon
Samuel Moreno
Brianna Somoza
David Stewart*

7. Adjournment

Ms. Nakisha Paul, Board Member, moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Mrs. Mabel Pratt, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Approved:

Hal Biery
TCISD Board of Trustees

Date

Adriana Lyle, Secretary
TCISD Board of Trustees

Date

