

# LEADERS OF THE PACK

A Publication of Chapel Hill ISD Board of Trustees

Vol. 2 No. 5 / December 2018

*Pictured left to right* – Glen Elliott, Jr., Board President; Martin Ibarra, Fred Elder, Jr., Lamond Dean, Superintendent of Schools; Gregory Ford, Board Secretary; Ronnie Williams, Board Vice-President; Tammy Humes, and Rickey Mosley

The **Leaders of the Pack** e-newsletter is provided as a community service to inform the public of actions during the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees. The official minutes for the meeting will be posted online at [www.chapelhillisd.org](http://www.chapelhillisd.org) once approved by the Board.

## Public Participation is Welcome

Citizens who want to speak at the Board meeting are asked to register at least 15 minutes prior to the time when the meeting is scheduled to begin.

The first six (6) people who sign up shall be heard, and each shall be allotted no more than five (5) minutes for presentation.

**The next Regular Board Meeting is January 22, 2019, in the large boardroom at CHISD Administration Building located at 11134 CR 2249, Tyler, Texas 75707 7:00 PM**



The Chapel Hill ISD Board of Trustees met at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 17, 2018, at the CHISD Administration Office, 11134 CR 2249, Tyler, Texas 75707 for the Public Meeting / Regular items on the agenda. **Glen Elliott, Jr.**, Board President called the Public Meeting / Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

## *Board of Trustees Appreciation for Commitment to Students and Employees*



**Lamond Dean**, the CHISD School Board, and **Dr. Shannon Orsborn** recognized **Allyson Maranitch** as Wise Elementary Teacher of the Month for January. **Ms. Maranitch** teaches Dance.



**Lamond Dean**, the CHISD School Board, and **Dr. Shannon Orsborn** recognized **Dale Wilt** as Wise Elementary Support Staff of the Month for January. **Mr. Wilt** is an ISS Aide.

*“Tell me  
and I forget,  
teach me  
and I may  
remember,  
involve me  
and I  
learn.”*

*- Benjamin  
Franklin*



Special thanks to **Brooklyn Walton** for offering our Prayer and to **Brylee Crawford, Tobi Adams, Sara Fry,** and other **Wise Elementary Student Council Members** for initiating our Pledge of Allegiance to be said in unison.

**Lisa LeMon**, Executive Director of Finance, was pleased to present CHISD Schools First Report indicating an A+ rating for CHISD.

#### *What is Schools First?*

The state's school financial accountability rating system, known as the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (School FIRST), ensures that Texas public schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and that they improve those practices.

The system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to better manage their financial resources to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes. The financial accountability rating system administered by the TEA in accordance with the TEC 39.082 and 39.085.

The system provided additional transparency to public education finance and meaningful financial oversight and improvement for school districts (School FIRST) and open-enrollment charter schools and charter school operated by a public institution of higher education under TEC.

Board Action Items – **Lamond Dean**, Superintendent of Schools, asked that the Board approve the following action items:

#### *Approval of Order of Election*

Motion made by **Rickey Mosley** and seconded by **Tammy Humes** to approve the Order of Election – May 4, 2019, Chapel Hill Board of Trustee. Motion carried 7–0.

#### *The Importance of a School Board*

School boards, elected or appointed by their communities, represent the beliefs and values of the community. Who better than these community representatives to help shoulder the responsibility of preparing children to live productive and satisfying lives?

Elected school board members work together to form a unified framework based on the school's mission for success. As public school advocates, school board members must be unified in their messaging and be proactive in their delivery. School boards continue to adapt as challenges facing public education and local school governance grow.

School boards take an assertive approach to advocacy in the legislative, legal, and public arenas in an effort to shape the debate about public education and to counter the efforts of those who endanger this vital institution.



*Board Action Items continued:*

**Approval of Purchase of Technology for CTE**

As part of the migration schedule, there is a need for additional computers. Our CTE department used competitive bidding to evaluate the best options for the district when considering purchasing new computers.

Cynergy Technology submitted the following bid: 53 computers @ \$1,252 (each) = \$66,356.00 / Dell Computer submitted the following bid: 53 monitors @ \$180 (each) = \$9,540.00; 50 student laptops @ \$330 (each) = \$16,500; 2 teacher laptops w/external DVD drives @ \$616 (each) = \$1,232.00. Combined Total \$27,272.00

**Lamond Dean** recommended the district purchase computers, monitors, and laptops as listed above at a total cost of \$27,272.00. Motion made by **Ronnie Williams** and seconded by **Fred Elder, Jr.**, to approve the purchase of computers, monitors, and laptops as recommended by **Lamond Dean**. Motion carried 7-0.

**Approval of Purchase of 3 Buses**

Studies show that students are about 70 times more likely to get to school safely when taking a bus instead of traveling by car. That's because school buses are the most regulated vehicles on the road; they are designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in preventing crashes and injuries; and in every State, stop-arm laws protect children from other motorists. With safety in mind, three aging buses currently in CHISD transportation stock are in need of replacing. Using competitive bidding, the bid submitted by Longhorn Bus Sales was accepted.

Longhorn Bus – (2) 54 Passenger International Special Needs Bus \$93,759.00 (each); (1) 77 Passenger Conventional Diesel Bus \$91,134.00 - TOTAL COST \$278,652.00

**Lamond Dean** recommended the district purchase of three buses from Longhorn Bus Sales at a total cost of \$278,652.00. Motion made by **Gregory Ford** and seconded by **Martin Ibarra** to approve the purchase of three buses at a total cost of \$278,652.00. Motion carried 6-0.

**Approval of Appointing Committee to Develop Plan for District of Innovation**

At the conclusion of a Public Meeting held on Monday, December 17, 2018, it was decided to move forward with the possibility of making CHISD a District of Innovation. The next step in the process is for the Board to appoint a committee to develop a plan with a comprehensive educational program with innovations, and list Education Code provisions to be exempt TEC 12A.002 (b)(2) / TEC 12A.003

At the recommendation of **Lamond Dean**, motion made by **Ronnie Williams** and seconded by **Fred Elder, Jr.**, to approve the Board to appoint a committee to develop a plan for District of Innovation. Motion carried 6-0.

**Donations Approved**

According to TEC Section 11.156 and Section 45.163, indicate that one of the duties of the Board of Trustees is to accept gifts or donations to the public school district. The following contribution was made to CHISD in October:

CHISD – In-Kind Donation (Bunn Commercial Coffee Maker) Thank you to **Kissam PTO**

Motion made by **Rickey Mosley** and seconded by **Tammy Humes** to accept the donation. Motion carried 7-0.

**Other action items approved:**

- Minutes; Budget Amendments; Personnel



Chapel Hill Independent School District is an equal opportunity employer. The Board of Trustees and its agents, officers and staff members shall not discriminate on the basis of gender, age, color, religion, national origin, military status, or any other legally protected status in making decisions regarding staff members or students.