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Next Board of Trustees meeting
March 19, 2018,
7 p.m. Silsbee ISD Administration Building.



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The Silsbee Board of Trustees met at 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 13 at the Silsbee ISD Administration Building to address items on the agenda. President James de Garavilla called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., and established a quorum with the following Trustees present: Sam Edd Harrell, Derrell Ferguson, Dana Hancock, Sherrie Taylor, and Tom Hardy.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Richard Bain reported the enrollment update at 2,826 students with 95 percent attendance. There were no other items to report.



Recognitions

Edwards-Johnson Memorial Silsbee Middle School Science and Robotics

Edwards-Johnson Memorial Silsbee Middle School Principal Sunee Stephens introduced Science Department Chair Jena Cameron to the Board of Trustees to present Robotics and Science Fair winners.

The students presented their projects to the board, and gave detailed information on each.

Cameron explained to the board that the Robotics Teams must solve a real-world problem by building a prototype robot. The teams begin the year by researching, then building the robot before adding more research. The team then makes a presentation to market its product.

The Robotics Team R.R.A.D. includes Reece Rodgers, Nathan Pyne, Tristin Bell and Miller Ashworth. Their team created a robot to aid in toxic waste removal to prevent dangers of radiation to humans. This team placed second in Area 5 and will advance to state competition.

The Robotics Team Robo Squad includes Madison Morrison, Parker Brooks, Olivia Goins, and Paul Hope. Their team created a robot for ocean exploration that can reach the deepest oceans including Challenger Deep, the deepest known part of the Earth's seabed. This team placed third in Area 5 and is expected to earn a wildcard to state competition.

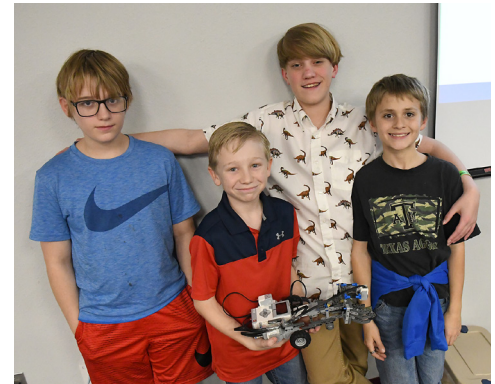
Seventh Grade Science Fair winners included Wellborn Fuller, Eli Cravy, and Reese Rodgers presenting their project named 3 Guys, 5 Balls. Their project was to determine the distance five different types of balls would travel after they were launched from a catapult. The trio measured distance and velocity.

Sixth grader Olivia Goins also presented a Science Fair project that featured the causes of Wi-Fi interference.

Cameron noted that throughout the year, the seventh and eighth grade science students are mentors to the sixth grade students. She added that 13 sixth grade students participated this year with the seventh graders as mentors.

VIDEO: Here is a short video of how the presentation was conducted:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDDfCabPfY0&t=3s>



Team R.R.A.D. of Silsbee Middle School Robotics



Team Robo Squad of Silsbee Middle School Robotics



Seventh Grade Science Fair Winners

Action Items Approved

- Regular Board Meeting for March changed to Monday, March 19, 2019 due to Spring Break.
- The 2018-19 District Calendar with minimal changes from the 2017-18 Calendar. Curriculum Director Sherrie Thornhill said, "the District Advisory Committee reported that staff loved the calendar this year, and there were no recommendations for changes. This Calendar mimics almost what we had last year."
- Innovative Course, Advanced Video Game Programming, to enhance Silsbee High School towards a coherent sequence in its STEM program. Curriculum Director Sherrie Thornhill noted to the Board of Trustees that this will be a Career and Technical Education Elective.
- RFP (Request For Purchase) for Maintenance Supplies, and Materials, March 2018 through February 2019.
- Donations for Silsbee High School Honors Field Trip from: South Hampton, \$1,000; Hyundai of Silsbee, \$500; and \$6,750 from anonymous donors.

Personnel

PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Suzanne Martin
- Carol Wilson

RETIRES SUPPORT STAFF/PARAPROFESSIONAL

- Pam Langleey

RESIGNATIONS PROFESSIONAL

- David Wilson

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- Brandi Harvey