

**2023-2024  
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## BOARD BRIEFS

### A Summary of the Minutes from the TISD Board of Trustees Meeting April 17, 2024

At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Wednesday, April 17th, the Board of Trustees conducted the following business:

**RECOGNIZED** Martha and Josh Morriss Mathematics & Engineering Elementary School students for winning National Honors in the Junior American Citizens Art and Artistic Expression Contest. The recipients were - 1) Levi Austin - 1st Place Digital, 5th Grade; 2) Harrison Young - 2nd Place Digital, 4th Grade; 3) Brooklyn Steele - 3rd Place Poster, 5th Grade; 4) Cooper Wood - 1st Place Graphic Novel/Comic, 5th Grade; 5) Zoe LaGrone - 1st Place Poem, 2nd Grade.

**RECOGNIZED** Texas High School visual journalist students for placing or receiving an honorable mention in the 2024 Jostens Photo contest. These students competed against students from across the nation, and their images were selected as winners from thousands of other entries. The recipients were - 1) Kristina Colburn - one 2nd Place, two Honorable Mentions; 2) Truth Dukes - three Honorable Mentions; 3) Anna Haley - one Honorable Mention; 4) Kailyn Williams - four Honorable Mentions; 5) Lyric Curtis - one Honorable Mention; 6) Lillie Orgeron - one Honorable Mention.

**CONDUCTED** a public forum. There were no participants.

**ADJOURNED** to a forty minute closed session.

**RECEIVED** information on the status of each Board member's continuing education credit, noting that all TISD Board of Trustees have met this annual requirement.

**RECEIVED** information from Dr. Brubaker of upcoming field trips - 1) Texas High School Students to Tulsa, Oklahoma on May 3, 2024; 2) Spring Lake Park Elementary Kindergarten Students to Shreveport Aquarium in Shreveport, Louisiana on May 8, 2024; 3) Spring Lake Park Elementary Second Grade Students to Gators and Friends in Greenwood, Louisiana on May 8, 2024; 4) Spring Lake Park Students to Rick Evans Grandview Prairie Nature Center in Columbus, Arkansas on May 13, 2024.

**APPROVED** minutes of the March 27, 2024 regular Board meeting.

**APPROVED** monthly investment report.

**APPROVED** proposals for 1) Declare Items Surplus; 2) Educational Professional Development, Consulting, Coaching, and Facilitation Services Vendors; 3) Fiber Services; 4) Purchases Over \$50,000.

**APPROVED** Partners in Education donations for the period March 2024 totaling \$14,170.70.

**APPROVED** Budget Amendments for the 2023-2024 FY.

**APPROVED** Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification, 2024-2025.

**APPROVED** Superintendent's Contract.

**APPROVED** Memorandum of Understanding between Community Services of Northeast Texas, Inc. Head Start Program and TISD 2024-2025.

**APPROVED** Nutrition Contracts between Community Services of Northeast Texas, Inc. Head Start Program and TISD 2024-2025.

**APPROVED** Resolution Concerning Payment of Employees Who Were Idle During Emergency Closure due to Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024.

**APPROVED** Waiver for Additional Days School Year (ADSY) Missed Days.

**APPROVED** Donor Agreement with Texarkana ISD Education Foundation.

**APPROVED** monthly financial report.

**APPROVED** monthly expenditures.

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APPROVED first reading of budget FY 2024-2025.

RECEIVED personnel information items listed below:

#### Resignations/Retirements

Bradshaw, Donn – Kindergarten Teacher – Theron Jones Early Literacy Center  
Cobb, Kristi – 3rd Grade Teacher – Spring Lake Park Elementary School  
Dowden, Takeba – Teacher/Coach – Texas Middle School  
Fugitt, Barbara – 4th Grade Teacher – Waggoner Creek Elementary School  
Goins, Bridget – 2nd Grade Teacher – Morriss Elementary School  
Hadaway, Jocelyn – 8th Grade Math Teacher – Texas Middle School  
Harris, Erin – 3rd Grade Teacher – Highland Park Elementary School  
Harris, Meghan – 3rd Grade Teacher – Spring Lake Park Elementary School  
Henry, Alexandria – 5th Grade Teacher – Westlawn Elementary School  
Higuerey, Manuel – Bilingual Diagnostician – Special Populations  
Icenhower, Kim – Coordinator of Elementary Instructional Technology, retirement – Instructional Services  
Jenkins, Leslie – 4th Grade Teacher – Waggoner Creek Elementary School  
Kelly, Eshea – Kindergarten Teacher – Theron Jones Early Literacy Center  
Latham, Mark – English Teacher – Texas High School  
Lewis, Amber – 4th Grade Teacher – Westlawn Elementary School  
Parks, Olivia – 4th Grade Teacher – Highland Park Elementary School  
Rich, Bailey – 7th Grade ELA Teacher – Texas Middle School  
Spakes, Jodi – Instructional Coach – Instructional Services  
Spaulding, Kim – CTE Horticulture Teacher, retirement – Texas High School  
Sprayberry, Alessandra – Spanish Teacher – Texas High School  
Torres, Genesis – Kindergarten Teacher – Theron Jones Early Literacy Center  
Vaughn, Sara – Journalism Teacher – Texas High School

#### Elections/Assignments

Brannan, Bobbie – 3rd Grade Teacher (2024-2025 School Year)  
– Spring Lake Park Elementary School  
Burrow, Gwendolyn – Kindergarten Teacher (2024-2025 School Year)  
– Theron Jones Early Literacy Center  
Crenshaw, Catie – 1st Grade Teacher (2024-2025 School Year)  
– Nash Elementary School  
Davis, Sharyssa – 4th Grade Teacher (2024-2025 School Year)  
– Westlawn Elementary School  
Godfrey, Michaela – Pre-Kindergarten Teacher (2024-2025 School Year)  
– Nash Elementary School  
Harrell, Will – Social Studies Teacher/Coach (2024-2025 School Year)  
– Texas High School  
Key, Whitney – 3rd Grade Teacher (2024-2025 School Year)  
– Westlawn Elementary School  
Lewis, Christian – Science Teacher (2024-2025 School Year)  
– Texas High School  
Long, Ben – Teacher/Coach (2024-2025 School Year) – Texas High School  
McCowan, Dwight – Assistant Principal (2024-2025 School Year)  
– Texas High School  
Teague, Vanessa – English Teacher (2024-2025 School Year)  
– Texas High School  
Williams, Katie – English Teacher (2024-2025 School Year)  
– Texas High School

#### Contract Recommendations:

#### Renewals, Non-Renewals, Terminations, Etc.

List of proposed teacher contract renewals was provided under separate cover.

RECEIVED a District of Innovation report which detailed class sizes exceeding the 22:1 student to teacher ratio.

RECEIVED Board Training – Legislative Update.

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**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024.**

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