



**CISD Regular Board Meeting
President's Report Recap
September 23, 2024**

Sale of Surplus Property

- As reported several months ago, the district bid out and placed four pieces of district-owned surplus property under contract.
- We have closed on the 1-acre properties adjacent to Johnson Elementary and the Senior High School.
- We have yet to close on the 18-acre property at N. Carroll and E. Highland and the 25-acre property at N. Carroll and Dove.
- We will keep the community updated as developments progress.

Office of Civil Rights (OCR)

- As previously reported, the district received correspondence from OCR on May 6, 2024, which included a "proposed resolution of action items" relating to the four complaints. OCR gave the district 90 days to sign the proposal.
- The letter also stated, "OCR has completed its investigations" for the four complaints.
- On August 5th, at the end of the 90-day period, we sent a letter to OCR declaring an impasse due to OCR not providing the district with their findings and conclusions, along with supporting evidence and facts to substantiate their proposed action items.
- As previously mentioned, we have requested the findings and conclusions, with supporting evidence, from OCR on four separate occasions, but OCR has refused to provide them each time.
- Just last Thursday, we met with OCR at their request and once again asked for their letter of findings, but to no avail.
- According to OCR's Case Processing Manual, the next step requires OCR to provide the district with a Letter of Impending Enforcement Action, including their findings and conclusions with supporting evidence.

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- However, when we asked the OCR supervisory attorney when the district could expect this letter, she responded that “only OCR can declare an impasse” and indicated they would continue the investigation, which they had previously declared completed on May 6, 2024.
- We will await OCR’s next steps and evaluate our response at that time.

Budget Reduction Advisory Committee (BRAC)

- The newly formed BRAC committee met for the first time last Monday evening to begin discussing potential cost-cutting measures in case the 89th Legislative Session does not provide adequate funding for public education in Texas.
- Assuming the 89th Legislative Session falls short on public-school financing, the committee will discuss, prioritize, and ultimately recommend the best measures to reduce annual expenses to balance future budgets to the district and the board.
- The committee consists of approximately 65 members, including community members, PTO presidents, teachers, principals, and administrative staff.
- Over the course of four meetings, the committee will discuss various ideas regarding sensitive budget reduction topics. Not all ideas will merit recommendation or adoption by the district or the board.
- We understand that misinformation, whether intentional or unintentional, may be shared outside the committee’s purview.
- Vice President Yeager and I are the trustees representing the committee, and we encourage you to email, text, or call us if you have any questions or need clarification on what is being presented publicly regarding this committee.
- We truly appreciate those who reached out to us directly this week.
- Lastly, if you are not a committee member but would like to share your ideas, thoughts, or comments, we have established a portal on our website for this purpose. Please feel free to take advantage of this opportunity.