



# KLEIN ON BOARD

Klein On Board provides highlights from the Trustees meeting held each month.

## OCTOBER 2016

### Recognitions

- \* Board President Steven E. Smith recognized current and former Fine Arts performers and exhibitors, as well as current or former high school athletes present at the meeting.
- \* Dr. Bret Champion, superintendent, introduced Ms. Cassandra Christian, principal of Bernshausen Elementary School, and Mr. Curtis Simmons, principal of Schindewolf Intermediate School. Ms. Christian introduced outstanding students Zarela Vizcarra and Giselle Brown; and assistant principal, Mr. Alex Alvarenga, introduced outstanding teacher Mr. Fernando Martinez. Mr. Simmons introduced outstanding students Noel Dionsio and Hiba Faruqi, and outstanding teacher Mr. Jerry Bales.
- \* Ms. Judy Rimato, associate superintendent of communications and planning, introduced representatives from the American Heart Association who presented the Fit-Friendly Worksite award to the district.
- \* The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Stand Up for Public Education award was presented to Mr. A.K. Buddy Brown.
- \* Mr. Robert Robertson introduced a representative from the Texas Gulf Coast Maintenance and Operations Association who presented the Commitment to Excellence Award to Mr. August Wunderlich, the Klein ISD director of the maintenance department. A \$1,000 student scholarship was also awarded to student Jake Berry.



Students and teachers from Bernshausen Elementary and Schindewolf Intermediate were recognized.



American Heart Association representatives presented the district with an award.

### Board Reports

- \* Dr. Bret Champion, superintendent, provided a high level review of the superintendent entry plan regarding his first 100 days in office.
- \* Dr. Pat Guseman and Ms. Kris Pool, president and chief data analyst of Population and Survey Analysts (PASA), provided a demographic report. This report will be used for long-term school location planning, timing for new schools, future bond planning, and property purchase decisions.



August Wunderlich was presented a Commitment to Excellence Award.

# Board Reports (cont'd.)

- \* A public hearing was held for the Schools FIRST Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. The district received a perfect score of A – Superior, based upon an analysis of staff, student, budgetary and actual financial data reported for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2015. This is the fourteenth year that Klein ISD has received the highest possible rating. There were no public comments.

## Board Briefs

The following items were approved by the Board:

- \* Proposed modifications requested by the Board of Trustees of local policies: CE Annual Operating Budget; CH Purchasing and Acquisition - Purchasing Authority; CV Facilities Construction - Change Orders; and DC Employment Practices - Employment of Contractual Personnel with the waiving of first reading
- \* The naming of Ms. Christy Petross as principal of Mahaffey Elementary School
- \* The setting of the property taxes by increasing the tax rate of \$1.43 per hundred dollars of valuation which is effectively a 3.68 percent increase in the tax rate, consisting of \$1.04 Maintenance & Operations plus \$.39 debt service, Texas Tax Code section 26.05(b) of the Property Tax Code [this year's proposed tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate]
- \* The contract award for the campus sound reinforcement project to TAG Communications, LP
- \* The schematic design for the Klein Forest High School CTE - career and technical education and gymnasium project
- \* A CenterPoint Energy blanket easement for electrical service installation for Intermediate #10
- \* The Encroachment Agreement with the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 109 for the Wunderlich Intermediate property
- \* An additional position for a KISD police investigator at a pay grade of PS4
- \* A Texas Education Agency (TEA) Innovative course for special education students with autism entitled Methodology for Academic and Personal Success I and II
- \* Budget amendments for the 2016-17 school year
- \* Bid #s 17-178 for a mobile library vehicle as well as approval or renewal for other various bids
- \* Renewal of CSP #17-196 and RFP #16-251
- \* Charter School statement of impact application for Texans CAN academies Charter School
- \* The minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2016

# Board Comments

- \* Congratulations to Dr. Bret Champion on his first 100 days in Klein ISD!
- \* Thank you to the Communications and Planning Department for their assistance with the Go Public initiative.
- \* Congratulations to Klein ISD for 14 years of receiving the Superior rating in FIRST.
- \* Congratulations to Dr. Jenny McGown for receiving her doctorate!

# Dates to Remember

- \* Wunderlich Farm Fall Festival, October 29, 10 a.m.— 3 p.m., Wunderlich Farm
- \* KISD FFA Fall Festival, October 31, 5 p.m.— 9 p.m., Klein Multipurpose Center
- \* Regular public board meeting, November 14, 7 p.m., Central Office Board Room



## Klein ISD Board of Trustees

(pictured from left to right)

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