

Board Brief – January 2019

Communications & Community Relations Department

Character Education

Jason Cordova Gomez, from Cedar Creek Middle School, shared with the Board his thoughts on **loyalty**, the character trait of the month. He taught us what it means to be loyal and how it impacts our ability to succeed in many areas of life. Jason kicked off our School Board Recognition Night by extending his thanks to the Board for their loyalty to the students of BISD through their service.

Student/Staff Recognition

Coach Todd Patmon and the BHS Bear Football Team were honored for their 2018 season success and advancing in the playoffs. We congratulate these students and the entire coaching staff.

CCHS Head Coach Jon Edwards and Coach Patmon highlighted specific awards given by the Texas

Associated Press Sports Editors, which is a group that recognizes athletes as ALL-STATE. Athletic Director Andy Sexton shared that only three to four percent of athletes in the state receive this award. Two were on hand for the board meeting: Cade Edwards from CCHS and Jhe'quay Chretin from BHS. Cade was also selected for All-Centex 1st team. Jhe'quay also made the All-Centex first team and was All-District first team. We are so proud of the efforts of these young men, both on the football field and in the classroom!

Fine Arts Director Chico Portillo shared the success of band students from both middle schools and high schools for their achievements in All-Region Band. Not all students were able to attend. Pictured are Benjamin Zhu and Sophia Altamirano with Director Sondra Senn and Eliza Ramirez (BMS); Olivia Seguin with Director Nicole Correa (CCMS); Mayra Robles and Emily Lowden (BHS); and Maya Cornelius and Nick Wenske with Director Chris Mendez (CCHS). Way to go students and directors!





School Board Recognition

Bastrop Mayor Connie Schroeder kicked off the recognition of our board trustees by reading a proclamation from the City Council declaring January 2019 as School Board Recognition Month. We appreciate the council's acknowledgment of the hard work of our school board, and we thank Mayor Schroeder and Bastrop PD Chief James Altgelt for participating in the festivities with us. Our campus principals each presented tokens of appreciation from their staff and students, many of which were handmade items. The Board also received certificates of appreciation and custom-created framed prints from the Service Center staff honoring their selfless service to Bastrop ISD.



District Staff **Presentations**

Laila Olivarez presented a Summary of Input on the 2019-2020 Academic Calendar. The input from staff, students and parents indicated a preference for Calendar A over Calendar B by a margin of 54% to 46%, with approximately 2,200 people participating in the online survey form. Ms. Olivarez recommended the board approve Calendar A as the official 2019-2020 Academic Calendar. Superintendent Barry Edwards presented the district's Legislative Priorities for the 86th session of the Texas Legislature. These priorities are ones developed by superintendents of 60 districts throughout Central Texas.

Board **action**

In addition to the consent agenda, the Board took other action related to the **school calendar**, **school board election**, and **2019 legislative priorities**. The Board approved the 2019-2020 Academic Calendar as presented (<u>Calendar A</u>), which will be made available to the public in the coming days after it undergoes a creative redesign by the Communications Office. In addition, the Board took action on a number of items related to the upcoming school board election, including (1) approving an administrative contract with the Bastrop County Elections Office, (2) approving conducting a joint election with the City of Bastrop; (3) calling for a school board election to be held May 4, 2019 for Places 5, 6 and 7; and (4) approving the use of updated voting equipment as acquired by the Bastrop County Elections Office. Finally, the Board adopted a set of 2019 <u>Legislative Priorities</u> as part of the Superintendents of Central Texas Legislative Priorities, a group of 60 districts throughout Central Texas who have identified a set of priorities and strategies for the 86th session of the Texas Legislature.

Enrollment Update (Total 11,070 as of Jan. 11, 2019)

BE - 776	LPE - 672	BIS - 829	BMS - 825	BHS - 1458	CRCA - 204
CCE - 776	ME - 665	CCIS - 913	CCMS - 924	CCHS - 1570	GHS - 112
EE - 721	RRE - 625				