



Dr. Brent Hawkins
LISD Superintendent

Hawk's Talk



Friday, November 16, 2018

District Calendar

Monday, November 19, 2018

LISD Thanksgiving Break
10 am- LHS- Lady Lion Basketball vs Caney Creek

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

LISD Thanksgiving Break
10:30 am- LHS- Lion JV/V Basketball vs Onalaska

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

LISD Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, November 22, 2018

LISD Thanksgiving Break

Friday, November 23, 2018

LISD Thanksgiving Break

Saturday, November 24, 2018

LISD Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 26, 2018

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

5:00 pm- LHS- Lion Basketball @ Anahuac

5:00 pm- LHS- Lady Lion Basketball @ Diboll

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

College Day

Thursday, November 29, 2018

LHS- Lion Varsity Basketball- Big Sandy Tournament
LJH- Boys Basketball @ Tarkington
5:00 pm- LJH- Girls Basketball vs Tarkington

Friday, November 30, 2018

3 Week Grade Check for Ineligible Students

LHS- Lion Varsity Basketball- Big Sandy Tournament

Saturday, December 1, 2018

LHS- Lion Varsity Basketball- Big Sandy Tournament
TCE- PTO Winter Carnival

November Board Meeting Summary

The November School Board meeting opened with a Public Hearing for the FIRST report. FIRST is an acronym for Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. The rating system set forth by the Texas Education Agency ensures that Texas public schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and that they improve those practices. The system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to better manage their financial resources to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes. Livingston ISD earned a score of 98 which is a superior rating and received a perfect score on 14 out of 15 indicators. During the staff and school recognition, Apple Core inductees were Ben Davidson and Mark Young. Career and Technical Education teacher Ms. Tanya Cain introduced two juniors from Livingston High School. Dale Bolton and Jack Pedigo demonstrated the Hovercam Pilot which is the world's first fully-integrated digital podium. They demonstrated the Pilot along with the HoverCam's interactive monitor which is a presentation system used in the Career and Technical Education department. After the meeting held a closed session to discuss a Level 3 Employee Complaint the meeting returned to open session and the decision of the board was unanimous to uphold the action of the administration decision at Level 2.

LISD Superintendent Dr. Brent Hawkins gave an overview of the Curriculum update. After the curriculum audit was conducted three years ago there has been a realignment of the curriculum in specific areas, guides have been put in place for teachers and more training has been put in place. Deficits have been corrected in the rigor and after research has been completed it was found that the alignment of various resources to the standards would be the improvement needed in the curriculum. Giving the teachers more resources is the tool needed for the success of students. According to Hawkins, "Instead of interpreting each standard, the new tools give our teachers the whole package without making a big change in the scope and sequence." Hawkins added that there will be more training for teachers this Spring. The data will be evaluated once

teachers implement lesson plans from the new resources.

Approval of the consent agenda included five new special needs buses to be purchased. There will only be two special needs buses in the fleet that are older than four years.

Under the action items approved by the board is a letter that will be sent to the State Board of Education for contract abandonment by a teacher. The consideration to reconstitute one full-time equivalent position and transition to an additional school resource officer was approved. Staffing was shifted at the administration level which allowed for an additional school resource officer to advance the goals of the district. Consideration to approve the agreement to purchase technology through Synovia Solutions was approved. The GPS technology will be used in the transportation department for the school buses. The new system will ensure that every student riding buses can be accounted for while riding the bus thus improving safety and school transportation once the system is implemented. At dispatch, the system will track the location of every bus. Parents will have an opportunity to log in to a parent portal and see the location of the bus and will know how far away the bus is located.

The system is currently being used by Humble and Tyler ISD. One of the advantages of using the system is that the routing software and student software are compatible. By leasing the equipment the district will be able to have the most up-to-date system at all times.

Dr. Hawkins took the opportunity to recognize outgoing board members Alex Garcia and Bea Ellis for their service to the district. Before the conclusion of the meeting, Bea Ellis took the time to share her thoughts for her last board meeting. "It has been an absolute honor to sit at this table for the past twenty-six years." She added, "I ran (for office) because we needed new facilities but then my passion became Public Education. I feel I have always tried to do what is best for the students of LISD. To the principals and administrators - don't lose your passion. To Dr. Hawkins - you have the most energy of anyone sitting in the superintendent's chair.

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Our district is much better because of you.” After addressing each member of the board individually she added: “I do believe everyone around the table always has the best interest of the kids in Livingston”.

BOARD SERVICE RECOGNITION

-- LISD Superintendent

Dr. Brent Hawkins recognized outgoing Board Members **Bea Ellis** and **Alex Garcia** during the November School Board Meeting for the dedication and service to the students of Livingston ISD. Pictured above L to R: **Dr. Brent Hawkins**, **Bea Ellis**, **Dan Ellis**, **Alex Garcia** and **Hawkins**.



LHS JAZZ BAND TAKES FIRST PLACE -- The Royal Brigade Jazz Ensemble received 1st Place for their competition held at the Texas Renaissance Festival. They competed among many High School Bands from around the Houston area and received all around Best High School Band. The Livingston High School Royal Brigade is under the direction of Lane Palmer. Members of the Jazz Band include: Jackson Alexander, Braden Caddenhead, Emily Calabria, Isaac Dool, Emily Elam, David Ellis, Dustin Evans, Abigail Fenton, Leonardo Galvan, Alexander Garrido, Rafael Hernandez, Katelynn Hernandez, Katelyn Hoyt, Aeden Hudson, Colin Hurtt, Caleb Kesler, Colby Kesler, Kamren Lamb, Trystan Legg, Branden Lensing, Joseph Lucas, Koby Nicholson, Johnathon Oliver, Ean Oxford, Lane Parrish, Joshua Pridgen, Juan Robledo, Regan Schupska, Lyndsay Singleton, Anthony Wyatt.