



Dr. Brent Hawkins
LISD Superintendent

Hawk's Talk



Friday, October 25, 2019

October Board Meeting Summary

Lion Country CALENDAR

Monday, October 28, 2019

LHS- Cross Country Region III Championship

LJH- Red Ribbon Week-Team

Up Against Drugs

PRP- Polk County Center for

Hope Food Drive

CSE- Red Ribbon Week- Send a

Message, Stay Drug Free- Wear Red

4:30 pm- LJH- Volleyball @ Cleveland

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

PRP- Polk County Center for

Hope Food Drive

CSE- Drugs Can't Find Me- Wear Camo

2:10 pm- LJH- Throwback Spirit

Day/Pep Rally

4:30 pm- LHS Volleyball vs

Splendor (Senior Night)

5:00 pm- LJH- 7th Grade Foot-

ball vs Bridge City

5:00 pm- LJH- 8th Grade Foot-

ball @ Bridge City

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

PRP- Polk County Center for

Hope Food Drive

CSE/LJH- Put a Lid on Drugs- Wear a Hat

LHS- Underclassmen Pictures

Thursday, October 31, 2019

PRP- Polk County Center for

Hope Food Drive

CSE- Have Character, Don't do

Drugs- Favorite Book Character

LJH- Picture Day

LJH- We're too Bright for Drugs-

Wear Neon Clothes/Accessories

LHS- SHSU Junior College Field Day

Friday, November 1, 2019

3-Week Grade Check for Ineligi-

ble Students

LJH- Lions Don't do Drugs-Wear

Lion Spirit

PRP- Polk County Center for

Hope Food Drive

CSE- 50's Day

LHS- FAFSA Student/Parent Workshop

7:00 pm- Lions Football vs Bridge City

(Senior/Parent Night for Band & Auxiliary)

Livingston ISD Board President Ben Ogletree opened the October board meeting with student recognition of the Ag Mechanics Trailer Building Team. Mr. Rhett Wilson and the build off team members Ryan Gibson, Kaden Mueck, Justin Holliman, and Mason Howell shared their competition experience. The day of competition at Sam Houston State University began with a 15-minute safety briefing, 15 minutes to review the plans with their teacher, an additional 15 minutes for the student group to discuss the plans and then Mr. Wilson was required to be at least ten feet away from the project at all times and could only answer specific questions. The team was allowed eight hours to build a 6'x10' trailer from a set of plans issued at 8:30 am and had a required finish time of 4:00 pm.

Livingston ISD Chief Curriculum Officer Janan Moore shared information with the board about the Career and Technical Education (CTE) course expansion with a higher education option. Angelina College will be able to offer a vast number of courses by busing students to the Lufkin campus after lunch each day. These courses would be paid by the district and would

be offered during the junior and senior years. There will be an admissions process for students to be selected to be part of this program. Credit Program Certificates offered would include Computer Information Systems - Networking or Programming, Criminal Justice, Diesel Technology, Drafting and Design, Electronic Technology - Fluid Power, Electromechanical Technology - Electrical Specialty or Maintenance Technician, HVAC - Commercial or Residential, Machine Tool Technology, Management Development, Welding. Non-Credit Program Certificates will also be available NCCR Heavy Equipment Operator, Manufacturing Production Technician, Fire Academy, Jailer/911 Dispatch, Microsoft Certification, Google Support Technician. These courses will be added to the Livingston High School Course Description Guide and the academic advisors will discuss these options with students so they can begin decided what their plan will be for the Fall semester of 2020. The expectations are that a minimum of 100 students will have an interest in the expanded options of CTE offered through Angelina College.



Pictured left to right - front row **Kevin Wooten - Trustee, Krissa Bass-Trustee, Team members - Ryan Gibson, Justin Holliman, Kaden Mueck, and Mason Howell, Dr. Paul Drake-LHS Principal.** Second Row - **Ben Ogletree - Board President, Mike Nettles-Trustee, Rhett Wilson-LHS Ag Mechanics Teacher, Dr. Brent Hawkins-Superintendent, Scott Paske-Board Secretary.**

The School Action Fund Grant update was presented by LISD Chief Curriculum Officer Janan Moore. The two-year grant was awarded to LISD in the amount of \$800,000. A portion of these funds was used for instructional coaches for three elementary campuses. The coaches are spending time in the classrooms, helping teachers and modeling the teacher roles. Seventy-five teachers have consistently attended the sessions offered in the Language Arts area. The materials needed for the guided reading program for grades Kindergarten through 5th-grade were also purchased from the proceeds of the grant.

Livingston ISD Director of Student Services Lana Smith presented the update on the GEAR-UP grant. The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) initiative is one of the largest and most effective programs focused on increasing the college and career readiness of low-income students in communities nationwide. Smith reviewed the programs that have been offered for the 7th and 8th-grade students including Agile Mind which is a mathematics and science program that schools use to improve achievement in middle and high schools by working more efficiently and effectively. Invention Project camp engaged students in activities designed to challenge them to create inventions and learn how to make a plan and carry out their designs. The Go Big Leadership Camp was offered over the summer to help students become leaders on their campus. In August the 7th and 8th graders participated in Go Big Pep Rallies to help launch the program and encourage students to "Commit Not to Quit". A teacher training was offered by Texas Instruments for scientific calculator training with a second training on aligning the design. The GEAR

UP program will assist students with post-secondary education such as Technical School, Military enlistment, two-year college or four-year college. The Financial Literacy classes will begin at the end of the month and students are looking forward to college tours.

Items approved under the consent agenda included the purchase of three vehicles to add to the district's white fleet and the amendment to the 2019-2020 District Calendar. Students have enough minutes of instruction to cover the loss of September 20 when classes were cancelled due to the rerouting of traffic due to local flooding. Employees are required by law to fulfill the obligations of their work and contracted days. Thursday, December 19 was previously designated as the first day of the Christmas Holidays and will now be a Professional Development day under the amended calendar. Dr. Brent Hawkins, Superintendent said, "We are wanting to take care of this deficit before the fall semester ends in case we are faced with bad weather days during the winter months." Employees will start the day by engaging in campus needs by 8:00 am and will meet for a working lunch at

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Livingston High School at 11:30 am.

The 2019-2020 District and Campus Improvement Plans were approved as action items. The plans are required by both state and federal governments. Collaborative efforts are made during meetings of the District Advisory Committee in preparing the plans. These are working fluid documents that continue to be updated throughout the school year. Also approved as an action item was the expansion of CTE course offerings so that the district can develop a master plan that includes dual credit and CTE course offerings with the intent for every student to graduate with a minimum of 24 hours of college credit or a CTE certification.

Livingston Royal Brigade received first divisions at UIL Marching Contest



Members of the Livingston Royal Brigade received straight 1's at the UIL Marching Contest on Saturday, October 19 held at Port Neches-Groves. This year's show is titled "Nevermore" based on the poem, *The Raven* by Edgar Allen Poe.