



**Dr. Brent Hawkins**  
LISD Superintendent

# Hawk's Talk

Friday, September 20, 2019

## September Board Summary

### Lion Country CALENDAR

#### Monday, September 23, 2019

5:00 pm- LJH Volleyball @ Liberty

6:30 pm- Homecoming Parade

#### Tuesday, September 24, 2019

CGE- Fall Pictures

LJH- PTO Fundraiser Kick-Off

9:00 am-LISD SHAC Meeting @ CSE

5:00 pm- LHS JV/V Volleyball @ Centerville

#### Wednesday, September 25, 2019

#### Thursday, September 26, 2019

LHS- Senior Portrait Retakes

LJH- Camo Day

3:45 pm- DAC Meeting-LHS Library

4:30 pm- LJH- 7/8 Football vs Huntington

6:00 pm- LJH Tennis Parent/Student Meeting

#### Friday, September 27, 2019

Gain/Lose UIL Eligibility from September 20

4:30 pm- LHS Volleyball vs Liberty

7:00 pm- Lions Football vs Huntington (Homecoming)

#### Saturday, September 28, 2019

LJH- Volleyball B Team Huntington Tournament

8:30 am- LHS- Cross Country @ Tony Munson Invitational

The September meeting opened with staff and student recognition after being called to order by Board President Ben Ogletree. Jennifer Birdwell was honored with the prestigious Apple Corps Award and Jack Pedigo showcased a video production by the Hive from the Livingston High School Audio-Video Broadcast class. This is a new class offered at LHS in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) department. Mrs. Tanya Cain expressed appreciation to LHS Principal Dr. Paul Drake, Superintendent Dr. Brent Hawkins, the board of trustees and LivCom on their support of this program. LivCom has begun a beta program with a television station and will be airing Livingston High School productions on their channel.

Chief Financial Officer Ben Davidson presented an accounts payable update. Davidson explained about an automated web-based software that would allow the district to pay bills online. With the implementation of the automated software through Commerce Bank and based on a current list of vendors and amounts purchased in a year, a rebate amount of \$19,000 could be accrued for LISD in a year. Acceptance of the automated account payable proposal will allow the district to retain the current processes and procedures currently in place.

A bus fleet report was presented by Superintendent Dr. Brent Hawkins. The district continues to upgrade the fleet to make up for a five year stretch of no new bus purchases because of the 2011 state budget cuts. In the last six years, the district has purchased thirty-three buses. In a new proposal, the district may purchase five buses at a cost of \$93,800 per bus with a total rollout of \$469,000 or a second proposal of purchasing twenty new buses by financing over four years at a cost of \$1.8 million. The advantages of financing would be a lower cost of operation in the fleet by using buses that are less than twelve years old. The normal life cycle of a bus is 16 to 18 years old. The majority of the fleet is made up of Thomas buses and keeping it standardized would make repairs easier. From a fuel standpoint, a 2019 or 2020 bus is much more efficient than a 2001 bus. By purchasing new buses there would be a 3-5 year warranty depending on the aspect of the bus. The district currently has six bus routes that are not air-conditioned. If five buses are purchased there would still be one route without air conditioning. If twenty buses are purchased a large segment of the old buses would be kept as backup. A study was conducted and it was found that Thomas was the most efficient out of the choices of buses.

In addition to the consent items being approved, the board also approved the purchase of twenty buses as an action item at an interest rate not exceeding 2.65% for four years with Mercedes-Benz Financial Services.

The board approved the quarterly investment report from June 1st through August 31st, the annual investment report and annual investment policy. Livingston CFO Ben Davidson said, "The rates were down in August from a high of 2.53% to 2.27% but are still very good historically." The ending balance on August 31 in the general fund is \$20,034,802.96.

# Highway to Homecoming 2019 Parade

**Monday, September 23, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**

**Parade begins at the Downtown Livingston Water Tower and ends at Lion Stadium**

- For More Info <https://bit.ly/2kyOGzq>
- Submit application by September 18



# 7th Grade Social Studies

# NATIVE TEXANS PROJECT

Students in Mrs. Rodgers Social Studies class researched the economic, social and political background of six different native Indian tribes in Texas using textbooks and recording information in journal.

The students then created a Venn diagram from the notes comparing 2 tribes of their choice. They created a slide show using Google slides describing one Indian tribe. One week was allowed to complete their projects before presenting to their class last Friday.

The presentations connected old tribes with new describing older times and newer times while following some of the same traditions. Mrs. Rodgers shared, "I'm very proud of my kids to go from reading to written to electronic to verbal."

*Now For My Indian  
Tribe  
HALIWA SAPONI*

Chesnee Daniel brought dresses and a wrap that she has used at the Haliwa Saponi Pow Wow for presentation day.



Chesnee Daniel



Emarri McQueen



Ja'Brynn Johnson



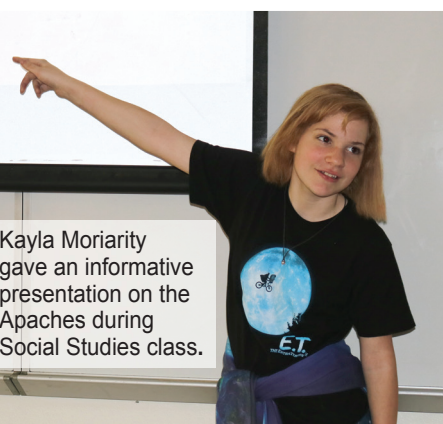
Cheyenne Morse



Cooper Ritter and Carlos Rodriguez showing the dress of Haliwa Saponi.



Chesnee Daniel wearing the Bell dress when she was 5 years old.



Kayla Moriarity gave an informative presentation on the Apaches during Social Studies class.



Pictured L-R Top Row: Valarie Gonzalez, Kyleigh Priest, Omar Trejo, Emarri McQueen, Ja'Brynn Johnson, Chesnee Daniel, Cooper Ritter, Carlos Rodriguez  
Bottom Row: Christopher Carreon, Mrs. Rodgers, Kaydence Butler, Cheyenne Morse, Melanie Cano .