



Dr. Brent Hawkins
LISD Superintendent



District Calendar

Monday, April 22, 2019

LISD Professional Development Day
8:00 am-12 pm- Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Early Registration @ PRE
1:00 pm- 3:00 pm- Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Early Registration @ PRE
5:00 pm- LHS Sophomore Boys Baseball @ Splendor

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

LHS Lady Lion Softball -District Certification
Noon - LHS Incoming 9th Grader Dual Credit Parent Meeting-LHS Library
4:30 pm- LHS Boys JV/V Baseball vs Shepherd- Senior Night
5:00 pm- LHS Incoming 9th Grader Dual Credit Parent Meeting-LHS Commons

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

LISD College Day
LHS Royal Brigade- UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest @ Silsbee HS

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Annual Fun Day - Life Skills

Friday, April 26, 2019

3 Week Grade Check for Ineligible Students
LJH- Texas History Day
LHS- Late UIL Choir Concert & Sight Reading Contest
8:30 am- LJH- High School Activity Presentation
8:30 am- PRE- Muffins with Mom
2:15 pm- PRE- Doritos with Dad
4:30 pm- LHS- Boys JV/V Baseball @ Splendor

Saturday, April 27, 2019

LHS- Lady Lions Softball Bi-District Certification
LJH- Texas History Day
8:00 am – 2:00 pm- PRE Annual Green & White Scholarship Garage Sale
5:30 pm- LHS Military Ball

Hawk's Talk



Thursday, April 18, 2019

Message from Our Superintendent

Dear Lion Country,

As we prepare for Good Friday, please know that each one of you is appreciated for the work you do. We have completed this phase of state testing and mock testing which is an accomplishment within itself, but our students are experiencing unprecedented success in other areas as well. This does not happen by chance.

I strongly encourage you to not lose advocacy for public schools in this legislative process even though we are all extremely busy. The tone of this session has been much more positive, but it is because of the efforts of pro educator advocates. There are some unpalatable bills still alive and until the session is over anything can happen. In my evaluation, HB3 is very well regarded but the passage of this bill will only get us back to the operating level that was destroyed by the 2011 cuts totaling 5.4 billion dollars.

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April Board Meeting Summary

The April School Board meeting of the Board of Trustees opened with student recognition. Superintendent Dr. Brent Hawkins introduced the District 21-4A Soccer Coach of the Year Tyler Pfursich and Pfursich introduced the Soccer All-District selections which included the eleven starters on the varsity team. The Livingston High School Robotics team brought two robots to show members of the board. They described events in their competition and demonstrated the activities where they won the UIL State Champion trophy.

An administrative report was given by Mary Hill on the curriculum - Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Resource System. This the curriculum used by the district for Kindergarten through 12th grades. Hill demonstrated the resources available for 2nd grade Math. The curriculum resource shows how long each unit of study should last and gives an overview of the unit. She described how the new curriculum allows teachers the ability to see what students need to accomplish by the end of each unit before they even begin covering the material. She feels this is the ideal resource because the strategies and activities are included in each unit. The resources provide engaging activities on each grade level and include formative performance assessments as they go through the unit. Hill shared, "This is a better practice instead of only testing at the end of the unit. Teachers will be aware of any gaps. The cur-

riculum currently being used by the district also provides a vertical alignment piece which helps teachers know they are working together on the curriculum where one grade level ends, the next grade level begins."

Hawkins said, "In January, after adopting the new curriculum, we have turned a corner in providing the tools for our teachers which will help our students achieve success. As the Texas Education Agency changes the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) required for each grade level, this curriculum reveals what path is needed to achieve vertical alignment."

Items approved under the consent agenda included the renewal of the food services contract with SFE, a purchase of \$25,000 for a reading intervention program supplies and materials, the transportation employee physicals and drug testing quote from BCA DX Laboratory in Livingston and the student drug testing quote from the same company.

Action items approved by the board include the staffing plan of 555 district employees which is down from last year's total of 564 employees due to some positions being contracted out of the district and some positions being rearranged at campuses. A resolution approving the method of sale for the refunding bonds, series 2019 was reviewed and accepted by both the bond council attorney and the school attorney in

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the way that it was offered and was approved by the board. Also approved by the board was the Navy National Defense Cadet Corps Program agreement. The NNDCC program will take effect on July 1, 2019. The program will change from Army to Navy. The current enrollment is 45 students and the 2019-2020 enrollment will be 60 students. Under the NNDCC, only one instructor will be required and may be from any branch of service. The Navy will provide the

curriculum and some of the equipment used in the program.

The board approved designating the superintendent to spend capital purchase money in the purchase of a new chiller for Timber Creek Elementary. Estimated delivery time for the chiller is 6-8 weeks with an installation time of an additional week. The board went into a closed meeting to hear a security update and to discuss personnel.

Upcoming Activities

April 23, 2019 - Incoming 9th grade Dual Credit Parent meeting @ LHS Library
11:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-5:30p

April 27, 2019 - Military Ball @ LHS
5p-midnight

April 30, 2019 - Choir Spring Concert @ LIS Auditorium @ 5:30p-9p
5/3/19 Shattered Dreams @ LHS @ 7a-3p

May 4, 2019 - SAT test @ LHS @ 7:30a

May 4, 2019 Prom @ Commerce Center

May 7, 2019 Green and White Scholarship Night @ LIS Auditorium

May 10, 2019 Top 10% Luncheon @ Joe's Italian Restaurant @ 11a-12:30p

May 13, 2019 Athletic Banquet @ LHS

May 13, 2019 Band Spring Concert @ Central Baptist Church @ 6p

May 17, 2019 - End of Year LISD Awards - LIS Auditorium

May 17, 2019 - Ag Banquet @ LHS @ 5p-10p

May 17, 2019 - Band Banquet @ LJH @ 5p-10p

May 20, 2019 - School Board Meeting @ LHS

May 30, 2019 - Graduation practice @ LHS

June 1, 2019 - Graduation @ LHS @ 10a



The LHS Robotics team was recognized by the board during the April meeting. The Livingston High School robotics team captured the state championship in the UIL's FIRST Robotics Challenge. This was the first robotics event sanctioned by UIL. Robotics started as a club during the 2017-2018 school year and grew into a robotics class for the 2018-2019 school year. This year's class is made up of 14 students and will be expanding to 30 next year.



The Lions Boys Soccer Team was honored at the April Board Meeting. The 2018-2019 District 21-4A Soccer All-District Coach of the Tyler Pfursich introduced the All-District selections: Most Valuable Player - #10 Ivan Davalos, Utility Player of the Year - #7 Carlos Fernandez. 1st Team - #14 Adrian Campos, #11 Jose Medina, #9 Eduardo Rios. 2nd Team - #6 Jesus Alvarez, #1/GK Hugo De Leon, #15 Ryan Shields. Honorable Mention - #4 Jesus Aguilar, #12 Gabriel Machuca, #22 Diego Gonzalez.