



**Dr. Brent Hawkins**  
LISD Superintendent

# Hawk's Talk



Thursday, June 21, 2018

## Livingston ISD June Board Meeting Summary

The June meeting of the LISD Board of Trustees opened with student recognition. The LHS Chorale was recognized for earning 65 medals at the regional UIL Solo and Ensemble competition and 20 medals earned during the state UIL solo and ensemble contest. Members of the LHS Softball team were recognized for their achievement of earning the District Champion title. Pitcher Grason Long was named District Softball Pitcher of the Year. The Lady Lions ended the season winning 28 games. Montana Piper was recognized for her achievements in pole vaulting. Piper finished 6th place in the UIL State Track Meet this Spring. Chyenenne Peters was recognized for being elected 2018-2019 Area IX FFA President.

Polk County Clerk Schelana Hock gave an election update to the members of the board. She reported that the county purchased new equipment that was first used in the most recent election. The votes were counted and reported by 8:00 p.m. The previous rental charges to the district were reviewed and will be reduced in the November election. The cost of the election will be split between the school district and the county unless other school districts will also be holding their election on the same day. The cost will be split between the county and the school districts involved in the election.

LISD Chief Operating Officer Craig Davis presented the Juvenile Intervention Officer Report. He reviewed the data from the most recent two school years to show the different discipline offenses. Examples include disrespectful comments, bus misbehavior, out of location. The Transportation department changed the way they report discipline in the fall. Drivers input the discipline information as soon as the route is complete. LISD has 3,900 students riding the school bus. This is an increase of 800-1000 more students than the previous year. The data is used to address areas that need improvement. Many different methods are used including parent conferences, in school suspension and lunch detention. The district is also sending positive referrals to parents and encouraging parental involvement activities. The principals will be meeting to review

the discipline in the summer and update the matrix. This will ensure that the discipline and rules are uniform and consistent with students.

LISD Superintendent Dr. Brent Hawkins reviewed the state of the district. May 2018 reported an increase of economically disadvantaged students with a total of 76%. Some of the increase can be attributed to the way the feds calculate the percentages. According to Hawkins, "This figure means that three out of every four students in our district are economically disadvantaged and could mean that the true figure is even higher if the high school student chooses not to turn in their form."

The recent results from testing showed 18 areas of the test were increased but 8 areas were the same or less than last year. Hawkins said, "I'm more optimistic about where we go from here. LISD has had a historically high employee turnover rate and in May, there was a 7% turnover rate. When our students leave school in May and return in August and they are able to see the same teacher, productivity is improved. Scores can improve by aligning curriculum with instruction."

Technology improvements over the year include added WiFi to the school buses. When players travel to out-of-town games students can use Chromebook on buses because the buses are equipped with Wi-Fi. Bus discipline could be reduced because students are engaged with technology on the bus.

Action items approved by the board include previous board meetings, financial statement and payment of bills, budget amendment, quarterly investment report, and overnight travel. The sale of property acquired sheriff seizure, personal property donations. Worker's Compensation coverage contract and ESC Contracts were both extended by the board.

The board code of conduct, board operating procedures, board meeting, and planning calendar were among the items approved and they also repealed the current board policy manual and adopted all local policies.



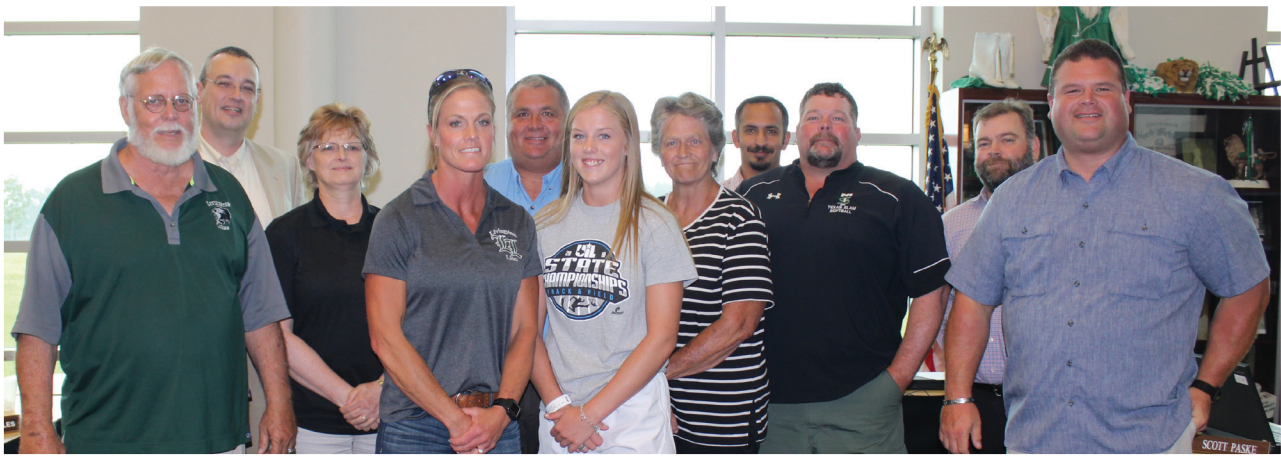
Members of the LHS Chorale under the direction of Tom Myers were recognized by the LISD Board of Trustees during the June Meeting. The group brought home twenty medals from the UIL State Solo & Ensemble contest held in Austin on May 26.





Pictured at Left: Cheyenne Peters was recognized by members of the LISD School Board as the incoming Area IX FFA President.

Pictured Below: Montana Piper was recognized by the LISD Board of Trustees as the UIL State Pole Vault Qualifier. Montana finished 6th place during the state contest.



Board members recognized Livingston High School Lady Lions Softball players on their District 22 AAAAA Championship during the June School Board meeting. This is the second time in 18 years that the Lady Lions Softball team has won a district title. The Lady Lions won 28 games during the season.

Left to right Front Row: Madelyn Reily, Sadie Parker, Kaitlyn Sandel, Paige Munson, Grason Long, Lexi Murphy, Marley Mahoney, Krista Jones, Elaina Evans, Bailey Barrett, Back row: Coach Christina Jaques, Alex Garcia, Bea Ellis, Mike Nettles, Dr. Brent Hawkins, Scott Paske, John Allen Slocomb.