



Dr. Brent Hawkins
LISD Superintendent

Hawk's Talk



Tuesday, April 28, 2020

April LISD Board Meeting Summary

A videoconference meeting was held by the Livingston ISD school board on April 27 and in accordance with a request made by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton to temporarily suspend open meetings in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved under the consent agenda was the continuation of athletic insurance with Greater East Texas Insurance Associates. The yearly cost remained the same, and the district is in the second year of a three-year contract. The purchase of LED lights at both Livingston High School and Livingston Junior High campuses in the amount of \$182,730.00. The purchase of a 21-passenger special needs bus in the amount of \$66,671.00. Upgrade technology infrastructure components in the amount of \$170,800 and the regular cycle purchase of 750 Chromebook replacements in the amount of \$144,000.

ACTION ITEMS

The quarterly investment report was approved as an action item of the Board. The district's interest earnings totaled \$125,357 during December 2019 through February 2020 quarter. The ending balance on February 29, 2020, was \$32,818,877.36.

The Texas Department of Agriculture requires the district to complete the bid process every five years for contracted services in the Child Nutrition Department. After this process was complete, Southwest Foodservice Excellence was the only vendor that bid the contract. The Board accepted the recommendation of the administration and approved the Southwest Foodservice Excellence contract as presented. Superintendent Dr. Brent Hawkins shared, "Prior to contracting out, we ran deficits in the budget for foodservice ten years ago and today we have a guarantee to break even. When the Board was first looking at providing breakfast and lunch for every student, we faced a cost to approve the program, and the Board

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Lion Country End of Year EVENTS

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Green & White Scholarship
Video Released

Friday, May 15, 2020

Last day of instruction
Last day of meal distribution
outside of City Limits

Monday, May 18, 2020

Summer Meal distribution
begins at Cedar Grove Elementary, Creekside Elementary and Livingston High School locations

May 18-May 22, 2020

Chromebook Return

May 27, 2020

LISD Staff Awards Ceremony
Video Released

May 29, 2020

Goodbye Parade at campuses

May 29, 2020

Senior Parade at Pedigo Park



TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS Livingston High School Student Council & BPA held a Tornado Relief Donation Drive for the LISD faculty and staff families severely affected by the tornadoes. Thank you to everyone who donated.

April Board Meeting

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felt it was a necessary expense. Since the program was implemented, the results have been that the program financially supported itself, which was a win-win from a courageous board decision. Not only has SFE been a great partner for us, but the partnership has made our Child Nutrition Program fiscally responsible. Since this decision was made, we have never had a problem meeting the guarantee.”

The district is currently serving meals at fourteen locations. The last day to serve meals outside of the city limits is Friday, May 15. The Summer feeding program will begin on Monday, May 18, where meals will be served at three campuses - Cedar Grove Elementary, Creekside Elementary, and Livingston High School. Based on last week's figures, the district served an average of 1,600 meals per day, with a combined total of 44,162 meals served in five weeks. Dr. Hawkins shared, “I am proud of the enthusiasm of our employees and how much our cafeteria ladies look forward to preparing a hot meal for the students of the district.”

Class of 2020 Graduation

The Texas Education Agency is working with a health specialist and a superintendent task force to identify the circumstances under which an in-person ceremony may occur. Commissioner Morath will release guidelines for graduation ceremonies around May 15.

Dr. Brent Hawkins shares, “Our district is committed to holding the safest yet high-quality graduation as possible and will make an announcement on Livingston High School Class of 2020 Graduation as soon as the district can ensure that we are complying with Governor Abbott's executive order. We are committed to holding graduation in a manner that is legal and in compliance with state guidelines. The district cannot proceed with plans until the Commissioner of Education provides guidance that will be directed by Governor Abbott in the following weeks.”

Instructional Support Materials available Monday, May 4

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Texas Governor Greg Abbott has suspended in person classes for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year. Under the guidance of Texas Education Agency, each school district is offering a continuation of instruction through remote learning in order for students to advance to the next grade. Livingston ISD is offering instructional support materials online and can be found on the district website. www.livingstonisd.com/instructionalsupports

The teaching staff of LISD is ready and eager to answer any questions that students and parents will email to them. Every member of the teaching staff is listed in the district email directory. The directory icon is located at the top of the district website. www.livingstonisd.com

Dr. Brent Hawkins reminds parents, “We are in this together. While remote learning isn't our first choice in educating students it is what is prudent to keep our students, staff and community safe. The Commissioner of Education has tasked our district with the continuation of learning and it is a requirement to enable students to advance to the next grade level. We encourage our parents to log in to the parent portal to confirm students are turning in assignments as expected.”



**Livingston ISD
FREE MEAL SERVICE UNTIL
FRIDAY, MAY 15**

**Summer Feeding Program
Begins Monday, May 18**

**Meal service will continue until Friday,
May 15 at fourteen locations.**

1. Ace Community Park - 3109 FM 2610
2. Holiday Lakes Boat Ramp - Bus Stop
3. Providence Baptist Church - 898 Providence Rd, Livingston
4. Soda Baptist Church - 8135 US 190 East, Livingston
5. Scenic Loop Fire Dept. - 1406 FM 3277, Livingston
6. Blanchard Baptist Church - 2450 FM 2457, Livingston
7. Bethel Baptist Church - 8815 FM 350 N, Livingston
8. Trinity River Authority Parking Lot - 5170 FM 1988, Livingston
9. Schwab City Baptist Church - 10998 Hwy 146, Livingston
10. Indian Springs Community Center - 266 Pichetto Trail, Livingston
11. Beacon Bay Baptist Church - 7249 FM 3126, Livingston
12. Cedar Grove Elementary
13. Creekside Elementary
14. Livingston High School

**LISD Summer Feeding Program
begins on Monday, May 18.
Free meals available at 3 campuses only
for ages 18 and under.**

1. Cedar Grove Elementary
2. Creekside Elementary
3. Livingston High School