



Dr. Brent Hawkins
LISD Superintendent

Hawk's Talk

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

LION COUNTRY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

LHS- Boys/Girls Track @
Huffman Hargrave
LHS- Boys/Girls JV Track @
Splendora

Thursday April 7, 2022

LHS- Boys/Girls Track @
Huffman Hargrave
LHS- Boys/Girls JV Track @
Splendora

Friday, April 8, 2022

4:30 pm- LHS- Lions JV/V
Baseball @ Liberty
4:30 pm-LHS- Lady Lions JV/V
Softball @ Liberty

Monday, April 11, 2022

LHS- Varsity Regional Tennis
Tournament- Bryan

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

LHS- Varsity Regional Tennis
Tournament- Bryan

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

LHS- Varsity Regional Tennis
Tournament- Bryan

Thursday April 14, 2022

LISD Professional Development
Day - Student Holiday
4:30 pm- LHS- Lions JV/V
Baseball vs Hamshire Fannett
4:30 pm- Lady Lions JV/V
Softball vs Hamshire Fannett

Friday, April 15, 2022

LISD Good Friday Holiday

Monday, April 18, 2022

Regular School Day

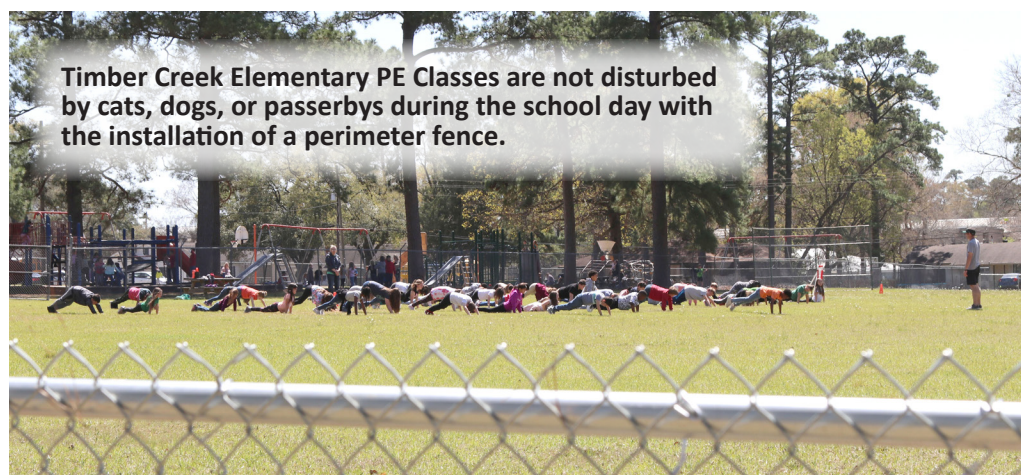
April LISD School Board Meeting

Safety and Security Grant awarded to LISD

The April LISD School Board meeting opened with James Guest, an attorney with Linebarger and Associates. Guest introduced Polk County Tax Assessor Leslie Burks and area managers with Linebarger - Gina Hullihen and Jennifer Moffett. Guest presented the Tax Report from February 2021-February 2022, which included a five-year comparison of collection numbers and discussed how the report showed litigation progression. Last year Linebarger sent four mailings equaling twelve thousand collections letters, and this year they have plans to add a fifth mailing. As a result, 300 accounts have resulted in \$75,000 of collections. The total tax sales equaled \$1.1 million in revenue for the district. In July, delinquent taxes will be reviewed. Not all properties listed on the delinquent tax roll are eligible because they may be in bankruptcy. Thirty percent of the tax role consists of bad addresses, and some are already in litigation. Guest reminded board members that their office is located downtown, so they are able to receive guidance from Leslie and her team.

Dr. Hawkins shared with the board about the recent student success in the district. Livingston Junior High won 3rd place at their UIL Academic meet out of seven competing schools. LHS was the UIL Academic District 21-4A Champion at their meet last week. Livingston High School Boys Golf Team won the District Champion trophy on Monday, and six Lions were named regional qualifiers. The Girls Golf Team won 3rd place in their district meet and had one regional qualifier. The Girls Tennis Team earned the District Champion trophy at their meet on Thursday, with one athlete advancing to regionals, and the UIL One-Act Play won 1st Place at Area Competition. Their play, Of Mice & Men, is advancing to UIL Regionals on April 21.

A level four grievance hearing was held. The board went into a closed session, and after resuming the meeting in open session, the board approved to uphold the findings from Level 3.



LISD Superintendent Dr. Brent Hawkins presented the COPS Officer School Violence Prevention Grant Report to the board. Hawkins shared, "I'm grateful to LISD School Resource Officer Kevin Blackburn, LISD Technology Director Kip Robins, and LISD Director of Student Services Lana Smith for working on this grant which brought in \$600,000 for the safety and security of the district. Tracy Galloway, former school resource officer at Timber Creek Elementary, recommended that a fence at the back of the campus would improve the safety of students during the planning and needs

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assessment of the grant project. The Cedar Grove campus PE classes are able to utilize Lion Stadium for student activities. Creekside Elementary has a fenced area that is safe for PE students to utilize on campus. The new fence at Timber Creek gives students the same security.” “The Timber Creek Elementary Principal has not received any phone calls or questions from the community regarding the fence. Baseball and Softball community activities have continued access to the fenced property, as evidenced by the facility use forms that parents have used to reserve the fields. Outside of school hours, this fenced area may be used as a walking path or other community needs, including the use by students. LISD School Resource Officer Blackburn covered security challenges when working on the grant. “We had some issues on campus with homeless folks smoking at the former fence line during school hours. Multiple criminal trespass warning tickets have to be issued to individuals that pose a risk to the campus. We felt that a four-foot fence would help designate the perimeter for PE classes on campus. It also helps to keep dogs out of the play area. We have a 14-foot gate on one side for maintenance and can be used to unload bounce houses or any other large equipment. On the north side, we have a 4-foot gate, so you don’t have to walk all the way around if you need access. We’re not going to lock the gates after school hours so that people can still use the areas for ball practice or to walk in the evenings and weekends. LISD Technology Director Kip Robins discussed the camera equipment purchased through grant funds. “The grant helped us upgrade technology in camera software. We are able to cut down on the man-hours that are used to search through lengthy videos, and instead, we can enter specific searches. For example, the search can be for someone

wearing a ball cap or a red shirt, and the advanced technology will produce the requested video segments. We are now able to set perimeters at the bus barn with motion and light detectors. When someone crosses the property line, the area will light up as detected by the sensors, which will notify security. We are excited about the improvements that were made possible by the grant funds.”

LISD Chief Financial Officer Ben Davidson presented the quarterly investment report for the second quarter of 2022. The beginning balance on November 31, 2021, was \$31,578,934.53. In December, the interest earned was \$6,889.20, January interest was \$7,848.04, and February \$7,952.87. The ending balance on February 28, 2022, was \$41,015,390.69.

Under action items, the board approved the quarterly investment report and the board goals that were determined during a recent board workshop. The goals are focused on five areas. 1) Curriculum goal - LISD will promote student and staff expectations by providing a challenging and purposeful curriculum enhanced by technology integration. LISD’s goal is for every student to leave high school as college, career, or Military ready, based on the individual student’s long-term goals. 2) Leadership goal - Livingston ISD strives to recruit, hire, and retain a high-performing faculty and staff of student-centered, life-long learners. 3) Finance and Operations goal - LISD will exercise fiscal and operational responsibility. 4) School Safety Goal - LISD believes that students perform at the highest level in a safe and secure environment.

The Board approved the hiring of Lisa Cagle as a professional employee in the district. Ms. Cagle will start July 1st as the Chief Academic Officer of the District.

UIL 21-AAAA District Academic Champions

**LIVINGSTON
HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMIC TEAM**
**Students competed
in more than fifteen
different events
during the UIL
District Academic
Meet. Students who
won first, second, or
third place in their
individual events
and those who
placed first in
team events are
advancing to the UIL
Regional Meet in
April at Stephen F.
Austin State.**

