



Dr. Brent Hawkins
LISD Superintendent

Hawk's Talk



Wednesday, December 19, 2018

December Board Meeting Summary

District Calendar

Monday, December 24, 2018

Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Christmas Holiday

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

Christmas Holiday

Thursday, December 27, 2018

Christmas Holiday

LHS- Lion Boys Varsity Basketball East Chambers Tournament

LHS- Lady Lions Varsity Basketball- Huntington Tournament

Friday, December 28, 2018

Christmas Holiday

LHS- Lion Boys Varsity Basketball East Chambers Tournament

LHS- Lady Lions Varsity Basketball- Huntington Tournament

Saturday, December 29, 2018

Christmas Holiday

LHS- Lion Boys Varsity Basketball East Chambers Tournament

LHS- Lady Lions Varsity Basketball- Huntington Tournament

Monday, December 31, 2018

Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Christmas Holiday

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Christmas Holiday

2:00 pm- LHS- Lion JV/V Basketball @ Grapeland

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Christmas Holiday

Friday, January 4 2019

Christmas Holiday

10:00 am- LHS- Lion Boys Basketball vs Jasper

4:30 pm- LHS- Lady Lions Basketball vs Shepherd

Livingston ISD Board President Ben Ogletree opened the December School Board meeting with student and staff recognition. Livingston Royal Brigade's Band Director Lane Palmer recapped the success of the band during the fall semester. The Jazz Band earned a 1st division award at the Texas Renaissance Festival, the marching band won sweepstakes at the UIL Marching Contest which resulted from earning a first division rating from each judge. Palmer introduced students who were named to the 2018-2019 All-Region Band and those advancing to Area Band. Coach Christina Jaques was inducted into the LISD Apple Corps. Jaques is the Head Volleyball and Head Softball Coach at Livingston High School.

Eric Carver, CPA from the firm of Axley and Rode presented the findings of the 2017-2018 Financial Audit which was a clean, unmodified opinion.

LISD Chief Curriculum Officer Janan Moore presented the GEAR UP Report. The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) initiative is one of the largest and most effective programs focused on increasing the college and career readiness of low-income students in communities nationwide. GEAR UP is a highly competitive grant program in cooperation with University of Texas Austin that helps empower local partnerships comprised of K-12 schools, institutions of higher education, state agencies, and community organizations to achieve three strategic goals: (1) increasing the postsecondary expectations and readiness of students; (2) improving high school graduation and postsecondary enrollment rates; and (3) raising the knowledge of postsecondary options, preparation, and financing among students and families. Livingston ISD is one of five partner schools awarded this grant in the amount \$1.8 million over a 7-year period. Staff members have attended several workshops, and Livingston ISD has been named an official partner. This grant is to be used for 6th and 7th-grade students which is approximately 600 students. The program encourages the success of these students and follows their high school career through the first year of college.

LISD Superintendent Brent Hawkins presented information about Pre-Kindergarten expansion analysis. Universal Pre-Kindergarten presentation was listed as one of the board goals. In order to move ahead with an

expansion plan, a decision would need to be made in early Spring. Three years ago the district expanded from a Pre-Kindergarten half day to a full day program. State funds were designated to help pay for this expansion. These funds are no longer appropriated by the state so the district has to fund the existing program. The current Pre-Kindergarten program has 181 students in ten classrooms. Hawkins presented options to fund the possibility of a Universal Pre-Kindergarten program.

Hawkins also presented an overview of District Realignment to make a more effective systemic model. In order to be as efficient as possible for students, a campus model of Pre-Kindergarten through grade 5 is commonly used. An Intermediate campus housing 4th and 5th grades is uncommon across the state. To make this change would create four elementary campuses in the district. The current Livingston Intermediate School would not be good for four-year-old students with the location of the cafeteria, gym, and music on the first floor and the remainder of the classrooms on the second floor. The proposal of a primary campus housing Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten and three campuses of 1st through 5th grades would allow students to be less stressed when moving from contained classrooms to transitions. There are also benefits for 1st grade and 5th-grade teachers on the same campus allowing the teachers to communicate about teaching objectives and understand when and how specific concepts were introduced. This realignment would allow a more evenly weight of accountability. The change could be managed by using the Pine Ridge campus as the Primary School where there are 28 classrooms with restrooms. The current 4th graders would be divided where one third would remain at the location of the Intermediate campus next year. The remaining two-thirds of the students would go back to either Cedar Grove or Timber Creek campus, whichever campus they attended third grade. In order to implement this plan Title I programs would have to be notified, Food Service programs would have to be notified and new campus codes would have to be ordered to make this transition for the 2019-2020 school year. Hawkins feels, "Our district and our obligation is to the students walking into the classrooms. We have to ensure a balance of staff."

Jaques inducted into the Livingston ISD Apple Corps

For the last fourteen years, LISD has honored those employees who exemplified a positive attitude in their workplace and a desire to excel in their department or on their campus. A new member is inducted into the prestigious LISD Apple Corps.

Christina Jaques is the Head Volleyball and Head Softball Coach at Livingston High School. This is her fourth year at LISD. She is a 2007 graduate of Bridge City High School. As a volleyball player, they competed in the playoffs every year. She was selected All-State in Softball and competed at Track Regionals in the high jump, triple jump and long jump. Her senior year in high school she was named Southeast Texas Athlete of the Year in Basketball and was a Southeast Texas Gold Volleyball Team Recipient. She attended Lamar State University and was named to the All-Conference and All-Region Softball team two years.

She transferred to Belhaven University to play Softball and advanced to the Nationals both years. She was named All-Conference MVP and was on the 1st Team All-American Softball Tournament team both years. While at Belhaven she advanced to the Nationals playing Basketball and was also selected to the All-Conference team in Volleyball. She received her Bachelor of Science in Sports Administration from Belhaven.

The thing she likes most about her job coaching is once the athletes' buy-in they all enjoy the success. The Lady Lions have indeed enjoyed success with Coach Jaques. The Lady Lions Softball team has advanced to the playoffs all three years and



APPLE CORPS INDUCTION - Coach Christina Jaques, Livingston High School Head Volleyball and Softball Head Coach was inducted into the prestigious Apple Corps during the December meeting of the Livingston ISD Board of Trustees. Pictured L-R Kevin Wooten - Board Member, Mike Nettles - Board Member, Ben Ogletree - Board President, Dr. Brent Hawkins - Superintendent, Coach Jaques, Marty Drake - Board Vice-President, John Allen Slocomb - Board Member, Scott Paske - Board Secretary.

are the reigning 2018 district champions. The Lady Lions Volleyball team has advanced to the playoffs all three years and this year is the first time LHS has advanced to the 4th round and participated in the Regional Tournament. This was the first District Champion for Coach Jaques to experience as a coach and her first trip to the regional tournament as a coach.

Coach Jaques' mother, Geneva and her younger sister, Kenzie live in Bridge City.

During the last three Summers, Coach Jaques has played for the International Women's Football League for the Houston Energy. Her first year she played as a receiver, and her 2nd and 3rd years she played quarterback and her team won the National Championship title this year.

This is what her colleagues had to say about her:

Coach Finis Vanover, Livingston ISD Athletic Director:

I am extremely proud of and happy for her. It's deserved and well earned. The things she has accomplished as a dual sports head coach is amazing and speaks highly of her qualifications and the passion she has for what she does. Without the passion she has, it would be impossible to achieve the level of success in a school district our size while playing at the level of competition we play. I couldn't be happier for her.

Dr. Paul Drake, Livingston High School Principal:

As a principal, you want coaches who support students in academics as well as athletics. Coach Jaques challenges her players to attend tutorials and to use their time wisely. Her students don't see idle time as down time, rather they make an effort to meet with teachers and stay on top of their grades. It is evident when you see the number of girls who make the state's all academic team.

Coach Kevin Hurley, Livingston ISD Girls Athletic Coordinator and Head Girls Basketball Coach:

Coach Jaques is a hard worker and the proof is in the successful season she just had in volleyball. She goes beyond what is asked of her everyday.

Kalie Litton, Livingston High School Academic Advisor: Congratulations Jaques!!

You are one of the most driven, skilled, consistent, and talented coaches we have ever been able to work with!

You tackle any obstacle with grace and have one of the biggest hearts around, even if you try not to publicize it!

I am so proud to claim you as a coworker and even more honored to call you friend!

For her service and commitment to the students and faculty of Livingston ISD, we welcome Christina Jaques into the LISD Apple Corps.