

Proclamation from Mayor Schroeder



Mayor Connie Schroeder presented the School Board with a Proclamation approved by the Bastrop City Council honoring the contributions of African Americans to our country's history. The proclamation declared February as [Black History Month](#) in Bastrop. Thank you Mayor Schroeder!

Character Education

Savannah Moore from Cedar Creek Intermediate School spoke to the Board on the character trait of justice. She spoke about her brother who graduated from CRCA and is now a student at Texas Tech University. She learned about justice from watching how his teachers treated him and gave him opportunities to be successful. She said it's important that all students are treated fairly and given an equal chance to be successful at school and in life. Very true indeed! (The picture of Savannah did not come out very well unfortunately. You'll have to trust us she was super cute and very articulate.)

Recognition of Students/Staff

Not all students who were being recognized were able to attend last night's board meeting due to other commitments, but a few were on hand. In **FINE ARTS**, CCMS teacher Elizabeth Winslow had several students qualify for the TMEA All-Region Choir. Gianna "Gigi" Del Bosque was able to attend. In **ATHLETICS**, Director Andy Sexton spoke about CCHS Senior Cade Edwards (not pictured) for achievements in football. He earned All State, as well as numerous other accolades. Coach Sexton also highlighted three BHS students who earned Academic All State. Pictured below are seniors Mark Currie, Desmond Young, and Payton Parsons. In **CAREER & TECH**, several BHS students qualified for state competition in April in SkillsUSA. With teachers James Cunningham and Derryck Hedley are students Mynor Faena, Mason Escamilla, and Alex Olmos.



Staff Presentations

CFO Sandra Callahan was this month's Spotlight speaker at the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce luncheon and again at last night's board meeting. She did a fantastic job in front of our entire business community earlier this month. You can find her presentation [here](#). Penne Liefer shared the results of the [Stay Interviews](#) she and her team conducted to find out why teachers continue to choose BISD as their teaching home. Chief Scot Bunch shared the District's [Racial Profiling Report](#) required by law. Chief also reported that Bastrop ISD was awarded a school safety grant for \$179,302. The grant can be used in nine areas including exterior doors, alarm systems, two-way radio systems, and perimeter fencing.

Board Action

In addition to approving the Consent Agenda, the Board of Trustees voted to change the date of the March board meeting to accommodate Spring Break. Agenda Review will be on Thursday, March 5 and the regular board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10. The Board accepted the District's recommendation to approve localized policies after an extensive review in the fall as recommended by TASB. The Board approved the submission of a low attendance waiver to TEA as allowed by the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook for Red Rock Elementary after a bout of flu and other illness reduced attendance January 22-24 to 81-83%. The Board also approved a recommendation to accept the settlement offer from Asplundh Tree of \$1,127,500, which will result in a net recovery of \$721,600 after attorneys' fees and case expenses.

The Board of Trustees also voted unanimously to extend the contract of our Superintendent. Congratulations Mr. Edwards!

Enrollment Update (Total 11,479 as of February 7, 2020)

BE - 787	LPE - 698	BIS - 836	BMS - 854	BHS - 1410	CRCA - 214
CCE - 850	ME - 645	CCIS - 949	CCMS - 1011	CCHS - 1644	GHS - 116
EE - 786	RRE - 679				

Key Details About *The Bond Election*

Bastrop ISD has two propositions on the May ballot. **Proposition A for \$134,248,000** is for projects related to Safety & Security, Growth and Instructional Capacity, and General Renovations & Improvements for ALL campuses. **Proposition B for \$5,911,000** is for renovations to Erhard Field and related sports center and girls/boys locker rooms. **The total bond package is \$140,159,000 with no tax rate increase.** It's important to note that the bond proposal is split into Prop A and Prop B to comply with a new law requiring facilities of 1,000+ seats be placed in a separate proposition.

**April 20-28 is early voting on all campuses (except Gateway)
Election Day is May 2**

