



Whitehouse Independent School District

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Whitehouse ISD School Board Meeting Summary June 14, 2016

The Board of Trustees recognized two individuals for outstanding achievements.

Whitehouse High School Band Director, Mr. Denny Whitley was recognized for his recent recognition as the Meritorious Achievement Award winner presented by the Texas Bandmasters Association, as one of three among thousands of band directors across the state. Board Members and Superintendent Dr. Chris Moran presented Mr. Whitley with a certificate honoring his achievement.

Whitehouse Senior Chance Stephenson was also recognized. Stephenson is graduating Whitehouse and headed to Texas Tech to continue his track and field career. Stephenson broke several school records in Track and Field this past season, including finishing third place at the UIL State Track and Field Championship with a new personal best of 47.31 seconds in the 400 meter race. Board Members and Superintendent Dr. Chris Moran presented Mr. Stephenson with a certificate honoring his achievement.

In other business, the WISD board discussed the following items:

-Mr. Fuller and Ms. Jamison from Whitehouse High School updated the Board on 'Project Lead the Way.' The project highlights project-based and problem-based learning. It introduces students to classes in Principles of Engineering, Engineering Design and Development, Aerospace Engineering, among other things. It also will offer a new dual-credit program where students can take Engineering 1201. 'Project Lead the Way' will be the first time a class is offered at the University level providing college credit that will transfer to most Universities that have Engineering programs.

-Chief Financial Officer, Clint Ray, discussed the budget with the board planning for potential increases in insurance premiums for employees who utilize TRS Active Care health insurance. Mr. Ray and Dr. Moran also presented the Board with a rundown of the Facilities Steering Committee and how the process was progressing. All of the information related to the FSC can be found under the 'Facilities' tab on the website.

-Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Operations, Duane Barber, briefed the Board on summer projects and their completion timelines that included, but are not limited to, new lighting for the High School parking lot, repairs to the Junior High gym after flood damage, and HVAC repairs to Cain Elementary.

The Board passed several motions last night that included, but are not limited to:

- Renewing Region XII contracts
- Reviewing Administration job classification
- An out-of-state trip for High School band members
- Switching from a six week grade period to a nine week grading period to eliminate frequent testing and benefit UIL participants.

The Board ended the meeting with nominating members to new positions:

- Greg Hood became the new Board President.
- Wade Weathers remained the Board Vice President.
- Holly Conaway became Board Secretary.

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