



Boling ISD Enlightenment

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November 14, 2017 Board Meeting Reported by: Lindsay Mahalito

Approved the 2016-2017 Audit Report – Harry Afaolapa & Associates

Awarded a contract for construction (\$1,882,050) to Bass Construction for a new Classroom & Office Building Project at Iago Junior High School.

Approved Jerry Svatek as designated representative to serve on the Central Appraisal District of Wharton County Board of Directors for the January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019 term.

Approved the TASB – initiated Localized Update 109 affecting Local policies BBE, CDA, CKC, CNA, CO, DF, DH, EHBAF, EJ, FEA, FFAA, FFF, FFI, GBAA, GKA, GKC, and GKE

Approved to cast 17 votes on behalf of Stephen Zapalac for the Matagorda County Board of Directors Election.

BISD Administration

Wade Stidevent, Superintendent
Bryan Blanar, Assistant Superintendent

Keith Jedlicka, BHS Principal
Tim Moore, BHS Assistant Principal
Brett Pohler, JFH Principal
Gerald Floyd, NES Principal



Board of Trustees

Donald Sciba, President
Seferino Jimenez, Vice President
Jerry Svatek, Secretary
Rusty Hubenak, Assistant Secretary
Shawn Chilek, Member
Ramona Petrosky, Member
David Rolf, Member



For your calendar: November 17th - Payday

November 20th-24th – Thanksgiving Holiday

BOLING HIGH SCHOOL

Reported by: BHS Staff

EXXON-MOBIL DONATION

BHS recently received two \$500.00 grants totaling \$1000.00 through the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance. Ed Youngblood, a community member who works for Fikes Wholesale Inc., was instrumental in securing the grants for BHS. The two grants were funded by the Columbia Stop in West Columbia and Han D Pak in El Campo. Thank you to Mr. Youngblood, Columbia Stop and Han D Pak for making such an investment in the future of our students. The money will be used to support the two new STEM clubs on campus, Power Set and WIT.



BHS FFA

The Boling FFA Chapter would like to thank everyone who purchased meat and cookie products from FFA and Jr. FFA members. The annual fundraiser had a great turnout. Your continued support is very much appreciated. We also were busy training our Leadership Development Teams (LDE). The students worked hard at memorizing scripts, practicing their parts as a group, and learning skills that will help further them in life. We are very proud of all of the hard work and dedication they have put forth so far. We attended the Houston Community College 6th annual HCC LDE Extravaganza on October 27th, and our students did very well. Congratulations to the following students, Agricultural Advocacy 1st (Olivia Makofski, Emily Gmitter, Preston Miller, Yatziri Ramirez and Madison Spacek), Senior Creed – 6th (Haley Gavranovic), Greenhand Creed – 6th (Krista Wittig), Senior Quiz – 6th (Kodey Sulak, Emily Woytek, Drake Bartos, Aryan Bhatka, and Samantha Kalmus), Greenhand Quiz – 11th (Wil Harborth, Garret Svatek, Gracie Bosch, Nathan Rowland, and Shannon Dube), Job Interview – 9th (Laelah Bickham), Senior Chapter Conducting – 2nd (Haley Gavranovic, Madison Floyd, Roxanne Pittman, Laelah Bickham, Allison Jedlicka, Gabbie Svatek, Aryan Bhatka, Preston Miller, and Jacob Razor), Junior Chapter Conducting – 3rd (Shannon Dube, Gracie Bosch, Allison Ezell, Tom Elliot, Nathan Rowland, Rachel Wittig, Krista Wittig, and Kaylynn Macek), Public Relations – 2nd (Madison Floyd, Samantha Kalmus, Allison Jedlicka, and Gabbie Svatek), and Radio – 8th (Chase Chumchal, Yatziri Ramirez, and Olivia Makofski). We are very proud of these students and are looking forward to see what they will do in the future.

BHS FCCLA

PLCC had another successful start to the new school year. We have 17 young children attending the program this year. FCCLA members donated breakfast to Team Rubicon, an amazing organization of veterans who donate their time to do the physically and emotionally difficult work of disaster recovery. Members met bright and early to make breakfast tacos for the disaster relief team that is stationed locally. We would like to thank the Boling FFA for donating the bacon and sausage to help in our efforts. FCCLA also took donations for the month of October to donate to the Relay for life of Wharton County. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. We collected \$133 to donate to this great cause.

BHS POWER SET

A new organization has come to the BHS campus called POWER SET (Powerful Opportunities for Women Eager and Ready for Science, Engineering, and Technology) thanks to sponsors from Texas A&M, NPI (Nuclear Power Institute), and Judge Spenrath. This program gives young women the educational tools and support to pursue careers in STEM. Through POWER SET, female students visit NPI industry partners, colleges and universities, medical sites, and other places of interest to students looking to pursue STEM careers. The young women must maintain a high GPA, submit an application, and undergo an interview as part of the conditions for membership. Over thirty candidates went through this process and will take part in an induction ceremony in December. Congratulations to the 32 members of the BHS POWER SET chapter.

BOLING HIGH SCHOOL Continued

BHS WORKFORCE INDUSTRY TRAINING

WIT (Workforce Industry Training) is a new program to BHS. WIT is designed for both male and female students who are interested in STEM careers. WIT is sponsored by the Nuclear Power Institute (NPI) at Texas A&M University. Congratulations to our new WIT members! (*Members of WIT and Power Set accept \$1000.00 donation*)



BHS BAND

The BHS Band competed in the UIL Region 13 Marching Contest in October earning a 2nd Division Rating. This past week a majority of the band attended Houston Grand Opera's High School Night at the Opera for a live production of Verdi's *La Traviata*. SAVE THE DATE! Our annual Christmas Concert will be held on Monday evening, December 11 at 6:00 in the BHS gym. Join us for a celebration of the Christmas season!

BHS STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council officers attended the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Real World Training event on October 28th. Attending were Chase Chumchal, Gabi Davila, Allison Jedlicka, Laelah Bickham and Gabbie Svatek. Officers learned valuable techniques on how to run a successful blood drive and the importance of asking your community to give blood. Our next blood drive will be on November 29th. We appreciate your support.

BHS students continue to show their support for the Bulldog Football team by dressing up on Fridays for Spirit Day. Student Council presents prizes to those individuals displaying the most spirit. Congratulations to all our winners for the month of October and November. Thank you for your continued support!

Student Council members attended the District 14 Fall Convention at Bay City High School. Members attended workshops about leadership, school spirit, and school and community projects. The Student Council members had a great time and look forward to the Spring Convention. Thank you all members for a successful convention and all your hard work.

Student Council hosted the 2017 Homecoming Festivities on November 3rd. Congratulations to our 2017 Homecoming Court: Gabi Davila, Haley Gavranovic, Hannah Merecka, Ashleigh Sulak and Samantha Wendel. The Homecoming Court also included Football Sweetheart- Sarah Lynch and Band Sweetheart- Jordan Diaz. Hannah Merecka was crowned 2017 BHS Homecoming Queen.

Student Council hosted Red Ribbon Week on campus, October 23rd – October 27th. Students were encouraged to participate in the dress up days to show their support for staying drug free.

BHS ATHLETICS

The Boling JV Football team finished 2nd in district with a record of 5-3. The first playoff game for Varsity Football will be against Blanco on Friday, 11/17. The game will be held in Giddings. Good luck Bulldogs!

Reported by: Sarah Harborth

On Monday, October 9th, our Student Council attended the Fall Convention in Bay City. They participated in sessions with other junior high students to discuss different activities that can be done in our school. High school students taught them some songs and games to get them up and moving. The students ended the day with a team building activity in the gym- The Amazing Race!

2017-2018 Student Council members are for 8th Grade: Kade Sabrsula- president, Kylee Joyce- vice president, Harrison Lee- historian, Marc Mendoza- treasurer, Karsyn Murray-secretary, and Allie Floyd. 7th Grade: Franklin Gavranovic, Karli Joyce, Madison Malone, and Gracie Page. 6th Grade: Kenna Gibson, Izzy Jacoby, and Savannah Savage.

IJH celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 23-27. We kicked the week off with a D.A.R.E. assembly where students were given a demonstration of the gear officers wear when they make a drug bust. Students won a variety of door prizes and Patrick Mason won a gift card for sinking a 3 point shot. On Monday, Kate Salas won the spirit award for "Wear Red Against Drugs- Wear Red Day." On Tuesday, Donnae Deveraux won the spirit award for "Team Up Against Drugs- Wear Your Favorite Sports Team T-Shirt or Outfit." On Wednesday, Cheyanne Hooper won the spirit award for "My Future is Bright and Drug Free- Wear Neon." On Thursday, Kyler Sweat and Colby Murray won the spirit award for "Drugs are Not Popular- Dress Like a Celebrity." On Friday, Toby Wittig won the spirit award for "Don't Get Hooked on Drugs- Wear Fishing Clothes." (By the way- the spirit award was a plush bulldog.)

Our Veteran's Day program was on November 11, 2017. Karsyn Murray began the program. Madison Malone and Gracie Page posted the colors. Marc Mendoza led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our 7th and 8th grade band played the National Anthem. Kade Sabrsula read a poem about Veteran's Day. Mr. Pohler welcomed students, staff, and visitors with opening remarks. All the veterans attending were introduced and received a standing ovation from our students. The band played "America the Beautiful." Kylee Joyce read the winning essay of "What Veteran's Day Means to Me," written by Karli Joyce. Karli received a gift card. Kaileen Arbing, Citalic Covarrubias, Adriana Garcia, Kenna Gibson, Andrea Gonzalez, Cheyanne Hooper, Karis Meek, Claudia Muniz, Maegan Munoz, and Emmalee Roemen sang "My Country, Tis of Thee." Karli Joyce led us in a moment of silence, then Natalie Gonzales played "Taps." Retiring of the colors was done by Harrison Lee and Franklin Gavranovic. Allie Floyd concluded the program with a poem- "Take a Moment to Thank a Veteran."

NEWGULF ELEMENTARY

Reported by: Cathy Schoenfield

Pre-Kindergarten students are learning to write their first names. They have learned six letters and sounds, classifying and sorting objects by one or two attributes and the sizes of objects. The family unit taught them about the importance of their families and each child told the class about the fun activities they do with their family. Their family pictures were displayed on the bulletin board during the family unit. Our "heroes", the fire fighters came to visit and discussed ways to keep us safe. They also gave the students their own fire hat and a bag of goodies that will help them learn more about fire prevention. The students enjoyed a ride on the fire truck. Thanks to all the fire fighters for volunteering time for the student's education! The children participated in activities for Red Ribbon Week. They learned the importance of staying "drug free." The students also had fun helping carve a jack-o-lantern. They experienced touching the pulp and counting seeds. The students matched the seeds on a paper with 10

circle shapes and then put stacks of 10 together until they counted all the seeds. Their pumpkin had 481 seeds! That was amazing coming from a small pumpkin. It was great fun! The students wore their turkey hats as they enjoyed eating turkey and dressing in the cafeteria before the Thanksgiving Holidays.

October was a busy month in Kindergarten. In Reading, the children have learned lots of new words and are now writing stories with their teacher's help. We are counting sets to 10, putting numbers in counting order and comparing sets. In Science, the children learned about matter and how it changes and now are learning about light. The Boling Volunteer fireman came and gave our students a fantastic lesson on Fire Safety. All of the children got to hold the fire hose and put out a mock house fire, and go on a ride on the firetruck. They also got to cheer on their teacher as they got to put out a real fire with an extinguisher. Red ribbon week wrapped up our October. The children had lots of fun dressing for the theme each day.

First grade has been busy the last couple of weeks. We traveled to Brookshire to the Dewberry Farm for our fall field trip. The kids had a blast and even got to pick their very own pumpkins. We also had the Boling Fire Department come out for Fire Safety week. The kids learned all about how to stay safe during a fire, participated in putting out fake fires, and even got to ride on the fire truck. This is something the kids always enjoy. The students also participated in Red Ribbon Week. The students loved dressing up according to the spirit days.

Second grade math classes are working on 2-digit addition and subtraction without regrouping and improper fractions. Science classes are studying the States of Matter. In Social Studies they are learning about making good choices and working to meet our needs. Second grade ELA classes of Guin and Rolf have been busy starting cursive handwriting. We have also been working on nouns in English and Cause and Effect in Reading. We also enjoyed the Book Fair in the Newgulf library.

Third grade students have been busy reading books and taking AR tests to earn their Book It pizza coupons. This six weeks the grade level has amassed over 800 points. Way to go third grade!

The students are also working on persuasive texts, authors purpose, main idea, drawing conclusions from text, plus using context clues to help them identify unfamiliar words.

In Science the students have been enjoying the lab experiments! They have been learning about different forms of energy. The students were able to explore mechanical, sound, light, and thermal energy in four different stations. In Social Studies the students will be focusing on good citizens and good deeds. The students will describe the rights and responsibilities of citizens. They will be able to demonstrate positive citizenship in school and in their community. The students will then be able to identify rules and laws and what happens when they are not followed.

Third grade ELA students have been learning about verbs and using them in their writing. They have played games in which they had to use a verb in a sentence when the ball was thrown to them. They enjoyed this. We wrote a story about something that was hard for them to do and they had to use verbs in the story. They did amazing! Students also learned about combining sentences.

Math students in third grade worked really hard this six weeks. In preparation for our six weeks test, I decided to throw in a little technology and fun to review for their test. They got to do a Kahoot review where the students were able to learn and be engaged.

Fourth grade ELA students are working on Friendly Letter, Spelling with r-controlled and suffixes, topic and closing sentences, and irregular plural nouns.

Fourth grade Reading classes have been working on comprehension strategies and skills. We have been focusing cause and effect, sequencing, and Author's purpose. The students are enjoying their interactive notebook activities to help strengthen their skills.

In Fourth grade math, we are finishing up the second six weeks with comparing whole numbers and learning the attributes of several two dimensional figures. We are adding to our math journals weekly and are working hard to master our multiplication facts.

Fourth grade Science students investigated how adding and removing heat can change matter. They also observed condensation developing on the outside of a plastic water bottle and then recorded their observations.

In Fifth grade math we are wrapping up the 6 weeks learning about perimeter. We have also learned conversions and order of operations! Reading has been really interesting. Students have been working on reading passages that have been based around expository text. They have loved learning science and social studies during reading and seeing how reading relates to the real world. We have also loved participating in the BOOK IT program, a program Pizza Hut sponsors that rewards students monthly with a free pizza for meeting their reading goals.

In Science, we have been busy learning about Energy and Force and Motion. Students are working on their end of the 6 weeks project-periscopes.

NEWGULF ELEMENTARY

Continued

English classes have been busy with all types of nouns this week. Common, proper, singular, plural and possessive nouns to be exact! Social Studies has been so much fun for the fifth graders as we continued learning how our nation has grown through the early 1800's. The Cherokee Indians and the Trail of Tears was the most interesting subject for the students as they wrote some awesome journal entries!

In PE, our Roadrunners are continuing to stay strong. They have really been enjoying the cooler weather, and it's helping the students add the laps faster. We have learned all our exercises and have been enjoying playing games.

Music is rocking right along! We have been working hard in preparation for fall program. We also took time out to honor the men and women who served our country with a Veterans Day Assembly!