

SPRINGBOARD

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The **Springboard** e-newsletter is provided as a community service to inform the public of actions during the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees. The official minutes from the meeting will be posted online at www.springisd.org once approved by the Board.

The Spring ISD Board of Trustees met at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at the Randall Reed Center to address items on the agenda following the opening ceremony for Planet Ford Stadium. President **Rhonda Newhouse** called the meeting to order and Spring High School Navy JROTC cadets led the United States and Texas pledges of allegiance.



Board Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Rodney Watson are joined on the 50 yard line by representatives from Planet Ford and Stantec Architects for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Planet Ford Stadium prior to the board meeting.

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Recognitions

Retiring Trustee Chris Bell Recognized for Years of Service and Commitment

The Board of Trustees recognized Trustee **Chris A. Bell** for his commitment to Spring Independent School District by presenting him with an award acknowledging his years of service. Bell is retiring from the Board after serving two three-year terms in Position 2.

"There are lots of opportunities here," Bell said. "I just want to thank everyone, the board members and cabinet, all those who have been there with me the last six years as I have endeavored to be a servant leader in this district."

Bell has lived in Spring for more than 24 years. During his time with the district, he has served on over 15 school and district committees, including the Spring ISD Education Foundation Board of Directors.



Board President Rhonda Newhouse, from left, presents Trustee Chris Bell with an award representing his years of service on the Spring ISD Board of Trustees.

Public Participation is Welcomed

Citizens who want to speak at a Board meeting are asked to register at least 15 minutes prior to the time when the meeting is scheduled to begin.

For more information, go online at www.springisd.org and click on the Public Participation at Board Meetings link under General Info.

The next regular Board Meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the Gordon M. Anderson Leadership Center, 16717 Ella Blvd.

Action Items

Board Approves Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer **Ann Westbrook** presented the district's 2018-19 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) to the Board for review at the Board Work Session on Nov. 7. The 134-page document is the district's report of financial operations for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2019.

The CAFR is prepared not only for the Board of Trustees, but also taxpayers, grantor agencies, employees, the Texas Education Agency, and anyone else who would like to see details regarding the district's financial management, including the independent auditor's report.

At the work session on Nov. 7, Westbrook walked trustees through the document, explaining the different sections and offering a rundown of revenue, expenditures, and the district's fund balance, as well as debt service obligations. The document also includes historical data associated with the top 10 taxpayers and trends over the past 10 years.

At the Regular Board Meeting, the Board voted to approve both the CAFR and the Independent Auditor's Report, as part of the consent agenda. The [CAFR](#) has been posted online for the public to see.

In other action the Board approved:

- Adopting a resolution for casting its ballot for electing **Martina Lemond Dixon** to the Harris County Appraisal District Board of Directors;
- Second reading of proposed revisions affecting Board Policy EIC (local) regarding Academic Achievement - Class Ranking;
- 2019-20 Child Care Local Match Contribution Agreement with Gulf Coast Local Workforce Board;
- Contract with Cypress Fairbanks ISD for using the Richard E. Berry Educational Support Center for the 2020 graduation ceremonies;
- Memorandum of Understanding with Prairie View A&M University to provide early admission and related services to Spring ISD students;
- Facility Use Agreement with Lone Star College-Greenspoint campus for adult education and literacy services;
- Affiliation agreement with Prairie View A&M University to support internships for Licensed Specialists in School Psychology;
- 2019-20 First Budget Review;
- Request for Proposal for group travel services;
- Request for Proposal for fire sprinkler inspections, parts and services; and
- Taxpayer refunds.



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