

# Board Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the FBISD Board of Trustees

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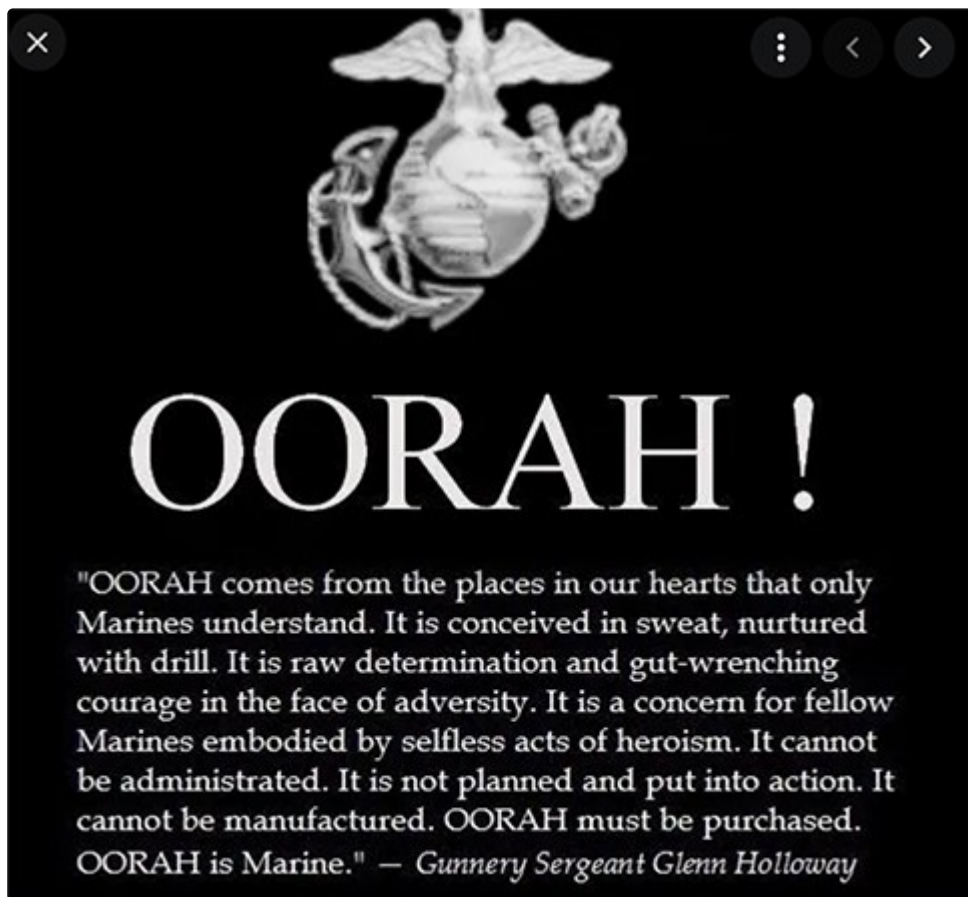
Thank you for your dedication to our Hornet community! We appreciate the time you spend with us at committee meetings, workshops, and regular board meetings! It keeps us connected and laser-focused on the goals that we have set for our district and committed to those we serve! We close the month knowing that we have accomplished the goal of bringing a recommendation to the board and the board's adoption of the benefits packages for our employees and now are in the midst of critical conversations regarding the financial position of the district and future considerations for the compensation plans for the 2021-2022 school year. These discussions will also set a plan to get us to a stable fiduciary position to support our teachers and auxiliary personnel at all levels in the organization. We appreciate the feedback you've provided us!

Ludi and I will crunch the numbers and plan on meeting with the Budget Committee before the next Budget Workshop that we will hold on July 29 before the regularly scheduled board meeting that evening. I plan to revisit the committee members' list to ensure that we have fair representation on the budget committee as we did with the benefits committee.

Have a wonderful July 4th weekend!

**Be Safe! Be Strong! Bee a Hornet!**

OORAH! "...It is raw determination and gut-wrenching courage in the face of adversity"!



## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - STUDENT HEROES AWARD 2021

Julia Gilliam, a rising senior at FBHS, has been awarded the State Board of Education (SBOE), District 2, Student Heroes Award. She is only one of 12 students across the state to receive this prestigious award.



The Student Heroes program recognizes Texas public school students in prekindergarten through high school who do an outstanding volunteer service that benefits their fellow students, schools, or communities.

Julia was selected for the Student Heroes Award for her work in creating and organizing the Nueces County Junior Livestock All-Star Show for special needs students.

Ruben Cortez, SBOE District 2 Member, will present the Student Heroes Award to Julia in the fall in the presence of her peers.

We congratulate Julia and are extremely proud of her many accomplishments!

## MEETING WITH BEN POLAK - NAS-CC COMMUNITY PLANNING LIAISON

Superintendent Soliz-Garcia and Kim Sneed met with Ben Polak, Community Planning Liaison Officer with Naval Air Station – Corpus Christi, this week. He had great news to share a collaborative funding

opportunity that could benefit both the District and the base community.

He shared information with us regarding The Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP). DCIP is designed to address community infrastructure deficiencies that support a military installation to enhance military value, installation resilience, and military family quality of life. The program authorizes the Secretary of Defense to make grants, conclude cooperative agreements, and supplement funds available under other Federal programs supporting the program.

We talked about various opportunities funded through the program, such as after-school programs, classroom projects, and enhancements to current school district facilities. For 2020, grants awarded through the DCIP to school districts across the country for various projects ranging from \$200,000 to \$10M!

Mr. Polak shared past projects that have been awarded grants to help us begin the discussions on how we can forge a strong partnership to develop a project that could benefit both entities. We look to begin work now to develop a plan and apply for the grant in 2022.

This is an exciting venture, and we are looking forward to growing our partnerships with NAS-CC, CCAD, and other military installations through opportunities like this.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Three vacant security officer positions were filled this week. FBISD Officers will begin their new roles at the start of the new school year.

Hector Zapata, the District's Graphic Artist and Web Specialist in the Public Information Office, will update the police department web page. It should be live shortly.



## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Two reimbursement programs were authorized to reimburse local education agencies for eligible expenditures made during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is how Flour Bluff ISD benefitted:

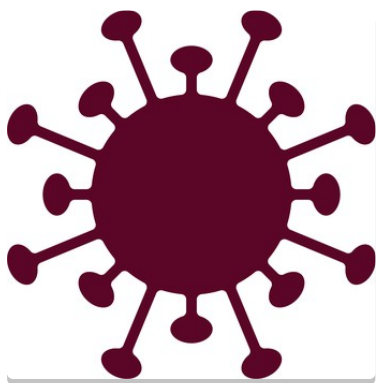
1. *Operation Connectivity Bulk-Purchase Local Reimbursement Program (LMRP)* – the district received 550 chrome books and 66 connected hotspots worth a total of \$146,190.00 at half the cost. The Board of Trustees approved this purchase at the cost of \$73,095.00. Thereafter, a request was made to the Corpus Christi Mayor and City Council to reimburse the district for half our expenditure which amounted to \$36,547.50. This request was granted. TEA then matched these funds in the amount of \$36,547.50. In summary, Flour Bluff ISD received \$146,190.00 worth of equipment and services at no cost.
2. *Operation Connectivity Prior Purchase Reimbursement Program (PPRP)* – the district applied for the reimbursement of funds spent for eligible technology-related purchases. On Sunday, June 27, we received an email with a notification stating our application for "(PPRP) has been fully approved, and you are receiving a reimbursement payment of \$110,453.23."





## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[Click here](#) to keep up-to-date on progress of all House and Senate Bills and other legislative activity.



## COVID-19 UPDATE AND ONLINE TRACKER

The Online Tracker is updated each day as new cases are received and students/staff recover from COVID-19. To review the COVID-19 Online Tracker and Re-Opening Plan, click the link below...

<https://flourbluffschools.net/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>

Staff members and students continue to follow all protocols put in place for COVID-19 at the campus and district facilities because of this we continue to see minimal cases of COVID-19. At this time, we have no reported positive cases.



# Happy 4th of July

**FBISD DISTRICT OFFICES WILL BE  
CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 5TH IN  
OBSERVANCE OF THE  
JULY 4TH HOLIDAY**



**FLOUR BLUFF** ISD



[FBISD Calendar of Events](#)

## Regular Board Meeting

When

Thursday, July 29th, 6pm

Where

Flour Bluff Independent School District, TX, USA TX

More information

Administration Building Board Room





## CONTACT INFO

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