

## **Board of Trustees Meetings**

### **Board Briefings for April 2023**

- **TEPSA: National Distinguished Principal for Texas (NAESP) Nikol Youngberg**

April 19, 2023, AUSTIN, TX – Guided by the belief that academic growth happens best when a child is cared for as a “whole individual,” Nikol Youngberg, EdD, has created holistic and innovative learning environments for students at Flour Bluff Primary and Elementary schools in Flour Bluff ISD. Under Dr. Youngberg’s leadership, the two schools have been successfully integrated into a shared school to increase student achievement and improve the alignment of curriculum and services. In addition to serving as principal of the two schools, Dr. Youngberg is also the district’s Curriculum and Instruction Director for PK–4th grades. Dr. Youngberg’s exceptional leadership and commitment to learners on her campuses and in her district have led her to be named the 2023 NAESP National Distinguished Principal of the Year for Texas by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA).

Dr. Youngberg and her staff use a Multi-Tiered Systems Support Approach to help students stay safe and healthy while growing socially, emotionally, physically, and academically. The schools are part of the Meadow Center Tiered Interventions Using Evidence-Based Research which focuses on creating, and continuously improving, educational practices and programs that enrich, and when needed, intervene in the growth and well-being of students. Staff collaboration and professional development, curriculum design, parent engagement and school-community partnerships all play a critical role in ensuring each student has what they need to grow and thrive.

Sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), the National Distinguished Principals program honors outstanding elementary and middle-level administrators who ensure that America’s children acquire a sound foundation for lifelong learning and achievement. The program was established in 1984 to recognize and celebrate elementary and middle-level principals who set high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and climate for the students, families, and staff in their learning communities. Learn more at [naesp.org](https://naesp.org).

- **Item 6.B: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade TMSCA**

TMSCA State Academic Competition!

This past Saturday, March 18, seven of our Hornets competed in the TMSCA State Academic Competition in 4 events:

- \* Number Sense
- \* Calculator Applications
- \* Mathematics
- \* Science

1st Place team in 3 of the 4 events and winning sweepstakes champions for 5A.

## ● **Item 10. B: Update on the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

Moak Casey Proven Leaders Advancing Texas Schools. A Comparison of House and Senate Appropriations for 24-25 Biennium. The House Appropriations Committee approved HB 1 on March 23rd. The Senate Finance Committee approved subcommittee recommendations for SB 1 on March 27th. The appropriation covered are as followed:

- Maintaining Foundation School Program
- New Money for Public Education
- Property Tax Relief
- Instructional Materials and Technology Fund
- Strong Foundations Grant
- Supplemental Special Education Services Program
- Cybersecurity

They agreed on the following:

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They disagreed on the following:

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- Property Tax Relief

House and Senate Supplemental Appropriations. House Committee Substitute for SB 30 (HCSSB 30), As Passed by Committee Vs. Senate Committee Substitute for SB 30 (SCSSB 30), As Engrossed. The appropriation covered are as followed:

- Reconciling Original FSP Appropriations with Projected FSP Expenditures
- TRS Benefit Enhancements
- School Safety

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