



# SCHOOL PAGE



**Giving Back!** Bronte Kindergarten students are collecting coins this year to donate or "Give Back" to the Bronte Recycling Center. As of December 18, 2015, these students have collected \$125.25. The children are also bringing items to be recycled using their new "Recycling Wagon". Ed and Terry Blevins of Blackwell donated the wagon to the students.

## School Board Members Honored

January 2016 is School Board Recognition Month, a time to thank the more than 7,100 locally elected citizens who deeply care about the success of all Texas children. These dedicated men and women serve without pay on local school boards. Each year the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) encourages parents, district staff, and community leaders to show appreciation to board members for their unfailing commitment to the future of Texas schoolchildren.

"The full potential of our state and nation depends on how well our students are prepared to embrace and master the challenges ahead. Critical to achieving this goal is ensuring excellence in public education. In communities across the state, school board members willingly step forward to tackle serious issues, deal with financial uncertainties, and provide excellent educational experiences for all of our children," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "These local trustees embrace hard work as they demonstrate compassion and concern for the well-being of every student."

"Please join me in recognizing the important role that school boards play in providing a quality education for young Texans. We applaud them for seeing that our students have the tools necessary for success and building an even stronger foundation for the Texas of tomorrow," he said.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local public school boards. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 5.2 million public school students.

## Financial Aid Meeting for Senior Parents

There will be a financial aid meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016, at 6:30 pm in the Bronte library. A representative from Angelo State University will be present to discuss the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Also, information regarding loans, grants, scholarships, and the work study program for college will also be discussed.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) for students planning on applying for financial aid to attend college after graduation. Students and one of their dependent parents must apply for a pin number at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) in order to sign off on the online application. Parents may go online and begin filling out the application but information from the 2015 tax return will be needed to complete the application.

Please be aware that certain universities and colleges may have priority deadlines for submitting the FAFSA. Typically, the earlier you are able to submit the FAFSA the better because schools tend to award grants on a first come first serve basis. Grants are those moneys that students do not have to pay back. If you have any questions about filling out the FAFSA, please call the financial aid office of the college your child is planning on

attending, or the counselor's office at Bronte High School.

## Phillee receives degree from University of Kansas

Logan Phillee of Robert Lee was one of more than 1,250 candidates for degree from the University of Kansas this past fall.

Logan was awarded the Bachelor of General Studies in History, with a Communication Studies minor. Logan, a graduate of Robert Lee High School, is the son of Tim and Kim Phillee.

## Robert Lee ISD posts board minutes

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at 5 pm for a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Wes Washam.

Members present were Tom Sawyer, Jeffie Roberts, Wes Washam, Beverly Sinclair, George Grim, Irma Torres and Erin Oleksiuk. No members were absent.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Wes Washam.

Kyla O'Dell gave a short presentation on the National FCCLA trip.

Public Hearing on School FIRST was held and Supt. Hood gave the Annual Financial Management Report.

Beverly Sinclair made a motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2015, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All

voted for.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve the financial reports given by Robin Allen and to approve the bills, seconded by Erin Oleksiuk. All voted for.

David O'Dell gave the high school report; enrollment for grades 7-12 was 109 and attendance rate was 95.9% for the month of November. Supt. Hood gave the elementary principals report; elementary enrollment for November was 172 students and 95.3% attendance rate.

Robin Allen gave the report on Board Members Continuing Education Hours. They are as follows: Wes Washam 153.10, George Grim 22.50, Jeffie Roberts 115.05, Erin Oleksiuk 21.25, Tom Sawyer 104.35, Beverly Sinclair 61.75, and Irma Torres 130.55.

Mr. O'Dell gave the Texas Academic Performance Report.

Supt. Hood recommended the Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization be approved by Resolution. Tom Sawyer made the motion to approve Resolution as read, seconded by Erin Oleksiuk. All voted for.

Supt. Hood recommended approving Morgan Runyan and Kandice Everit as Adjunct Faculty for 4H. George Grim made the motion to approve recommendation, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All voted for.

Supt. Hood presented TASB Policy Update 103. Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to approve Update 103 as

presented, seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All voted for.

Supt. Hood presented the 2015-2016 School Calendar Changes. Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to approve the calendar as presented, seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Supt. Hood gave his superintendents report on enrollment numbers, Thanksgiving meal count, serving 371 total and read thank you notes.

The Board entered into closed session at 5:39 pm and reconvened into regular session at 5:54 pm.

The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 6 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

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