



DUNCANVILLE ISD
Board Business

New Director of Accounting Announced

Angela Willis was announced as the new Director of Accounting. She comes to the district from Grand Prairie ISD where she served as the Direct of Business Intelligence. She also held the titles of Data Analyst and Database Administrator while at Grand Prairie ISD. Ms. Willis places an emphasis on streamlining processes and presenting creative solutions to solving problems, all while realizing cost savings. Ms. Willis earned a Bachelor of Science from DeVry Institute of Technology and Masters of Business Administration from Keller Graduate School of Management.



Rob McQuaid Announced as Assistant Athletic Director

Head golf coach Rob McQuaid was announced as the new Assistant Athletic Director. Coach McQuaid first joined the district in 1984 as a coach at Duncanville High School. During his time in the district, he coached under legendary head basketball coach Phil McNeely. McQuaid left the district for nine years to coach in Mansfield ISD before returning to Duncanville ISD in 2003. He spent one year at Byrd Middle School before transferring to DHS to teach history and serve as the assistant golf coach. In 2009 he became the varsity golf coach and has held that position since. Coach McQuaid earned a Bachelor of Science from Midwestern State University.



Finance Department Recognized for Accountability, Transparency



Duncanville Independent School District received its 8th consecutive award for financial accountability and transparency. The district was awarded the Certificate of Excellence (COE) in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ending in 2016 from the Association of School Business Officials International.

Chief Finance Officer Jan Arrington said there are 23 additional financial documents that are required in addition to the audited annual report. She credited Executive Secretary Debbie Prather – the person in the district who compiles those additional files.

“I’m proud of the entire department, but especially of Debbie, whose contribution to our financial accountability and transparency is immeasurable,” Arrington said.

Recognition through the COE program can help strengthen a district’s presentation for bond issuance statements and promotes high quality financial reporting.

Board Congratulates Duncanville ISD Bus Driver of the Year

Raymond Dominguez was selected as the 2017 Duncanville ISD Bus Driver of the Year. Mr.

Dominguez was nominated by his peers who call him a ‘model’ bus driver.



“Raymond is an all-around good guy who loves our students and Duncanville ISD,” Director of Transportation Brian Merchant said. “He has great respect from his peers and transports our students safely.”

Duncanville ISD’s Risk Management department, in conjunction with the district’s insurer Property Casualty Alliance of Texas, annually nominates a Bus Driver of the Year. Nominations are evaluated based on five attributes: leadership, attitude, perseverance,

student and parent relationships and technical skill. Exceptional drivers demonstrate a consistent desire to positively influence both students and co-workers through their actions and attitudes.

Mr. Dominguez will now advance to the state level where he will compete against other bus drivers from across Texas.

"Made with Pride in Duncanville" Honorees Recognized



Wafa Husein is the library media specialist at Smith Elementary. She was nominated for this honor because of her technology skills, support for the library and her sense of humor. Mrs. Husein launched the video morning announcements this school year and has been busy setting up and implementing new technology tools. She has created a library that serves as an inviting, professional and busy hub for students, staff and the community.

Veronica Guillen, a bilingual aide at Merrifield Elementary School, goes above and beyond her duties through her efforts to support the campus, students and staff. She assists with campus activities including the school carnival, creating engaging bulletin boards, treats for teachers and exciting holiday door decorations. Not only does Ms. Guillen help when and wherever she is needed, she does so with a smile and kind spirit.

Duncanville High School sophomore **Amber Siddiqui** plays the clarinet and has advanced to the All-Region Band for the past four years. She is also a member of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Interact Club and Student Council. In addition to her involvement at school, Amber volunteers in the community with doctors to check vital signs and with her family at local homeless shelters. After she graduates from Duncanville High School, Amber plans to major in neuroscience and minor in political science.

Superintendent Reports

Trustees received an update on Duncanville ISD's 2014 Bond Program.

Superintendent Dr. Marc Smith gave an update on the A-F accountability rating system.

Jan Arrington, Chief Financial Officer, presented the monthly finance and budget update.

Other Business

Approved [budget amendments](#)

Approved [financial and investment reports](#)

Approved Region 10 Education Service Center interlocal agreement for [school district mentor extra-duty stipend payments](#)

Approved memorandum of understanding for [preventative dental services](#) between the Department of State Health and Hyman Elementary

Approved textbook committee recommendation for [instructional materials allotment](#)

Approved establishing a [guarantee maximum price for the Collegiate Academy](#) project

Approved [TASB localized policy update 107](#)

Approved [dual language manipulative kits](#)

Approved [science and social studies centers](#)

Approved [increase of board member travel reimbursement](#) from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per year

Approved request for proposal for [district-wide connectivity services](#)

Approved request for proposal for [internet services for the district](#)

Heard about [Strategic Plan: Priority #1 – Focus on Student Success](#)

Received update from the [District Educational Improvement Committee](#)

Received [first budget draft](#) for the general operating fund for the 2017-18 school year