

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

Annual Board Goals

The Camden R III School Board sets goals prior to each academic year. These goals can be found at www.camdentonschools.org in the school board section. Board members Courtney Hulett, Tom Williams, and Laura Davis worked together in the spring of 2016 to update the goals for the 2016-2017 term. Mr. Hulett investigated the most appropriate methods for establishing effective goals and provided high level leadership in completing this task. Two newly established goals are highlighted below.

Reviewing academic and facility goals through a scorecard system is a new priority for the board. Tom Williams noted that while each district administrator's written monthly report provides a broad update on the pulse of each school, the scorecard provides a color-coded visual system that helps each board member see district successes and opportunities for improvement at a glance. These snapshots assist the board in determining if policy changes are necessary to help district schools and programs reach their goals.

Another board goal promotes improving out-bound communication and two-way communication. Input from district patrons and staff has always been valued, and the board strives to be transparent and open in communicating relevant information to everyone in the district. This new communication goal has prompted the board to share current board information in each quarterly district newsletter. The board's goal of attending at least two events in each district building during the academic year also helps with improving two-way communication.

Community members can remain updated about the district by attending school board meetings and by reviewing board meeting agendas and minutes on the district website. School board meetings are open to the public, and we invite community members to attend these meetings at 5:30 pm the second Monday of each month. At each meeting, specific, detailed information is provided by one or two designated district programs. For example, during the January 9th meeting the director of food services, Dawn Matthews, reviewed her

department's scorecard along with other information about food services. Community members can address the board by sending an email to board@camdentonschools.com.

Bob Shore Stadium Facilities Upgrades

Board members Jackie Schulte and Tom Williams are working with Dr. Tim Hadfield, Coach Jeff Shore, and Athletic Director Jeff Whitney to pursue necessary upgrades to Bob Shore Stadium in not only an affordable manner but in a manner that will continue to raise funds for future sport facility upgrades. The 12-year-old turf at the stadium has surpassed its lifespan and should be replaced. The stadium scoreboard is also beginning to malfunction, which provides an interesting opportunity to complete a scoreboard upgrade that will actually raise money for the district. Upgrading to a state-of-the-art scoreboard will provide the potential for turf and scoreboard replacements with no money out of the district budget and with the opportunity to raise funds for years to come.

Opportunities for community businesses to sponsor the Bob Shore Stadium facilities in return for displaying company graphics and videos using the scoreboard's state-of-the-art graphics is the catalyst for raising sport facility funds. Scoreboard graphics and video needs will also provide an opportunity for Chuck Poe's LCTC graphic design students and Melissa Jackson's Camden School Television Network students to attain 21st century knowledge and experience in designing and running the scoreboard programs.

The stadium's central campus and community location make it a hub for numerous school and community events and activities, adding to the importance of maintaining the highest level facility. Just a few school and community events and activities that routinely take place at Bob Shore Stadium include: 7th-12th grade football practices and games, 7th-12th grade track and field practices and meets, 3rd-6th grade field day, K-8th grade PE, high school graduation, community fitness, community flag and tackle football, community events such as fun runs and Relay for Life. An upgraded scoreboard can provide instant replay at sporting events as well as the opportunity for new events such as school or community movie nights.



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