

ON BOARD

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The VGO robot was introduced to the Board during the regular December meeting. The robot will enable third-grader Zachary Madden to attend classes, socialize with his friends and watch his lessons while he is unable to attend school. Zachary was diagnosed with leukemia in November and will be out for an extended period. Heather Kilgore, the district instructional technology specialist, said Zachary was trained on how to maneuver the robot through the building and interact with other students during classtime.



Safety, vital maintenance projects on go

After a lengthy discussion about selecting which capital projects on the district's wish list to fund, the Board voted to move \$415,692 from fund balance to pay for items that directly deal with safety and building maintenance issues. This includes adding surveillance cameras at CES, updating camera systems at the other campuses, installing a new fire alarm system at CES and repairing leaking roofs across the district.

Other items include playground equipment at ACW, drainage work, roofing of the gym and replacing entry doors at CMS and parking lot fixes at CES. A storage building will be built at CHS for track equipment. Now that the CHS track has been resurfaced, the district will be able to host track meets. Additional track equipment will be purchased to conduct the meets.

Not all items from the wish list were included. Trustees said they wanted to address these issues first and then determine if money was available to address other projects such as the tennis courts, stage lights and sound system at CHS, stands at the softball and baseball fields and sound and lighting at the CMS auditorium.

Board members felt it was important to maintain four month's operating balance in the fund balance as suggested by the district's auditing firm.

In other action, the Board voted unanimously to approve a resolution from Region ESC stating legislative priorities including opposition to the A-F accountability system and vouchers and increased funding from the state for all districts.

CMS teachers presented their annual report based on "Twas the Night Before Christmas" complete with a visit from Santa.



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Superintendent's report...

- Enrollment is down eight students from last month to 1609. However, it is comparable to this time last year.
- Superintendent Charlie Alderman announced that trustee election would be held May 6, 2017. Filing opens for Places 4 and 5 on January 18 and closes February 17.
- The next regular Board meeting was set for Tuesday, January 10, 2016, with executive session at 6 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7 p.m. The next meeting will be held during the annual Board Recognition Month.

BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 • 3315 Washington

Tuesday Jan. 10
Monday Feb. 20
Thursday March 23
Tuesday April 18
Monday TBA
Monday June 19

District of Innovation process moves ahead

As the district seeks to formulate its District of Innovation plan to submit to the Texas Education Agency, Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained that a committee must be selected to finalize the plan. Changes under consideration include flexibility in designing a school calendar, certification allowances and class size flexibility.

A mixture of parents, business members and school staff are required for the committee. Committee members approved included Charlie Alderman, Patty Tremmel, Diane Stegall, Lisa Palazzetti, Dr. Shenequa Miller, Steve Drummond, Amber Wagner, Meagan Heath, Nick Smith, Christi Coplin, Bonnie Hunter, Amber Weaver and Kathy Myers.

A-F accountability

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Patricia Tremmel shared video which explained the state's new A-F accountability system for schools. The state is set to release ratings in early January; however, at this time, school administrators don't know how the rating will be calculated.

A parent meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 2 at the CISD Administration Building to explain what administrators know about the ratings at that time.

Katy Bleyl was employed as an elementary art teacher.

*Merry
Christmas*

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We welcome students back
on Tuesday, January 3



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