

ON BOARD

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Senior Riley Davidson was named Volleyball Academic All-State by the Texas Girls Coaches Association. She was presented a certificate from the association from Superintendent Charlie Alderman. Claire Dobbs also received the honor and she will be recognized in February.

BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 • 3315 Washington

Monday Feb. 20

Thursday . . March 23

Tuesday . . . April 18

Monday May 15

Monday June 19

Facility projects on track

At the regular January Board meeting, Superintendent Charlie Alderman gave the Board an update on construction, renovation and repair projects that were approved last month.

Director of Technology Al Shipp explained that the surveillance camera bids were down from \$214,000 to \$160,000 by cutting 35 cameras across the district. The infrastructure would be put into place so that additional cameras could be added later as funds allow. A total of 127 cameras will be placed throughout the district.

Alderman said the high school track lacked only one layer of protective coating and striping before it was ready for use. Weather conditions have delayed its completion.

Interim Athletic Director Jeff Davidson stated that the District would have a full track schedule and possibly host a middle school track meet at the refurbished facility at the end of the season. A storage building to house new track equipment still needs to be constructed.

Alderman explained that projects were under budget by a couple of thousand dollars. Bids for the drainage work at CMS are being collected.

Board member Dr. Mark Reid expressed gratitude to the administrators for reducing the costs and scope of the projects so that the District could maintain a quality standard of facility upkeep while keeping the budget in check.

PEG public hearing explains deficit

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Patricia Tremmel led the required public hearing about the recent Public Education Grant designation for Commerce Middle School.

Because CMS is listed on the PEG list, the District must inform the community that middle school students may transfer to another district.

Passing rates on STAAR were less than or equal to 50 percent in two of the preceding three years. CMS received the designation in 2015 because of social studies scores and in 2016 due to writing scores. Dr. Tremmel said a letter would go out to parents explaining the situation and strategies are in place to increase scores.



Air Force Association, Chapter 416 presented a check for \$5000 to the CHS robotics team to purchase equipment and pay entrance fees for competitions. The CISD Board recognized the AFA chapter for their donation at the January Board meeting. Representing the AFA were at left Terry Thomas and at right Larry Ratliff and Tom Bailey. CHS robotics team sponsor Earvin Larry (back) along with team members accepted the donation.

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Superintendent's report...

- Enrollment is down nine students from last month to 1600 and 21 students down from this time last year. Director of Finance John Walker explained that the budget was built on 1500 average daily attendance (ADA) and the District was currently at 1508 ADA. He cautioned that expenditures would be scrutinized if the ADA continues to drop.
- Alderman announced that the trustee election would be held May 6, 2017. Filing opens for Places 4 and 5 on January 18 and closes February 17. Places are held by Dr. Mark Reid and Dr. LaVelle Hendricks.
- The District of Innovation plan draft was presented to the Board for review. The plan proposes flexibility of certification requirements for career and technology teachers, K-4th-grade class size variance, extending time for probationary contracts for experienced teachers, ability to evaluate teachers less than annually and allowing earlier school start date. Final approval from the Board will be requested in February.
- The next regular Board meeting was set for Monday, February 20, 2016, with executive session at 6 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7 p.m.

In other action...

- The Board accepted the resignation of Tonya Potts, educational diagnostician for Tri County SSA.
- The Board also approved the sale of two tax foreclosed properties in Neylandville.

Board recognized as the 'All-Star Team'

The Board of Trustees was honored for their service during a special dinner prior to the meeting. The seven members serve the students of our district by ensuring they receive the best education possible.

The Board includes Kathleen Hooten, president; Randy Starks, vice president; Etta Herring, secretary; Michael Beane, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Dr. Mark Reid and Gabe Wittkopf, members.

Thank you Board!

