

ON BOARD

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Superintendent Charlie Alderman administered the oath of office to incumbents Dr. LaVelle Hendricks and Dr. Mark Reid.

BOARD MEETINGS

7:00
3315 Washington
Thurs . . . 7/20

Back-to-School Bash Thursday, July 27 1 – 7 p.m. • CHS

Health Screenings
Dental Screenings
School supplies distribution
Haircuts
Hands-only CPR
Child ID fingerprinting
Immunization information
Door prizes



Board approves slight tax increase

By unanimous decision, the CISD Board of Trustees voted to increase taxes to \$1.5610/\$100 valuation for 2017 — a total increase of \$0.0174. With less money expected from the state, and reduced average daily attendance, administrators proposed a lean, conservative budget. Teachers will receive a step raise and other employees will receive two percent of the midpoint range. Personnel costs make up 72 to 80 percent of the budget, including salaries for outsourced contracts in food service and custodial services.

Prior to the vote Director of Finance John Walker conducted the required public hearing to discuss proposed 2017-2018 preliminary budget and tax rate.

In other action, the Board approved:

- CISD Wellness Plan and Evaluation, as presented by Kathy Myers, Director of Health Services,
- the property and casualty insurance bid from Trident Insurance Services through local agent Janet Duncan. The initial quote was \$189,029 but after reworking values Walker said Trident was able to reduce the cost to \$183,870, and
- TASB Local Policy Update 108 including policies EF, EFA, EFAA, EHDB, EIF, EL and GKB.

Resignations were accepted from Lisa Lipstraw, Chris Beard and Brooke Sellers. Alicia Gibson was employed at CES and Holli Harris O'Neal was employed at ACW.

Driver shortage concerns discussed

School districts across the nation face bus driver shortages and CISD is no exception. Higher wages to the west are forcing the district to be more competitive in pay. CISD administrators and the Board discussed ways to help the problem for the 2017-2018 school year. Options included streamlining routes with neighborhood stops instead of door-to-door pickup, staggering beginning and ending times or ending age-appropriate routes.

Board members agreed that families depend on the district to transport their children to school and we should continue to meet their needs. Board Member Dr. Mark Reid asked for a formal proposal from administrators to assess the cost of paying up to \$17-\$18 per hour for drivers to remain competitive.

Another idea was to pay the license fee, fingerprinting and physical charges for new drivers. The \$150 cost is prohibitive for most Texas A&M University-Commerce students, according to Dr. Reid.

School supply drive taking shape

A "Stuff the Bus" school supplies collection drive has begun. Donors may drop off regular items such as crayons, markers, glue sticks, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, bottled school glue and zippered pencil bags at Commerce Elementary, Commerce Police Station and the First United Methodist Church.