

# ON BOARD

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*Deanna Hays (right) is shown being congratulated by CES Principal Jeanne Lay and Board member Ted Oats. Hays was named ACW Principal at Monday night's meeting.*

## Hays named ACW principal

Voting unanimously, the CISD Board of Trustees approved Deanna Hays as the new principal of A.C. Williams Elementary School. Hays is a graduate of Commerce High School and East Texas State University. She began her administrative career at ACW as assistant principal. Most recently she was the assistant principal at Commerce Middle School. Prior to that she was an assistant at CHS for five years.

Quoting former ACW Principal Julia Robinson, Hays said, "I want them (children) to run into the school every morning and not want to leave at the end of the day (because they love it so)."

### In other action the Board:

- held a public hearing on the proposed 2012-13 preliminary budget and tax rate
- held a public hearing on Child Internet Protection Act compliance
- approved a five-cent per meal price increase for the 2012-13 school year
- employed teachers Korey Perry and Eilene Weimar
- accepted resignations from ACW Principal Wes Underwood, CHS Principal Virddie Montgomery and CHS teacher Elaine Stotts

### Taxes reduced, raises approved

After a bleak financial picture last year during which 12 positions were absorbed, CISD trustees were able to work with a more favorable budget which gave teachers a step increase and others a two percent on the midpoint raise. No staff reductions were necessary.

Taxpayers will see a 1 cent per \$100 valuation decrease in their school property taxes. For the average Commerce home owner that translates into a \$19 decrease in annual taxes.

### Internet protection compliance visited

Director of Technology Al Shipp shared the requirements for protecting students using technology which included controlling student access to inappropriate materials, ensuring safety and security, preventing hacking, restricting release of personally identifiable information and educating students about cyberbullying and appropriate online behavior. Shipp said the district is in compliance with all requirements.

Board member Randy Starks asked if students could bypass our filter using the new iPads. Shipp replied that they could not. Board member Ted Oats asked if our filter would be in place for student use at home. Shipp said that it would not and that parents would have to filter access at home.

#### BOARD MEETINGS

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