

ON BOARD

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June 2014

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ACW Top 25% Overall,
Reading Distinctions
CHS Math, Reading
Distinctions

Budget, tax rate set for 2014-2015

It was an important meeting for CISD Board members as several financial matters were settled including approving the preliminary budget, setting the tax rate for 2014, meal price increase and property and casualty insurance cost increase.

Director of Finance John Walker explained that the District would finish the year under budget. However, with the drop in enrollment causing a funding decrease from the state, "we will have to dip into our fund balance for a \$300,000 shortfall," Walker said.

With projected revenues from property taxes down, coupled with a decrease in enrollment, the District proposed a three cent increase to the tax rate, which was approved by the Board. The approved rate is \$1.6235.

Superintendent Blake Cooper credited Director of Curriculum and Instruction Charlie Alderman for reducing next year's budget by lowering personnel costs through attrition and merging jobs where possible.

The Board also approved a five cent meal price increase for all campuses. Elementary lunch will be \$2.20, secondary lunch will be \$2.45.

The Board approved extending the current agreement with Trident Insurance Services for property and casualty insurance. The proposal included a \$8,939 increase in cost. Walker explained that with our claims history of hail damage and leak repairs, we should expect higher rates next year, but he would go out for bids then.

Media Honor Roll

Daniel Starks was awarded the Texas Association of School Boards Media Honor Roll citation for his work at KETR radio to present a fair and balanced reporting of public school news. Starks, a graduate of Commerce High School, produced a radio news show called "The Morning Bell," which featured a Commerce viewpoint on national and statewide education issues. Starks (left) is shown with Commerce



ISD Superintendent Blake Cooper at the June CISD Board meeting where Starks was presented the award.



CHS 2014 graduate D.J. Armendariz (above) was recognized by the Commerce ISD Board of Trustees for being named an "Outstanding Soloist" at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Austin. Only 263 soloists received this distinction out of 24,000 participants statewide, according to Dave Polk, director of bands. Armendariz, a trombone player, plans to attend Texas A&M University-Commerce to major in music education.

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In other action...

- ▶ The contract for custodial services was approved with GCA Services. Superintendent Cooper said it had been a good move for the District five years ago to outsource custodial services and district manager Garon Burgin had done an excellent job for the District.
- ▶ Resignations were accepted from Anna Knutson, CHS counselor; Pamela Dickson, CES teacher; and Barri Mulkey, athletic trainer.



Athletic Booster Club President Bill Mulcahy presented Director of Finance John Walker with a \$5,000 check to be used for high school and middle school athletic uniforms. Mulcahy said it was his last official action as booster club president as Cameron Grubert takes over the role.

BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 • 3315 Washington

Monday July 21