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MARCH 2018



Superintendent Charlie Alderman congratulated CHS band members who are advancing to area and state competitions. Shown left to right are Alderman, Raquel Medrano, Luke Scarcelli, Kevin Horn, Lily Selvaggi, Grace Tolly and Bailey Guinessey.

Advancing as an area qualifier for ATSSB are Guinessey, Medrano and Tolly, Not pictured but advancing are Joseph Jang and Daniel Angel. State Solo & Ensemble qualifiers are Tolly, Scarcelli, Jang, Guinessey, Horn, Medrano, and Selvaggi.

CHS ag students brought home awards from four livestock shows across the state. Above, Tori Belcher placed second in class, Polled Hereford beef heifer. Jennifer Stephenson won in three of the four shows with a first in class, ORB beef heifer in Fort Worth, Reserve Grand Champion Chianina beef heifer in San Antonio and second place, Chianina beef heifer in Houston. Hannah Pemberton won second in class, Brangus beef heifer and Holten Pemberton won second in class and Reserve Champion in Division, Brangus beef heifer.



CISD transfers land for rec use

Negotiations that began three years ago between CISD and the City of Commerce will culminate in construction of a disc golf course and a hike and bike trail east of ACW elementary school by the summer of 2019.

Trustees voted to transfer the 8.71-acre plot to the city strictly for recreational use. The City was awarded a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant to fund the groundwork and equipment for the Centennial Park expansion.

Superintendent Charlie Alderman said the park expansion would benefit adjacent campuses.

Work should begin immediately after closing on the property. The park must be completed by the July 15, 2019 deadline or the property reverts back to CISD.



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CISD Campus Teacher of the Year honored

The Board of Trustees recognized the campus teachers of the year. From left to right, Kim Bruister, CMS; Julie McLeroy, ACW; Karen Davis, CES; and Terry Buckley, CHS. An elementary and a secondary teacher of the year will be selected from this group to compete in the regional competition at Region 10 ESC.



Tammy Bryant and Heidi Ratliff from the Air Force Association, Chapter 416, presented Earvin Larry, CHS robotics instructor, a check for \$500 for the robotics program. The gift was in memory of Mrs. Ratliff's husband Larry who was a long-term supporter of the CISD robotics program.

BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 · 3315 Washington
Mon 4/16
Mon 5/21
Mon 6/18
Mon. 7/16

In other Board action...

- Accepted resignations from Katy Bleyl, art teacher; Stephanie Pullen and Alicia Gibson, CES; Holli Harris, Carolyn McKinney and Teresa Robinson, ACW; and Kim Allison and Derrell Milner, CHS.
- Employed Dr. Mary Hendrix as the part-time federal programs and testing coordinator.
- Canceled the May 5 board of trustees election because candidates were unopposed.
- Approved the resale of tax foreclosed properties.
- Appointed Kathleen Hooten to serve on the Teacher of the Year selection committee.

In the Superintendent's report...

- Enrollment is up by three students--1527, the second highest this school year.
- Board will attend Team of Eight and SB 1566 workshop in Caddo Mills on March 26.
- TASB workshop at TAMU-C on May 15.
- CSEE Foundation Boots & BBQ Celebration & Fundraiser, April 7, 6 p.m., CHS.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, April 16 with executive session starting at 6 p.m. with the regular meeting at 7 p.m., at the Central Administration Building.

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CMS made a rousing entrance into the Board room during the meeting for their campus report. A video showed teachers and staff at CMS running late to the meeting. They hopped on a school bus, sang songs and shared their most favorite memory of working with CMS students as they traveled to the Central Office. They then burst into the Board room as if they just got off the bus.

CMS Principal, Dr. Shenequa Miller, credited her staff for their hard work to ensure the success of CMS students.



CMS students Austin White and Emma Wittkopf led the pledges during the March board meeting.

Elementary literacy plan unveiled

Dr. Patricia Tremmel, assistant superintendent, and Cari Sturch, elementary curriculum coordinator, explained the district's plan to meet the Board's goal of every student reading on grade level by third grade.

With the purchase of Fountas & Pinnell's balanced reading program for kindergarten through second grade, administrators have planned a comprehensive training program this semester and before school starts in August. A balanced literacy program includes components such as reading aloud, guided reading, shared reading, interactive writing, shared writing, reading workshop, writing workshop and word study.

A CES classroom will be converted to house 6000 books included in phase one of the program. It will be a massive undertaking this summer to organize materials before school starts, according to Sturch.

Superintendent Alderman said that in other reading approaches, the student fits the program. Using Fountas & Pinnell materials, the program adjusts, with the teacher's guidance, to the students.

Dr. Tremmel said that she would like to see the program extended through fifth grade at ACW as funds allow.