

ON BOARD

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October 2014

Students highlight October meeting

Although during every Board meeting important matters are discussed, considered and decided, some meetings remind Board members why they serve. It's because of the students. From the CHS Boys Scouts who presented the flags to sixth-grader Sarah Coffman who was recognized for excellence at the State Fair, CISD students were front and center.

Commerce High School students and staff attended as Principal David Welch showed a video about his school and all of the many activities that occur there during his annual report to the Board.

Jenny Krueger, chief professional officer of the Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Texas, thanked the Board for the use of A. C. Williams Elementary School for its after-school program. Krueger said the Club had over 500 percent growth in the last five years, averaging 125 students a day at the school. Guest teachers and students shared what happened at the club during the summer. Krueger thanked that volunteers for their service, especially Linda and Cameron Grubert.

Judy Rudoff, a former teacher, spoke to the Board about what she feels is excessive standardized testing and the rigorous curriculum in Pre-k, kindergarten, first and second grades. She asked the Board to review the testing requirements at the lower grades.

ACTION ITEMS INCLUDED:

- ▶ approval of the minutes and financial statement of September;
- ▶ acceptance of bids received on resale properties;
- ▶ delegated authority to superintendent to decide entities whose activities substitute for physical education;
- ▶ approved SHAC committee members as presented including Jennifer Speulda, Crystle Mooneyham, Jonathan Cadwell, Melanie Clayton, Patty Wilson, Vanessa Clark, Amber Weaver, Shannon Shannon and Karla Lopez.



Graduate Isaiah Martinez was presented his state championship ring for the powerlifting title he won last year. "Every state winner deserves to have a ring and several community members made sure that happened," Superintendent Cooper said.



Sixth-grader Sarah Coffman was recognized for the showing her broilers made at the State Fair of Texas.

Alderman named assistant superintendent

Charlie Alderman has been named assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction at Commerce Independent School District by the CISD



Board of Trustees.

Alderman joined CISD during the summer of 2013 as director of curriculum and instruction.

Prior to that he served as high

school principal at Sulphur Springs and Melissa ISDs. He started his teaching career at Terrell High School.

A Commerce High School graduate, Alderman is reestablishing roots in the community. He and his wife Sarah are building a home outside of Commerce where they will live with their children Colton and Tessa. Alderman's parents Alvis and Marcia Alderman are former administrators with the district.

"I am honored to be an administrator in Commerce ISD. I look forward to raising my children here just as my parents did. Commerce is a great place to live and raise a family," Alderman said.

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- ▶ Mr. Cooper reported enrollment up to 1550, the highest in two years.
- ▶ CHS theater teacher Karri Anderson explained an overseas learning opportunity during the summer of 2016. Students would raise money for the trip to Scotland.
- ▶ Mr. Cooper asked the Board to consider candidates for the Hunt County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Qualifications were noted.
- ▶ He explained how the District is working with an agency to help strengthen our web presence by tracking reviews and boosting Google Plus pages.
- ▶ The Winter Arts Festival is scheduled for December 11 at 6:30 at CHS.
- ▶ The next regular Board meeting will be held on November 17. The Board will hold its Team of Eight training on November 3 and will attend a joint school board meeting in Royse City on November 11.



Kara McLeroy helps a young reader present information about the Boys & Girls Club summer program.