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Green seated on CISD Board

Dr. Ray Green, dean of the Honors College at Texas A&M University-Commerce, took the oath of office for Place 3 on the CISD Board of Trustees.

Dr. Green has two children who attend CISD and his wife Sabrina is a licensed specialist in school psychology for Tri County SSA.

BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 · 3315 Washington

Wed. 11/15

Mon. 12/18



Expanded partnership inked by trustees

The CISD Board acted unanimously to approve three agreements with Texas A&M University-Commerce and the A&M System. One agreement will allow CISD to drill up to two water wells at CHS so that the well water can be used to irrigate athletic fields. The action, first proposed by Schneider Electric in a major retrofitting project throughout the district, is expected to save the district the cost of purchasing water. The A&M System leased the land where CHS was built to CISD and underground rights were not included in the original lease.

Another agreement shores up the partnership among A&M-Commerce, CISD and the Boys & Girls Club. The university and CISD are splitting the cost of a director for the after-school program and workers will be university students in a work/study program. This gives Boys & Girls Club a more solid foundation to build its program of tutoring and enrichment opportunities for elementary students.

The third agreement brings the AVID program to CMS. AVID helps prepare students for success in high school, college and career with a focus on closing any achievement gaps. The philosophy is to hold students accountable to the highest standards, provide academic and social support believing that students will rise to the challenge. The university is providing funds for the program.

Family Services Coordinator Alison Walker and Director of Health Services Kathy Myers presented information about the new Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Center located behind CMS. The space was formerly used for a curriculum and technology center but when the central office was moved to the ample space of the old AC Williams building, the CTE building was no longer used.

Walker explained that the space will now be used for parent meetings and workshops, the first of which was a seminar helping grandparents raising grandchildren. Opportunities continue to be revealed for its use to support families and children without disrupting day-to-day operations at each campus.

In other action...

The Board approved an ESL waiver application so that secondary English teachers can become ESL certified and approved district and campus improvement plans.

In the Superintendent's report...

Superintendent Charlie Alderman reported an increase in enrollment of five students from September 18 – 1511.

Other items included:

- Current and Former Board Member Luncheon, October 18, and
- Winter Arts Festival scheduled for December 7.

