

# ON BOARD

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*Superintendent Blake Cooper thanked outgoing board member Medley Wilson for his six years of service to the students of Commerce ISD. Cooper said it was a privilege to work with Wilson and he appreciated his tireless efforts to ensure the best education possible for our students.*

## BOARD MEETINGS

6:15 • 3315 Washington

Monday . . . . . May 21

Monday . . . . . June 18

Monday . . . . . July 18



## Short meeting settles key issues

Even though the agenda wasn't short, the Board acted quickly to consider and approve recommendations presented by Superintendent Blake Cooper.

The Board unanimously approved Rutherford Taylor & Co. PC of Greenville to perform the 2011-2012 district financial audit.

The Board accepted high bids on resale properties offered by the Hunt Co. Tax Assessor-Collector. The properties were at 1200 Kennie Dr. and CR 4509 in Commerce.

Parent and School Health Advisory Council Co-Chair Jonathan Cadwell presented the annual required report on SHAC committee activities. He reported that nutrition standards offered exceed USDA standards in school cafeterias. Elementary and middle school physical education teachers continue to teach the Food Guide Pyramid and Slow-Whoa-Go foods in coordination with CATCH, a coordinated school health program. Fitnessgram assessments were being conducted as required for third through 12th graders. Results are sent home in final report cards.

The SHAC recommended the Aim for Success, Abstinence program which was presented to grades 6 through 12. Parents had the opportunity to opt out of the presentation for their children.

SHAC is sponsoring a recycling drive beginning April 16 in celebration of Earth Day. Collection bins donated by GAC will be located at each campus and the Administration building through April.

Board member Gabe Wittkopf volunteered to serve on the Teacher of the Year Selection Committee.

In other action, obsolete computer equipment was declared surplus property clearing the way for old monitors and CPUs to be donated to the Kiwanis Club for their recycling drive.

The Board unanimously approved a Resolution devised by the Texas Association of School Administrators that calls for a transformation in Texas schools that foster innovation and creativity instead of a system built around narrowly focused standardized tests. Superintendent Cooper said he would be offering the resolution for other community entities and private citizens to act upon if they wish. He said he agreed with TEA Commissioner Robert Scott and that testing has gone too far.

Resignations were accepted from Steve Scroggin, CHS teacher; Cari Sturch, CES teacher; and Taylor Huffman, CMS teacher/coach.

Enrollment was down to 1580, down 20 from the previous month. All campuses share in the enrollment drop.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 21 with a Budget Study Session set for May 31.