

# ON BOARD

February 2011

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## **Texas Public Schools Week**

*March 7-11*

### **Tuesday, March 8**

*CES Open House*

*5:30 – 6:30 p.m.*

*ACW Art Show and Sale*

*6 – 7 p.m.*

*CHS Study Skills Overview*

*for Parents, 6:30 p.m.*

### **Wednesday, March 9**

*Commerce Leadership*

*Institute visits campuses*

### **Thursday, March 10**

*ACW flag presentation*

*by Sons of the American*

*Revolution for 5th grade*

*CMS Open House*

*5:30 – 7 p.m.*

*Internet Safety and*

*Cyberbullying presentation*

*for families 7 p.m.*

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

**6:15 • 3315 Washington**

Thursday . . . March 24

Monday . . . . . April 18

Monday . . . . . May 16

Monday . . . . . June 20

Monday . . . . . July 18

## **Board gets back to routine matters**

With campus presentations wrapping up last month and student recognitions coming later in the spring, the Board of Trustees settled into handling routine business at its February regular meeting.

After reconvening after executive session, the Board approved extending Superintendent Blake Cooper's contract through June 2014. Other administrators' contracts were extended through June 2013.

Attorney David Hudson of Perdue Brandon, the district's delinquent tax attorneys, asked the Board to consider early turnover of business personal property tax collections to begin April 1, instead of July 1. He said the earlier push to collect delinquent taxes would benefit the District. The Board approved the action and a new contract with the firm allowing them to collect fees on the early collections.

## **May 14 Trustee election ordered**

The Board ordered a joint election to be held May 14 with the City of Commerce at City Hall to fill two places on the CISD Board. Hunt County Elections Administrator will conduct the election.

Places 4 and 5 are up for election, with Ted Oats and Willie Blow, respectively, holding office. Ted Oats is the only candidate who has filed for election. Potential candidates may file through March 14 at the Central Administration Building.

Early voting will begin May 2 at City Hall from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Early voting continues through May 10. Extended voting hours will take place Wednesday and Thursday, May 4 and 5, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## **In other action...**

The Board approved applying for a TEA waiver for missed instructional days due to weather conditions. Superintendent Cooper said he believed the waiver would be approved.

The Board approved a budget amendment for replacing the HS gym floor. An insurance settlement covered the total cost of the replacement which was necessary because of a leak underneath the floor.

A resolution designating March 7-11 as Texas Public Schools Week in the district was approved. Activities are listed at left.

TASB Local Policy 89 was approved as presented. New policy requires face and eye protection in laboratory activities and also allowed credit to be awarded from other sources including Texas Virtual Network and other universities or colleges.

## **Superintendent's Report...**

Superintendent Cooper reported the district was down three students from January. Total enrollment is 1584.

The Boots N BBQ fundraiser will be held by the Foundation April 16 at 6 p.m. at CHS.

Trustees will meet at 6 p.m., Feb. 28 for a budget study session and the March regular meeting will be held March 24, instead of on the 21st.