

ON BOARD

BY-THE-MINUTES REPORT

February 2014

Election called, bus cameras purchased

The CISD Board of Trustees called for a board election to be held May 10 at City Hall. Places 4 and 5 are open and incumbent Ted Oats has filed for Place 4 and LaVelle Hendricks has filed for Place 5. Filing continues through February 28.

The Board also approved the purchase of 17 bus cameras, which will outfit all CISD buses with cameras. Eleven were purchased last year.

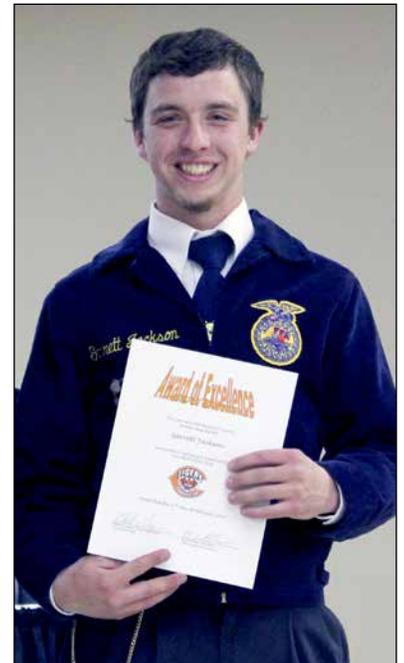
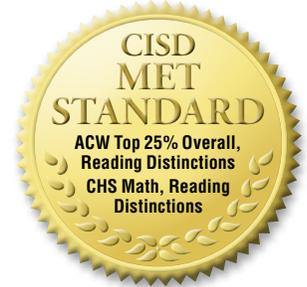
IN OTHER ACTION, THE BOARD:

- approved adding a computer lab monitor at CMS through testing. The aide will direct students in using online remediation programs throughout the day and
- approved designating March 3–7 as Texas Public Schools Week in Commerce. Open houses are planned at each campus.



The Texas A&M University-Commerce Student Activities Office organized a Lions Leap Dance Marathon benefitting the Boys & Girls Club. University students, staff and faculty raised \$1,500 for the Commerce site.

Shown are (left to right) Superintendent Blake Cooper and Boys & Girls Club Chief Professional Officer Jenny Krueger. Front row includes Boys & Girls Club Director Kara Humphries, Kia Williams and Reagan Quine. Back row Kyle Hickman, Ciara Ryan-Todd and Leo Ward.



Senior Garrett Jackson was recognized by the Board for placing second in the lightweight polled Hereford division at the Fort Worth Stock Show. Garrett's steer brought \$8,600 at the sale.



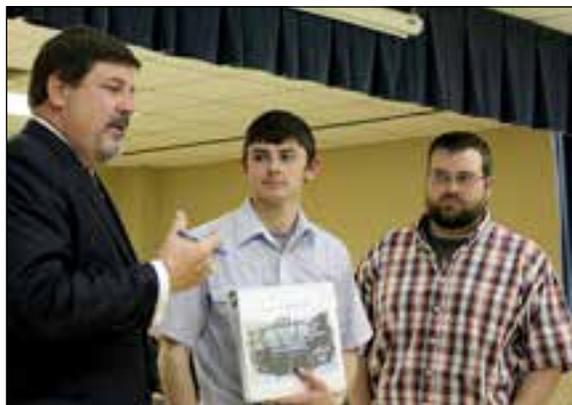
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IN THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT...

Superintendent Blake Cooper reported enrollment of 1500, down five students from this time last month.

Upcoming events included:

- Boys & Girls Club Golf Tournament Fundraiser on May 16 at Webb Hill Country Club,
- Daddy's Day In throughout May at CES, ACW and sixth-grade classes. The District will encourage fathers to give a day or a half a day spending time in classrooms and
- Black History Month celebrations at campuses throughout the month.



Payton Swinson (center) and Cody Benson (not pictured) won first place at the Fort Worth Stock Show with their custom bumper. Superintendent Blake Cooper recognized the students along with CHS ag teacher Tommy Marshall.



Second-graders Mattie Putman and Henry Lancaster led the flag pledges at the meeting. They are shown with Superintendent Cooper and Board President Willie Blow.

BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 • 3315 Washington

2014

Thursday Mar. 20
Monday April 21
Monday May 19
Monday June 16
Monday July 21

ESL certification required for elementary teachers

Superintendent Cooper recommended that the Board approve his request that all elementary teachers be required to complete ESL certification. The measure will give principals more flexibility in assigning teachers to meet the need of our growing diverse population. CES currently has students with 13 different languages spoken at home. About half of the elementary teachers already have ESL certification.

The Board voted to require all

elementary teachers to complete their ESL certification by the end of the 2014–2015 school year. Once teachers have passed the test, they will be reimbursed \$120 for the testing fee and the \$77 to add it to their certificate.

All new elementary teachers must have ESL certification upon hiring.

Test study sessions are available through Region 10 ESC and the District will provide a training opportunity later in the spring.