

ON BOARD

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Montgomery gives campus report

In his annual campus report, CHS Principal Virdie Montgomery introduced senior class members, who like others in the class, agreed to live up to being an example to lower-level students as the school year began. When they agreed to accept the challenge, they were allowed to wear the "Follow the Leader" t-shirts.

This set the tone for the school year which was chronicled in a video produced by Jodee Anderson, CHS media specialist.

Board recognized for service

During the annual Board Recognition held Tuesday, January 18, students and staff presented the Board with messages and gifts of gratitude for their service.

CES Counselor Belinda Miller led students in a poem as they gave board members pieces of candy mentioned in the poem such as PayDay, Hugs & Kisses, Symphony, etc.

Three ACW students presented the Board with potted plants and thanked them for "Growing New Leaders."

Principal Patrick Just said that crepe myrtles would be planted in front of CMS in honor of the Board and Virdie Montgomery, principal at CHS, gave the Board new portfolios.

Prior to the meeting, Board members were treated to a steak dinner along with central office and campus administrators.



Board President Willie Blow (left) and Randy Starks receive treats from a CES student.



CES counselor Belinda Miller helps students recite poetry written to honor the Board.



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In other action...

The Board approved applying for a waiver to modify class schedules on TAKS testing days this spring for CHS and CMS. CHS has allowed this for several years, but this is the first time for CMS staff to consider using it as a way to reduce distractions and free staff and space for small group testing.

CMS Principal Patrick Just said a decision has not been made to modify the schedules but the waiver gives them the option.

Superintendent's Report...

Superintendent Cooper reported the district was down ten students from December. Total enrollment is 1587, which is down from last January's 1625.

The filing period for the May 14 trustee election opens February 14. Places 4 and 5, held by Ted Oats and Willie Blow, are up for election.

BOARD MEETINGS

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Monday February 21
Thursday March 24
Monday April 18
Monday May 16
Monday June 20
Monday July 18

the CISD Board proudly recognized...



CHS band members qualifying for the ATSSB State Band were Gabriel Castaneda (represented by his mother), Kristina Moyer, Rachel Montgomery, Jordan Bolin and John Naizer. Not pictured is William Bowes.



Qualifying for Area ATSSB were (back row, left to right) Jose Lopez, Kristina Moyer, Rachel Montgomery, Alex Worley, Jordan Bolin, Jason Anthraper and John Naizer. Pictured on the front row are Ms. Castaneda representing her son Gabriel, Patricia Teran, JoAnn Jang, Lisa Khauu, Katharina Weber, Elizabeth Canzoneri and Randy Reynolds. Not pictured are Brandi Elder and William Bowes.

State budget crisis hits home

With a \$27 billion shortfall in the Texas budget, cuts are expected to hit the state's public schools hard and Commerce is no exception, according to Superintendent Blake Cooper in his report to the Board.

Several cuts on the table for the State include delaying payments to schools this summer, eliminating all grants and cutting the state contribution of \$75 toward employee health insurance.

Cooper said his administrative team would be looking at cost-saving measures.

"We will have to continue to do more with less to meet the needs of our students," he said.



Superintendent Blake Cooper explained how the projected State budget shortfall affects Commerce ISD.