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Just named CMS principal

Commerce Middle School Assistant Principal Patrick Just has been named principal of the school. Prior to his two-year stint as assistant principal, he was principal of the Houston Education Center in Greenville ISD for eight years. He has previously served as a high school counselor and a music and theater teacher.



Board adopts budget, no new taxes

The Board unanimously approved a \$12,703,846 expenditure budget for the 2009-2010 school year. With expected revenues of \$12,390,214, a shortfall of \$313,632 was approved. The deficit will come from a \$4.5 million fund balance.

Compensation for teachers, speech pathologists, librarians, counselors and nurses was approved giving an \$800 plus a step pay raise for those employee groups. The \$800 pay raise is contingent upon approval for the state to use stimulus funds for salaries. Beginning teachers will now make \$36,800 per year. Raises for administrators or support staff were not included in the budget. [Click here for more info on the 2009-2010 Teacher Pay Scale.](#)

At the public hearing prior to the budget adoption, only the media and several administrators were in attendance.

Energy conservation program approved

A projected savings of approximately \$200,000 a year for the next 10 years was enough to entice the Board to approve employing Energy Education as a consultant for the District.

Vice President of Marketing for Energy Education David Glessner said his company had worked with 1000 school clients in 48 states to reduce their energy consumption in the 20 to 30 percent range.

Key to the success of the program is a local energy education specialist, which is usually a school employee, who educates staff and helps them "Do the right thing to save energy," according to Glessner.

There is no capital outlay from the program. The company is compensated from savings realized from energy conservation over the next four years.

Superintendent Blake Cooper noted that during the company's initial review of district utility costs they found "the highest energy outputs per student they had ever witnessed."



Energy Education Consultant David Glessner explains savings that can be generated through a comprehensive conservation program.

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Superintendent Cooper reported summer school was in full swing at CES and CMS with remediation and acceleration underway. As a part of the Rural Technology Grant, the district paid tuition for 18 students to take an online course for college credit through Paris Junior College. The District paid for textbooks using High School Allotment funds. These opportunities will continue in the 2009-2010 school year.

As requested, attorney Jay Youngblood provided proof of liability insurance.

The Board set the next regular meeting for July 20 at the CMS library at 7 p.m.

Personnel action...

A resignation was accepted from Gaby Mireles, CMS/CHS Spanish teacher.

Teachers employed include Carol Adams, Jeanie Putman and Keiondra Simpson, ACW; Nick Smith, CMS; Wes Roberts, Denver Foster and Rhayma Keith, CHS and Joyce Harris, CMS/CHS.

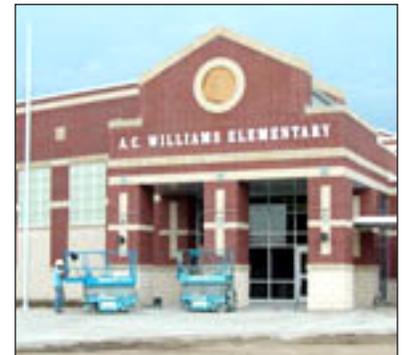
The District also employed Jeannie Lay as a secondary curriculum facilitator, a new position funded with stimulus funds.

ACW to be ready for school start

Claycomb Associates architect Nathan Morgan reported that progress on the ACW building construction was on track and there are “no issues about school start.”

Morgan said that there was still no word from the Texas Department of Transportation on any changes to the Highway 11-Loop 178 intersection which will connect to the school bus drive. Work has stalled on the drive until direction is received from the State.

A final walkthrough is planned for July 2. Furniture delivery will begin July 10.



In other action...

The Board approved:

- resolution explaining intent to fall short of proposed expenditure target established by the Commissioner of Education (65 percent). Director of Finance John Walker explained that few districts meet the target;
- renewal of property and casualty insurance with Trident Insurance Services through local agent Janet Duncan;
- purchase of technology for the new ACW school consisting of 39 Dell Computers, 37 Dell Latitude laptops and miscellaneous computer equipment from ZAC Solutions for the amount of \$103,000;
- shared services arrangement for the Greenville Regional Day School Program for the Deaf; and
- designating as surplus equipment five school buses, a van and three portable buildings no longer in use. Action will allow the district to accept proposals for their sale or disposal.

BOARD MEETING

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