

# ON BOARD

March 2012

## BY-THE-MINUTES REPORT



*Sophomore Lacey Worley was recognized by the Board for her artwork which placed second in her category at the state level and is headed to Washington D.C. for the national competition. Shown with Lacey (left) is CHS art teacher Denise Harris.*

### **Election canceled, Starks declared winner**

As state law allows in the event candidates are unopposed in a general election, the Board of Trustees canceled the May 12 election and declared incumbent Randy Starks the winner of Place 6. No one filed for Place 7 and policy permits the Board to appoint someone to fill the spot for the next year until an election can be held for the unexpired term. Incumbent Medley Wilson chose not to run for reelection.

### **Personnel contracts extended, other business approved**

Contracts for professional district and Tri County personnel were extended through the 2012-2013 school year as is traditionally done in March. Because of new legislation that allows districts to notify personnel of a proposed non-renewal 10 days before the last instructional day instead of 45 days, contracts will be considered later in the spring next year.

In other personnel action, a resignation was accepted from John Pullen, CHS teacher/coach.

### **Other board action included:**

- Approval of the TEA Textbook Certification adopting all textbooks on the state-approved list;
- Approval of renewal agreement with Chartwells for food service management for the next school year.
- Approval of legal services retainer agreement with Walsh, Anderson, Gallegos, Green and Trevino, P.C.;
- Approved TEA expedited waiver for three staff development days in next year's calendar; and
- Tabled the selection of a firm to conduct the annual financial audit.



### **Teachers of the Year honored**

Clayton Minor, CMS (top row, left to right); Glenda Henderson, CHS; Beverly Galyean, ACW; and Heather Kilgore, CES, were recognized by the Board for being named Teachers of the Year.





## Don't miss Boots & BBQ April 21

The primary fundraiser of the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 21 at CHS. The event showcases projects funded by the Foundation. Tickets are \$25 each and are available at the Central Administration Building at 3315 Washington.

### BOARD MEETINGS

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Monday .....April 16  
Monday .....May 21  
Monday ..... June 18  
Monday ..... July 18

## Athletic director reports to the Board

Scott Wells, who is completing his third year as athletic director with the District, reported that 290 students are participating in athletics this year. Successes included football and volleyball bi-district finalists and girls basketball bi-district champions.

He said the recent UIL reclassification to 2A "levels the playing field" making Commerce High School one of the larger schools competing instead of one of the smallest in the district. In football District 6AA will include Caddo Mills, Farmersville, Howe, Pottsboro, Sunnyvale and Van Alstyne. Volleyball and basketball are in District 14AA.

Spring sport district will be disclosed in April.

Wells said he is working with the Athletic Booster Club on a uniform project that will replace uniforms on a rotating basis with teams getting new uniforms every three years. The district will match the club's support. Booster club support will be more visible in this manner, according to Wells.



## In the Superintendent's report...

- Mr. Cooper said enrollment had dropped from the February high of 1617 to 1600.
- Principals provided monthly reports that highlight academics, parent involvement, attendance, enrollment and upcoming activities.
- Mr. Cooper informed the Board about an agreement with Texas A&M University-Commerce for facility use. The agreement allows the district to use the stadium for football games and the NETX Marching Invitational, the Field House for graduation, and the Sam Rayburn Student Center for prom. The agreement also provides catering and security for the prom. The lease/rental fee is \$14,000 annually.
- He also informed the Board about a digital classroom initiative with Apple Computing. Five high school teachers have volunteered to commit to providing digital classrooms next year. Apple will be providing professional development on the use of iPads and the district is working to get iPads down to a reasonable price so that students will be able to purchase.
- Director of Finance John Walker reported that attendance was at 95.90 percent.
- Since no bad weather days were used this year, the District will be closed April 6 and 9.