

# ON BOARD

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## Early voting open

Commerce City Hall is open for early voting through April 27 for the school board election. The office is open from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Friday. Election day voting is 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, May 1.

Candidates for Place 7 include incumbent Etta Herring, Joshua Koch, Doc Pierce and Jennifer Knight. A majority is not required to win. The candidate with the most votes wins.

Randy Starks and Kelsey Lytle are unopposed in the election.

## Special meetings called

The Board will hold special meetings to discuss finances and construction planning. The first will be held at 7 p.m., April 27 to discuss fund balance. At 7 a.m. on May 4, the Board will canvass the election votes and declare the winners.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

Another meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m., May 24 will be a Team of Eight training focused on construction planning for a new middle school.



## Board votes to request Fed dollars now

The CISD Board of Trustees voted to join other Texas school districts in sending a message to state legislators encouraging them to use the \$18 billion in federal relief funds as it was intended--to recoup costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Trustees called for legislators to transfer the money now so that schools can start the work of remediation and intervention for our students without complex administrative strings attached.

The funds would be used for intensive summer tutoring programs; preparations for rigorous, small group instruction next school year; preparations for student support needs to address the physical and mental health effects of the pandemic and updates and supplies to ensure students have clean and safe classrooms.

Legislators reduced the amount of state aid provided to schools when federal aid was given last year.

## Parent speaks on hazards of prolonged mask use

Patricia Cifuentes questioned the prolonged use of masks and shared information from Elsevier Public Health Emergency Collection. She stated that "facemasks have compromised safety and efficacy and should be avoided from use" in preventing COVID-19 transmission. She thanked the Board for opening school for face-to-face learning.

## Personnel action — resignations and employments

The Board voted accept the resignations of Jeff Davidson, Athletic Director; and Meagan Heath and Julie McLeroy, ACW teachers. Tri County SSA resignations accepted were from Angela Stanberry, diagnostician and Randy Shannon, special ed teacher. The Board employed Christopher Anderson as a CHS teacher/coach. Contract renewals for professional staff and Tri County professionals were approved.

## Other action...

The Board approved the following:

- Budget amendment moving Special Olympics funds to senior trip and special ed supplies;
- Purchase/lease of a band trailer expending funds normally used for trailer rental;
- Renewal of food service management contract with Chartwells;
- Extension of bank depository contract with Guaranty Bank & Trust;
- Approved revisions to Local Policy DBA deleting requirements for ESL certification and replacing them with incentives; and
- Sale of tax foreclosed properties at 1808 Washington St., 1601 Division St. and Booker and O'Neal Streets.

Enrollment stands at 1444, down six students from last month.

The Board heard the annual School Health Advisory Council report from Director of Health Services Kathy Myers.