

ON BOARD

February 2012

BY-THE-MINUTES REPORT

Election called, school calendar approved

CISD Board members held their monthly meeting February 20 considering matters normally considered annually including calling the school election on May 12 and approving a calendar for the next school year.

Places 6 and 7 are up for election this year. Filing began February 6 and continues through March 5. Incumbent Randy Starks has filed for re-election; however, no one has filed for Place 7, which is currently held by Medley Wilson.

The Hunt County Elections Administrator was approved to conduct the election which will be held jointly with the City of Commerce and the North Hunt Special Utilities District at City Hall.

Contracts for all administrators and supervisory personnel were extended for another year and resignations were accepted from teachers Debbie Dunham, CMS, and Mike Bessonett, CHS.

The 2012–2013 school calendar was approved after gathering feedback about the proposed calendar from staff and the community. Superintendent Blake Cooper pointed out that with the late August 27 starting date, the first semester would not end until after the Christmas holidays. State law prohibits school from starting before the fourth Monday in August. The school calendar can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Texas Public Schools Week was set for March 5–9 with this year's theme of Imagine, Explore, Discover.

In the consent agenda, the Board approved the minutes from the last two meetings and the financial statements.

In his informational reports, Cooper said enrollment was up 29 students over January's count. He said he couldn't attribute the dramatic increase to anything specifically, but he hoped it was "because of people hearing about the great things happening in our district." Each campus gained and lost students, however, the increase set enrollment at 1617, a number not seen since the 2009–2010 school year. Actually, 1617 is one of the highest counts in the last five years, with 1625 the highest in 2009–2010.



The CHS Girls Basketball team was recognized for their Bi-District championship. Shown left to right back row: Kaitlyn Mulkey, Amanda Hill, Coach LeMone Ards and Devin Rodgers. Pictured on the front row are Chelsea Love, Rebekah Cooper, Chanel Cooper and Managers Desyrea Gailliard-Smith and Jarrod Hill.

Players not pictured are Morgan Doolin, Christian Henry, Kaci Harrison, DaKayla Reed, Sayvon Brown, Raven Massey, Taitte McBee and Kelsey Mouer.



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Plaza interest high, GED program moved

Director of Curriculum, Special Programs and Grants Julia Robinson explained that the Community Plaza was serving 53 people, up from the 10 originally planned. Classes began February 13 at ACW for primary, secondary, Spanish and GED education.

The Commerce Public Library GED program has been moved to the CISD Administration Building. Classes will be held Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

Energy conservation continues to exceed expectations

Kevin Shaw, the district's energy educator, reported that conservation efforts were well above projections with a 28 percent cost avoidance across the district. The goal was a 20 percent reduction. Especially noteworthy was the reduction of CMS energy costs from \$18,000 to \$10,000 for one month.

He said he was analyzing the \$50,000 monthly water cost and would bring in an irrigation consultant to help maximize outdoor watering efficiency.



BOARD MEETINGS

6:15 • 3315 Washington

Thursday March 22
Monday April 16
Monday May 21
Monday June 18
Monday July 18



COMMERCE ISD 2012-13

August 16. New Teacher Day
 August 20–23 Staff Development
 August 24. Teacher Workday
 September 3 Labor Day
 October 8 Fair Day
 October 8 Staff Development
 November 18. Teach Exchange Day
 November 19. Teacher Exchange Day
 November 19–23 Thanksgiving
 December 21 Early Release Day
 December 24–January 4 Winter Break
 January 18 Teacher Work Day
 January 21 Martin L. King Day
 February 18 President’s Day
 February 18 Staff Development
 March 11–15 Spring Break
 April 12 Bad Weather Make-up Day
 May 27. Memorial Day
 June 7 Bad Weather Make-up Day
 June 7 Early Release Day
 June 7 Graduation
 June 8 Teacher Workday

If the second bad weather day on June 7 is not needed, it will be a holiday for students and a work day for staff. In that event, staff will not work on June 8.

- No Classes Held—Holiday
- New Teacher Day
- Student Holidays:
- Staff Development
- Teacher Workday
- Teacher Exchange Day
- Reporting Period Begins
- Reporting Period Ends
- Bad Weather Day
- Early Release
- Summer Hours
CISD offices closed

2012 FALL SEMESTER

87 Instructional Days

JULY 2012

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2013 SPRING SEMESTER

90 Instructional Days

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