

ON BOARD

May 2011

BY-THE-MINUTES REPORT



CHS Valedictorian Araceli Cabrera-Zepeda (left) and Salutatorian Elizabeth Canzoneri

Student, community recognition leads Board May agenda

Board members were reminded just why they chose to serve on the CISD Board of Trustees during May's regular meeting where top students were recognized in academics, athletics and fine arts and also community partners were honored for their contributions.

CHS presented a record number of UIL regional qualifiers this year-23. UIL Coordinator Karri Anderson said the combination of dedicated coaches and very talented students led to the overwhelming success at UIL. The complete list can be found on the following pages.

The One Act Play advanced to Area Competition where John Naizer won Outstanding Tech and Bethany Talmon and Audrey Anderson were Honorable Mention for the cast.

Three students advanced to compete at the State UIL meets with Emily McGuyer bringing home sixth place in Ready Writing. Jurase Brown finished fourth in the State long jump competition and Buck Wilson ended the season eighth in the triple jump.

The CMS Band had a superior performance at the Region 3 UIL Band Contest in Canton—making ones in all categories. Director Stephen Netsch and several students received the award from Superintendent Blake Cooper.

The CHS Band had four soloists named

Outstanding in the State Wind Ensemble Contest. Performing at the Bates Recital Hall at UT-Austin was an exciting experience for the students and Director Monte Ashcraft.

Named Outstanding Soloists were Lisa Khauu, English horn; Jordan Bolin, alto saxophone; Gabriel Castaneda, trombone; and Tyler Hulsey, djembe or African drum.



CHS Outstanding Soloists

CHS students (left to right) Tyler Hulsey, Lisa Knauu, Jordan Bolin and Gabriel Castaneda were named Outstanding Soloists at the State Wind Ensemble Contest. Second from right is CMS Band Director Stephen Netsch.



CMS Band makes top ratings

The CMS Band got Superior in all categories at the Region 3 UIL Band Contest. CMS Band Director Stephen Netsch is shown with Deeann Lowery, Rubie Masters and Jobanet Flores.



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Largest field competes in UIL Academic Regionals

Honored by the CISD Board of Trustees for their performance in UIL Academics were (front row, left to right) Ahnaliiese Bell, Audrey Anderson, Lisa Khauu and Elizabeth Canzoneri. Second row: Tony Feduccia, Amanda Hill, Rachel Montgomery, Jalyn Holt, Emily McGuyer, Madeleine Beul, Bethany Talmon and Andrew Kohn. Back row: Taylor Mefford, Daniel Starks, John Naizer, Ian Bruton, Jason Anthraper and Mac Robinson.

A complete listing of the UIL Academic qualifiers can be found in the following pages.



Thanks to our Community partners!

Gathering community support and improving facilities were priorities for Cooper upon his arrival here as superintendent two years ago. Several business partners stepped up to fill a need for baseball and softball scoreboards. Guaranty Bond Bank, Texas A&M University-Commerce and Hunt Regional Healthcare contributed \$5000 each. Matt Brown, president of GBB; Bob Brown, vice president of business and administration at TAMU-C; John Heatherly, assistant administrator-support services, Hunt Regional Healthcare; and Dr. Jack Gray, director of development and communications, Hunt Regional Healthcare received recognition from Supt. Cooper and the Board of Trustees.



John Heatherly and Dr. Jack Gray of Hunt Regional Healthcare with Superintendent Blake Cooper



Matt Brown with Guaranty Bond Bank with Superintendent Blake Cooper



Bob Brown of Texas A&M University-Commerce with Superintendent Cooper.

UIL Athletic Regional Qualifiers

Vash Dennis, Kaci Harrison, Stacy Clark, Kierra Thompson and Dominique Wilson were recognized for advancing to UIL Regionals held at TAMU-C.

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RtI process outlined in Board report

Director of Curriculum Julia Robinson contracted with Anne Mills, former Tri County SSA director, to analyze the District RtI (Response to Intervention) process and develop plans for improvement.

Mills explained the steps taken to align actions across the district that would help struggling students including staff training, standardized forms and reporting, parent communications and 504 procedures.

Funding for the project came from Title I stimulus money.

BOARD MEETINGS

6:15 PM

3315 Washington

Monday . June 20

Monday . . July 18

In other action...

The Board approved...

- accepting resignations from Katy Evans, CES; Wesley Cooper, CHS; and Silvina Epperson, Tri County SSA
- employment of Latisha Britton, Stephanie Pullen and Shelly Oats, CES; Dewanna Archer, ACW; and Jenna O'Neal, CMS
- Guaranty Bond Bank as the school depository for 2011-2013
- certifying selections of new instructional materials for 2011-2012
- 2011-2012 school calendar (on following page)
- TEA expedited waiver for three staff development days for next year
- set date, time and location for next year's Board meetings

Superintendent's Report...

Superintendent Blake Cooper reported enrollment at 1586, up one student from the start of the year. The highest enrollment was in September at 1614.

Cooper reported that Commerce should see approximately \$285,700 from the federal money that was released to Texas for the Ed Jobs Fund. He said he didn't know if the state would supplement funds or supplant funds already designated.

Summer school is set to begin four days a week from June 8 through June 30 from 8 to noon. CES will host elementary summer school while CMS will house the secondary summer school making the summer meal program more accessible for children and their parents.

Courses for credit recovery will be offered as well as Health and Speech for advancement at CHS.

ESL summer school for pre-k and kindergarten begins July 8-26 with July 4th week off.

Summer school acceleration will be offered to assist students at risk of failing next year's state assessments.

A budget study session was set for 7 p.m., June 7 in the CISD Administration Building.

Communities In Schools report

In the annual report, Matt Wolcott, CISI area manager, introduced his team including Nancy Laws, CMS case manager, and Shane Rhudy, CHS case manager, along with six AmeriCorps volunteers.

This year, CIS had 79 volunteer mentors and tutors to assist the 423 students identified as being at risk.

Services included the Stuff the Bus Campaign for school supplies, backpacks for weekend meals and clothing assistance.

The Rotary Club donated \$2000 for books and educational games. Funds were used to buy books for volunteers so they could read the same book as the student they were mentoring.

Other volunteers ran small counseling groups at CMS to help with challenging issues for girls and also helped develop a campus newspaper.

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Commerce High School made an outstanding showing at UIL academic events with the most students advancing to regionals in recent memory.

UIL Academic Regional Qualifiers

Calculator Applications
2nd Lisa Khauu

Current Issues
2nd Spencer Sullivan

Computer Applications
1st Elizabeth Canzoneri
2nd Jason Anthraper

Computer Science
1st Ian Bruton
3rd John Naizer
1st team — Ian Bruton, John Naizer,
Darien Woolsey, Clay Patterson

Feature Writing
2nd Emily Ballew

Headline Writing
3rd Kaitlyn Kitchens

Literary Criticism
1st Rachel Montgomery
2nd Audrey Anderson
3rd Jenny Dempsey
1st team — Rachel Montgomery,
Audrey Anderson, Jenny
Dempsey, Amanda Hill

Mathematics
2nd Jason Anthraper
3rd Lisa Khauu
1st team — Jason Anthraper,
Lisa Khauu, Madeleine Beul,
Jalyn Holt

Number Sense
3rd Mack Robinson

Ready Writing
2nd Emily McGuyer
3rd Ahnaliiese Bell

Social Studies
1st Spencer Sullivan
3rd Ryan Stephens
1st team — Spencer Sullivan,
Ryan Stephens, Levi Muniz,
Andrew Kohn

Spelling and Vocabulary
1st Aimee Adams
2nd Emily McGuyer
3rd Ahnaliiese Bell
1st team — Aimee Adams,
Emily McGuyer, Ahnaliiese Bell,
Spencer Sullivan

UIL One Act Play District Contest

Eurydice by Sarah Ruhl, Advancing play
Outstanding Tech John Naizer
Honorable Mention Tony Feduccia,
Taylor Mefford, Audrey Anderson
All Star Cast Daniel Starks

Area Contest

Outstanding Tech — John Naizer
Honorable Mention Bethany Talmon,
Audrey Anderson

UIL State Qualifier

Ready Writing
3rd Emily McGuyer

UIL State Results

Ready Writing
6th Emily McGuyer

Regional and State Athletic Qualifiers

Girls' 4x100 relay
5th — Stacy Clark, Kiearra Thompson,
Kaci Harrison, Dakayla Reed

Girls' 4x200 relay
8th — Vash Dennis, Dakayla Reed,
Kaci Harrison, Kiearra Thompson

Long jump
11th Dakayla Reed
13th Kiearra Thompson

Triple jump
8th Dakayla Reed

Shot put
10th Devin Rodgers
21st Erin Ledbetter

Disc
19th Devin Rodgers

Regional champ long jump (state qualifier)
Jurase Brown

Runner up Triple champ (state qualifier)
Buck Wilson

Long jump
6th T.J. Pannell

4x100
Jurase Brown, Buck Wilson,
Tadarious Hawkins, T.J. Pannell

4x200
Jurase Brown, Tadarious Hawkins,
TJ Pannell, Dominique Wilson

COMMERCE ISD 2011-12

Reporting Periods Days

1. Aug. 22 – Sept. 30 29
2. Oct. 3 – Nov. 4 24
3. Nov. 7 – Dec. 16 25

First Semester 78 days

4. Jan. 3 – Feb. 17 33
5. Feb. 20 – April 13 32
6. April 16 – June 1 34

Second Semester 99 days

Total student days 177

Staff development/workdays 10

Total days 187

Student Holidays

- Labor Day Sept. 5
 Columbus Day Oct. 10
 Thanksgiving Nov. 21–25
 Winter Break Dec. 19–Jan. 2
 Martin L. King Day Jan. 16
 Spring Break March 12–16
 Bad Weather April 6, 9
 Memorial Day May 28
 Bad Weather or Work Day June 6

Codes

- ®** District Registration @ CHS
 August 2, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
 August 3, 8 a.m.–1 p.m.
 Shot clinic 9–10:30 a.m.,
 1–2:30 p.m.
- NT** New Teacher Day 8/12
- TE** Teacher Exchange Day 8/15, 11/21
- SD** Staff Development Day
 8/16–18, 10/10, 2/20
- WD** Teacher Workday . . 8/19, 2/2, 6/2
 (Student Holiday)
- School Holiday
- [** Reporting Period Begins
-]** Reporting Period Ends
- BW** Bad Weather Day 4/6, 4/9
- ER** Early Release 12/16, 4/5, 6/1

*Note: Subject to change
by legislative action*

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