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New Board member sworn in

Kelsey Lytle was appointed by the Board to fulfill the office vacated by Dr. Mark Reid. Lytle will serve the remainder of this school year and will need to run for the office in May to complete the three-year term.

Lytle is a graduate of Commerce High School and Texas A&M University. She and her husband, Jaret, have four children.

Lytle, right, is being sworn into office by Board President Kathleen Hooten.



Out-of-district travel approved

Superintendent Charlie Alderman recommended that the Board consider allowing student groups participating in competitions or shows to travel outside the district.

Investments parents make to ensure their children can compete at the highest level can run into the thousands, Alderman said. He asked the Board to lift the previous ban on out-of-district travel so that students could compete and their investments would not be wasted.

The Board voted to approve overnight stays for travel 100 miles or more outside the district.

District gets best result from financial audit

Mike Taylor, partner in the accounting firm of Rutherford, Taylor and Company, PC, said the district received an unmodified opinion in the annual financial audit report--the best possible outcome.

Taylor cited a "very, healthy fund balance" of \$7.8 million with a 99.26 percent tax collection rate. The audit must be submitted to the Texas Education Agency each year.

In other action...

- The Board denied the request to purchase new band uniforms, stating that funds were not included in the budget at this time. Alderman explained that enrollment and attendance are down leaving district finances uncertain. Band Director Kara Wallace said that the band had \$23,000 of the \$46,000 for the 107 uniforms but because of the pandemic, previously planned fundraisers had to be canceled. Board officers Kathleen Hooten and Randy Starks praised Wallace and the work she and her husband, Jason, have done improving the band and they were fully supportive of their work. The request for additional funds came "not at a good time," they explained.
- The Board approved a one-time payment for non-contract employees because the district was closed due to COVID-19. Alderman expressed that if additional closures are forced, those employees would need to work in some capacity in order to get paid. For instance, during this current closure of CES, aides were asked to report to ACW for duty.
- The Board tabled a request to terminate online instruction for students not in compliance with passing or attendance guidelines. The item will be placed on the agenda for consideration in December. The measure would require students to revert from online instruction to attend school if they are failing.
- The Board accepted the resignations of Chris Vet, CHS teacher; and Taylor Flowers, CMS teacher/coach, effective at the end of this semester.

The next meeting of the CISD Board has been scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday December 17 at the CISD Central Administration Building.