

# ON BOARD

BY-THE-MINUTES REPORT

MAY 2022



## Val and Sal recognized

Valedictorian Emma Dobbs (left) and Salatorian Meghan Green were recognized by the Board for their high-ranking accomplishments. Board member Dr. Ray Green accepted the award for his daughter, who was unable to attend.

Dobbs plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and Green will attend the University of Miami.

### BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 · 3315 Washington

Mon . . . . . 6/13

### Budget Workshop

7:15 · 3315 Washington

Wed. . . . . 6/1



## Board approves \$2500 retention stipend

During action on Thursday, May 12, the CISD Board of Trustees approved a \$2500 payment to each returning staff member to be paid on August 8. Superintendent Charlie Alderman said the purpose was to encourage current staff to remain in the district so that continuity of instruction and services could be maintained and enhanced. As staffing shortages continue across the state, Commerce ISD wants to maintain and reward staff for remaining in the district.

The Board also reduced the number of duty days for staff, which is in line with the reduction for teacher days made earlier this spring. Staff working on a 226-day calendar will be changed to a 220-day duty schedule. Others are as follows:

240 days to 235 • 216 to 210 • 206 to 200 • 192-196 to 190 • 187 to 180.

Tri County SSA employees will receive the same calendar reductions.

In response to the change that TEA made in going from a specific number of days in a school year to a set number of minutes, CISD reduced the number of work days to offset instructional days getting longer.

## OTHER ACTION...

The Board approved the following:

- The Board accepted resignations from teachers Wendy Bridges, CES; Katlyne Couch, CES; Harlan Hill, CMS; Eilene Weimar, ACW; Julie Brown, CMS; Christopher Anderson, CHS; Colton Reynolds, CHS; Baylea Higgs, ACW, Hannah O'Leary, ACW; and Lacey Smith, ACW.
- Resignations from Tri County SSA include Sandy Killian and Laurie Meissner, diagnosticians.
- The Board approved contracts for Jessica Flanagan, CMS teacher; Toni Lee, ACW teacher; Hailey Treat, CES teacher; and Diana Gilliam, ACW teacher. Haley McDonald was approved as the new assistant principal at CES.
- Tri County SSA new hires include Dusti James, diagnostician; Jamey McPherson and Wendy Bridges, ARD facilitators; and Madison Walker, SLP.

## Board approves taser use by district police officers

CISD Police Chief Justin Westbrook presented a taser use policy for board consideration. The policy allows officers, with specialized training, to have another less-than-lethal force option when dealing with non-compliant or aggressive subjects. The majority of area school districts have the option to use tasers, according to Westbrook. The Board majority approved the proposal with Dr. LaVelle Hendricks abstaining.

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## IN OTHER ACTION...

- The Board approved the District of Innovation plan which gives the district leeway on the school starting date and also teacher certification requirements. Click <https://www.commerceisd.org/upload/page/0174/docs/Commerce%20ISD%20DOI%202022--FINAL.pdf> for access to the complete plan.
- The food service management contract with Chartwells has been renewed.
- Texas Sports & Civil Engineering was chosen as the architect/engineer for the baseball and softball turf installation at CHS.
- The virtual education program was approved for a hospitalized student.
- Superintendent Alderman reported that enrollment was up 11 students to 1493, the highest this school year.



*Honesty Bridges accepted the recognition for the girls powerlifting team which had nine regional qualifiers, three regional medalists and Alyssa Fuggitt was a state qualifier.*



*In tennis, the boys team won district champions for the fourth year in a row and the girls were district runners-up for the third year in a row. Fernando Madrano and Emma Dobbs placed first in mixed doubles. Meghan Green and Issac Hernandez placed second in mixed. Austin White and Michael McWhorter finished second in boys doubles and Sacramento Galvan placed third in boys singles.*

*The varsity girls track team was the district runner up while the JV girls team won district champions. Kalese Anderson was district champion in 200 m dash and long jump. Kalese Anderson, Jaida Harris, Cayelin Crown and Meme Wilson were district champs in the 4x1 relay.*



*Boys powerlifting had three regional qualifiers and Noah Howell was a state qualifier.*



*The varsity boys track team was district runner while the JV boys won district. Area qualifiers included Oliver Roberts, Chase Gossett, Ben Angel, Jose Serrano, Jeremiah Tarpley, Ashton Seale, Da-shawn Jackson, Carlos Aubrey, Izzacc Simon, Dre Gadlin, Issac Hernandez, Emmanuel Castillo, Sacramento Galvin, Noah Howell, Richard Jackson and Tyshon Harris. Regional qualifiers included Oliver Roberts, Chase Gossett, Ben Angel and Noah Howell.*