

# ON BOARD

BY-THE-MINUTES REPORT

MARCH 2022



*Superintendent Charlie Alderman swore in CISD police officers at the March meeting — Chief Justin Westbook and Officer Kaleb Hackney.*

## Bands recognized for outstanding performances

After a hiatus caused by COVID restrictions, the CISD Board of Trustees was finally able to recognize outstanding performance by students and staff.

The CHS Marching Band was recognized for placing 12th at the UIL State Marching Contest. The CHS band's last appearance at state was 30 years ago.

Other musicians recognized by Director Kara Wallace included Betty Gossett, piano, who advanced to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest; and Brytan Veracruz, who was named a top musician in the East Texas Youth Orchestra. Lucas Condor was named an outstanding performer at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Photos and other accolades can be found on the last page.

## Campus teachers of the year recognized



*Left to right: Justin Anderton, CHS; Amy Knusta, CMS; Jamey Freyman, CES and Cassandra Wilson, ACW*

CISD campus teachers of the year are chosen as the best of the best by their peers each year. From these four, a secondary and an elementary teacher are selected to represent the district in the regional competition at Region 10 ESC.

These teachers excel in classroom management, developing relationships with students and staff and instruction. Justin Anderton teaches biology at CHS and is new to the district this year. Amy Knusta teaches science at CMS. Jamey Freyman is a special education teacher at CES and Cassandra Wilson teaches third grade.

Our hats off to these educators for bringing their A-game to CISD.

### BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 · 3315 Washington  
Thurs . . . . . 4/18



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*CMS Band Director Jason Wallace proudly showcased his all-region musicians. A track meet interfered with most of the students' attendance at the Board meeting.*

## CMS ALL REGION MUSICIANS

RJ Hadley	Clarinet
Lauryn Bailey	Clarinet
Victor Velez	Clarinet
Dixie Jones	Alto Saxophone
Nick Cecchi	Alto Saxophone
Avery Haddock	Alto Saxophone
Cash Jenkins	Trumpet
Lukah Selvaghi	Trumpet
Ethan Golden	Trumpet
Elias Parra	Trumpet
Xen Hunt	Trumpet
Alexis Trejo	Horn
Brandon Nelle	Horn
Edwin Chavez	Trombone
Yael Hinojosa	Trombone
Aidan Lara	Euphonium
Emma Gossett	Euphonium
Madeleine Harrison	Euphonium
Quincey Rodriguez	Tuba
Bradley Bee	Tuba

## OTHER ACTION...

The Board approved the following:

- The Board gave contract extensions to Andrea Ellis, NETCAT director; Rachel Myers, Tri-County SSA director; and Brandy Coffey, Tri-County SSA assistant director.
- Resignations were accepted from Gaylon Steele, CMS teacher; Ron Dizer, CHS teacher; and Wanda Beane, CES principal. Dr. John Hill's resignation as a diagnostician at Tri-County SSA was accepted as well.
- Band director Kara Wallace was named fine arts director for the district.

## eRate proposal approved

Director of Technology Al Shipp explained that eRate funding was now on a five-year cycle and was cut to just \$169 per student. The Board approved applying for eRate funds totaling \$400,000 to replace switches and access points at CHS and ACW. He said that a single bid was received for \$347,000 and the district would need to pay \$70,000 as its share.

## Robotics approved to travel to Nationals

Having finished second at the state robotics competition, the CHS Robotics team has qualified for nationals in Council Bluff, Iowa. The Board approved their out-of-state travel on April 7– 9.

## ESL certification proposed for all core teachers

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Patricia Tremmel explained that the district's ESL waiver was denied and steps were required to ensure all secondary core subject teachers were ESL certified by 2025. The Board previously approved a measure that required all elementary teachers to be ESL certified. Funds will be available to reimburse teachers for their testing fee.

## May 7 election canceled

With no opposition filing for the CISD Board of Trustees, incumbents Kathleen Hooten, Gabe Wittkopf and Ray Green will remain on the board. The district is allowed to cancel the election, thus saving the cost of holding an election.

## DOI intent approved

The Board approved a resolution to pursue consideration of designation of a District of Innovation. The district's current DOI plan expires this semester. The new plan will allow the district to define credentials required for certain teaching assignments. A 14-member committee will be assembled to finalize the plan.

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT...

Enrollment dropped 14 students; however, it remains up from the beginning of the school year.

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The award-winning CHS Tiger Marching Band was recognized for their 12th place showing at the 3A State UIL Marching Contest.

## CHS ALL REGION MUSICIANS

Johana Enriquez ..... Flute  
 Betty Gossett ..... Oboe  
 Oliver Roberts ..... Oboe  
 Katie Chappell ..... Clarinet  
 Guya Nobles ..... Clarinet  
 Cody Jenkins ..... Bass Clarinet  
 Elaine Eborn ..... Bassoon  
 Sam Gossett ..... Alto Saxophone  
 Olivia Veraska ..... Tenor Saxophone  
 Michael McWhorter ..... Trumpet  
 Fernando Medrano ..... Trumpet  
 Reggie Gilbert ..... Trumpet  
 Zach Pittman ..... Trumpet  
 Gus Kilgore ..... Horn  
 Grayson Turner ..... Trombone  
 Ben Angel ..... Euphonium  
 Kelsey Williams ..... Euphonium  
 Ian Maldonado ..... Tuba

## AREA MUSICIANS

Johana Enriquez ..... Flute  
 Betty Gossett ..... Oboe  
 Katie Chappell ..... Clarinet  
 Guya Nobles ..... Clarinet  
 Cody Jenkins ..... Bass Clarinet  
 Elaine Eborn ..... Bassoon  
 Olivia Veraska ..... Tenor Saxophone  
 Fernando Medrano ..... Trumpet  
 Reggie Gilbert ..... Trumpet  
 Zach Pittman ..... Trumpet  
 Gus Kilgore ..... Horn  
 Grayson Turner ..... Trombone  
 Ben Angel ..... Euphonium  
 Kelsey Williams ..... Euphonium  
 Ian Maldonado ..... Tuba

## ALL STATE MUSICIANS

Michael McWhorter  
 All State Jazz Band  
 Lead Trumpet  
 Sam Gossett  
 All State Jazz Band  
 Alto Saxophone  
 Lucas Condor  
 All State Jazz Band  
 Drum Set  
 Betty Gossett  
 All State 4A  
 Oboe  
 Fernando Medrano  
 All State 3A  
 Trumpet  
 Ben Angel  
 All State 3A  
 Euphonium

*congratulations!*