

ON BOARD

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Senior Paxton Roden was congratulated by CHS Principal Steve Drummond for being one of the highest achieving students in the NASA High School Aerospace Scholars program this summer. The project was held online due to COVID-19.

Paxton also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout earlier in the year.

Great job, Paxton!



CHS moves to four-day hybrid model

After hearing a recommendation from CHS Principal Steve Drummond, the CISD Board of Trustees voted to modify the current hybrid model of instruction and require students choosing face-to-face instruction to attend four days a week. Mondays would be used for online learning, teacher planning and development and home visits.

Drummond said 47 percent of students in online instruction were failing at least one class. "Online students are not as successful as they need to be," he said.

Earlier in the meeting, parent Stephanie Pickard spoke about the hybrid model at CHS and the stress it places on students, parents and staff. Parent Scott Lancaster said he favored changing the hybrid model at the beginning of a new grading period.

In other action...

- The Board certified the 2020 appraisal rolls at \$515,580,365 and adopted a total tax rate of \$1.3598, down 8 cents from last year's rate.
- The Board also passed a resolution to support suspending the STAAR testing and modifying school accountability ratings for the 2020-2021 school year. Superintendent Charlie Alderman said that many Texas districts were calling for the Governor to cancel testing in the spring due to the disruption in learning caused for the COVID-19 closures and other challenges.
- The School Health Advisory Council was approved including parents Ericka Campbell, Tammy McPherson, Shannon Shannon, Sarah Staton, Shanda Harris, Lisa Gossett and Nicki Dawson.
- The Board approved the employment of Shelby Haygood, CHS math teacher, and Michael Pope, a special education coordinator. Pope will assist district-wide to ensure policies and regulations for special education students are followed.
- Alderman reported enrollment at 1450, down 92 students from last year. He said pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes were down 53 students from last year and he speculated that parents were keeping their children at home another year during the pandemic.
- In a budget report, Alderman said because enrollment and the attendance rate were down, the contingency funds built into the budget were gone. A healthy fund balance offers a cushion of support but after the Legislature meets in January, everything is subject to change.

The next meeting of the CISD Board has been scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 20 at the CISD Central Administration Building. The executive session begins at 6 p.m.