

# ON BOARD

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▲ *CHS Senior Madison Shaw (right) was recognized for achieving the office of lieutenant governor at Girls State, which is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Its purpose is to instill a deep sense of personal responsibilities and obligations which citizenship entails.*

► *The Lady Tiger volleyball team was recognized by the Board for their Area Championship against Alba Golden. Shown back row, left to right are Superintendent Charlie Alderman, Allie Wittkopf, Alyssa Redd, Landry Davidson, Riley Davidson, Claire Dobbs and Coach Jeff Davidson. Standing front row are Head Coach Shelley Jones, Brooklyn Talley, Jamaya Runnels and Coach Jenna O'Neal.*



## Audit clean, fund balance opens options

The accounting firm of Rutherford, Taylor and Company, PC, presented an unmodified opinion, the best rating possible, for the 2015-2016 district financial audit. Mike Taylor from the firm said the district has been able to amass a healthy fund balance the last few years totaling \$5.1 million. TEA recommends keeping a fund balance equaling at least three months operating expenses, which would be \$3.5 million.

Superintendent Charlie Alderman suggested the Board consider using a part of the fund balance to complete several facility projects, which would alleviate the need to borrow funds. Several projects were presented to the Board and approved last year totaling around \$1 million. Alderman said the list of improvements and repairs should total well below that figure. Some of the projects proposed include:

- New CES fire alarm system
- Upgraded surveillance cameras throughout the District
- ACW playground equipment (to match donations)
- Resurfacing CHS tennis courts
- Parking lot repair at CES and CMS
- CHS stage lighting
- Doors replaced at CMS
- CMS marquee
- Concrete bases for stands at softball and baseball fields
- Fix foundation problems at CMS
- Remove carpet from CES gym walls and refinish walls
- Remove carpet from CHS and CMS and replace with tile

After good bids are received, the Board is expected to select projects for completion.



## Superintendent's report...

- Enrollment is 1617, up 11 students from this time last month.
- Alderman said four community meetings were conducted to gather input on improvements to the District. Attendees were invited to share their opinions on an online survey. From feedback, administrators will develop mission and vision statements. Another community meeting was held to draft a graduate profile.
- EdCamPalooza, a technology training event for educators, was held at CHS on November 12 with over 75 attendees.
- The Winter Arts Festival will be held December 8 at CHS. Vendors may sell goods beginning at 5 p.m. The program begins at 6:30 with performances by the CHS, CMS and ACW choirs, CHS Theater Department and CHS band.
- The next regular Board meeting was set for Thursday, December 15, 2016, with executive session at 6 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7 p.m.

### BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 • 3315 Washington  
Thursday. . . . Dec.15

## ESL required of secondary teachers

The Board approved new certification requirements for secondary teachers. Policy DBA (Local) requires current English teachers in grades 6 through 12 to become ESL (English as a Second Language) by the end of the 2017-2018 school year. All newly hired secondary teachers after this current school year, with the exception of physical education and special education teachers, must become ESL certified by April 1 of the school year during which they were hired.

A requirement that all elementary teachers become ESL certified was approved in May 2014. Having this requirement allows the District more flexibility for teacher placement and more thoroughly meets the needs of our ELL (English Language Learners) students.

## Palazzetti named ACW principal

Lisa Palazzetti has been named principal of A. C. Williams Elementary School. She will begin her duties at the school on December 12.

Palazzetti was mostly recently an instructional coach in Richardson ISD having worked in the district as a teacher specialist since 2005. She began her career as a teacher in Garland ISD as a high school speech and debate teacher.

A reception is being planned to welcome the new principal in January.

## In other action...

The Board approved the sale of property in Neylandville and approved District and Campus Improvement Plans.

