

# ON BOARD

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## Personnel action

- The Board approved accepting the resignations of Geary Walker, CHS teacher/coach, and Michelle Day, CES teacher.
- The Board voted to approve the employment of Scott Wilson, CHS teacher/coach; Tim Allen, CMS teacher; and Patricia Hawkins, ACW teacher.
- The Board voted to employ Felisha Jones as CHS assistant principal.
- The candidate for ACW principal was not approved by the Board.

## BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 • 3315 Washington

Thursday . . . . July 21

Monday . . . . August 15

Monday . . . . Sept. 29

Monday . . . . October 17



## Board approves 6¢ tax decrease

For the second consecutive year, the CISD Board of Trustees has voted to decrease taxes. Last year's tax cut was just under two cents per \$100 valuation. The Board cut 2016 taxes by six cents per \$100 valuation—a rate of \$1.5436. For a home valued at \$80,000, the new rate saves the homeowner \$48 per year.

Director of Finance John Walker said that because of increased property valuation and reduced debt requirements due to refinancing last year, the tax decrease was possible.

The Board approved a 2016-2017 budget of \$14,188,717, including a \$622,780 increase in personnel costs due to salary increases. Additional personnel included in next year's budget are a social worker, a middle school Spanish teacher, a library/media specialist, three instructional aides and a girls coach.

The Board heard a presentation by Brent South, chief appraiser for Hunt County Appraisal District, who said that approximately \$1 billion in absolute and partial exemptions, including homestead exemptions reduced the District's tax base.

## In other action...

The Board:

- conducted a public hearing to discuss the proposed 2016-2017 preliminary budget and tax rate,
- amended the 2015-2016 budget,
- adopted the 2016-2017 preliminary budget,
- approved property and casualty insurance bid,
- approved Legal Services Program with Powell & Leon LLP,
- approved NETCAT course sharing agreement,
- approved bids for resale property on Hwy 224,
- approved Gallagher Construction as job order contractor for CMS ADA project and contract documents.
- CHS Principal Steve Drummond said the school received a CSEE Foundation grant to bring back Rachel's Challenge.
- Interim Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained options for calculating GPA and asked for consensus for a plan. The Board asked him to proceed with calculating GPA using the four core subjects. A formal proposal will be submitted for approval in July.

## Chromebooks to replace iPads at three campuses

Director of Technology Al Shipp proposed a plan to replace 450 aging iPads at CHS, CMS and ACW and provide iPad minis for CES. He explained that the iPads purchased five years ago were nearing the end of their life with a possible upgrade coming in the fall which would result in their becoming obsolete. He currently can sell those iPads for \$62 each. He proposed entering into a lease agreement with Apple for as many or more Chromebooks with carts and iPad 4s. The advantages of Chromebooks include the functional keyboards and the capability of remotely downloading apps. The Board unanimously approved the Chromebook lease with Apple.