

ON BOARD

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February 2015

Board calls May 9 election, discusses property

In action during its regular February meeting on the 16th, the CISD Board approved calling a trustee election on May 9. Places 6 and 7, currently held by Randy Starks and Etta Herring, are up for election. Both incumbents have filed for office. Filing continues through February 17 at the CISD Administration Building.

The district conducts joint elections with the City of Commerce and the North Hunt Special Utilities District. If incumbents remain unchallenged, the district is allowed to cancel the election. If not, early voting will be held at City Hall from April 27 through May 5. Extended early hours voting will be held May 4 and 5 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Board approved a resolution to declare March 9-13 as CISD Public Schools Week. Open houses are planned Monday and Tuesday with ACW and CHS on March 9 and CES and CMS on March 10. The Commerce Leadership Institute class will visit campuses on March 12.

The Board discussed the city's request that the district deed its interest in property located at 1520 Pecan Street. The property has already been taken off the tax rolls due to tax default. The city would like to provide more parking for events held at the city gym. Board members gave City representative Steve Wilson the go-ahead for the city to draw up a deed to be considered by the Board.



Michael Elwell (left) and Amelia Martin were recognized along with CHS Band Director Dave Polk (right). Michael and Amelia were named to the ATSSB All-State Band. Amelia was unable to attend the meeting.



Ag students participated in the Fort Worth Stock Show and brought home many awards. Shown are Marcus Rogers, Jennifer Stephenson and Jesse Burt.

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The friendly voice you hear when calling the CISD Administration Building belongs to Kathy Logan. Kathy is an accomplished musician with a master's degree from Southern Methodist University. Her experience in human resources is a great addition to CISD.

Superintendent's report...

Mr. Cooper said that enrollment continued to grow, up five students from last month to a total of 1565.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 26 because the next regularly scheduled meeting would fall during spring break. The Board set a special meeting for March 2 to discuss facilities.



Energy savings in excess of \$1 million cited

Representatives from Cenergistics, the District's energy management firm, presented employees with an Energy Excellence Award for saving over \$1 million through energy conservation. Pictured are Director of Finance John Walker, Superintendent Blake Cooper, energy educator Jayson Campbell and former energy educator Kevin Shaw. The energy "czars" gave CISD staff credit for the million dollar savings saying increased awareness and changed behaviors added up to significant savings. They noted that every dollar saved on energy can be used in the classroom to impact student achievement.



BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 • 3315 Washington

Thursday... March 26
Monday... April 20
Monday... May 18
Monday... June 15
Monday... July 20

Spring Events Calendar

Staff development day/
Student holiday February 27
Public Schools Week March 9-13

OPEN HOUSES

ACW ... 5:30-6:30 March 9
CHS ... 6:30-7:30 March 9
CES ... 5:30-6:30 March 10
CMS ... 6:30-7:30 March 10
Spring break March 16-20
Early release April 3
Bad weather make-up .. April 6, May 22
Memorial Day holiday May 25
Graduation June 5



BOOTS & BBQ Celebration and Fundraiser

April 11, 6 p.m., CHS
Tickets available soon