

# ON BOARD

## BY-THE-MINUTES REPORT

March 2014

### Election canceled, calendar approved

Having no opposition in Places 4 and 5 for the May 10 Board of Trustees election, the Board canceled the election and declared Ted Oats reelected and LaVelle Hendricks to take Place 5, currently held by Willie Blow.

After 15 years on the Board, Blow decided not to seek reelection. He will preside over his last meeting on April 21.

Kindergarten teacher Stephanie Pullen showed the Board how she is using technology to engage students in the Board's first Technology Showcase. The monthly showcase will feature teachers who are using technology in new ways in their classrooms.

The 2014–2015 school calendar was approved. Highlights of the calendar include a full week off at Thanksgiving, two complete weeks at Christmas and the third week of March for spring break. Spring break is set in coordination with Texas A&M University-Commerce and may not coincide with other area school districts.



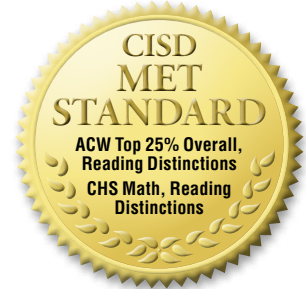
*Teachers of the year were recognized by the CISD Board during their regular March meeting held March 20. Stephanie Pullen (above left) represented CES while Shelbie Embro (right) represented CMS. They are shown with Superintendent Blake Cooper.*

#### IN OTHER ACTION, THE BOARD:

- discussed offering non-core classes for homeschool students for a fee. Board members gave Cooper the go ahead to speak with other districts who are doing it and to propose a recommendation at a later meeting,
- approved TASB Local Policies DBA and DFBB to require elementary teachers to become ESL certified within one year of hire, and
- approved a program change at CMS because Spanish classes will not be offered there next year. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Charlie Alderman said the new middle school schedule has little time for electives because core classtime has been doubled. A reduction in force was also approved for CMS Spanish.

#### IN THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT...

- Superintendent Blake Cooper reported a drop in enrollment of seven students, 1493, from last month.
- CSEE Foundation Boots & BBQ celebration and fundraiser 6 p.m., Saturday, April 12 at CHS and
- The old ag truck has been declared surplus property and will be sold to the highest bidder.



*Math teacher Bill Knutson was chosen by the CHS staff as their teacher of the year.*



*ACW teachers chose Georgia Greer as the teacher of the year for their campus.*

#### BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 • 3315 Washington

Monday . . . . . April 21  
Monday . . . . . May 19  
Monday . . . . . June 16  
Monday . . . . . July 21

# COMMERCE ISD 2014-15

August 7 . . . . . Districtwide Registration  
12 noon–6 p.m., CHS

August 15. . . . . New Teacher Day

August 18–22 . . Professional Development  
Principal selects Workday during week

August 25 . . . . . First Day of School

September 1 . . . . . Labor Day

October 6 . . . . . Fair Day

October 6 . . . . . Professional Development

November 21 . . . . . Early Release Day

November 24. . . . . Teacher Exchange Day

November 24–28 . . . . . Thanksgiving

December 19 . . . . . Early Release Day

December 22–January 2 . . . . Winter Break

January 16 . . . . . Teacher Work Day/  
Professional Development

January 19 . . . . . Martin L. King Jr. Day

February 27 . . . . Professional Development

March 16–20 . . . . . Spring Break

April 3 . . . . . Early Release Day

April 6 . . . . . Bad Weather Make-up Day

May 22. . . . . Bad Weather Make-up Day

May 25. . . . . Memorial Day

June 5 . . . . . Early Release Day

June 5 . . . . . Graduation

June 6 . . . . . Teacher Work Day

- No Classes Held—Holiday
- R** Registration
- (NT)** New Teacher Day
- Student Holidays:
  - P** Staff Development
  - W** Teacher Workday
  - X** Teacher Exchange Day
- Reporting Period Begins
- Reporting Period Ends
- Bad Weather Day
- Early Release
- Summer Hours  
CISD offices closed

Students . . . . . 177 days  
Teachers . . . . . 187 days

## 2014 FALL SEMESTER

87 Instructional Days

### JULY 2014

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### AUGUST 2014

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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3	4	5	6	<b>R</b>	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	<b>(NT)</b>	16
17	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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### SEPTEMBER 2013

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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### OCTOBER 2014

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### NOVEMBER 2014

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23	<b>X</b>	25	26	27	28	29
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### DECEMBER 2014

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## 2015 SPRING SEMESTER

90 Instructional Days

### JANUARY 2015

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	<b>P</b>	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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### FEBRUARY 2015

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### MARCH 2015

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29	30	31				

### APRIL 2015

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

### MAY 2015

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17	18	19	20	21		23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

### JUNE 2015

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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28	29	30				