

ON BOARD

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April 2013

Routine meeting settles several issues

The CISD Board held their regular monthly meeting and determined to keep things as they are with food service and the bank depository for next year. The contract with Chartwells has been renewed for food service for another year and Guaranty Bond Bank was again chosen as the district's depository.

Joe Arvia, Chartwells district manager, and Gene Weinkauf, CISD food service director, explained how the new nutrition guidelines were the biggest challenge faced this year. Arvia said that new this year were maximum servings and size regulations. They explained that incentives offered to students to increase participation including drawings for free prom tickets and DVDs for younger students had helped increase participation 41/2 percent over the last three months.

The pair said changes next year will involve breakfast with only whole wheat products offered.

Board member Randy Starks asked if students could provide feedback and also asked the food service director to educate them on the new programs. Weinkauf said he would be happy to seek input and further explain changes to students and their parents.

Director of Finance John Walker explained that the only bid received for the school depository was from Guaranty Bond Bank. Walker said he was pleased with the service and the bank's willingness to work with parents on low rate financing for Apple iPads.

13-14 calendar approved pending committee nod

The 2013-2014 school calendar was approved but Superintendent Blake Cooper said it would not be final until it received the blessing of the District Improvement Council (DIC). The first day of school will be August 26, which is state mandated and the last day will be June 5. Students and staff will have off the week of Thanksgiving and the entire two weeks around the Christmas holidays. Spring break will be March 10-14, the same week observed by Texas A&M University-Commerce.

A calendar will be posted on the website and sent to parents as soon as it is approved by the DIC.

Other Board action...

- Resignations were accepted from Adam Rupert, CHS principal; Kyle Abshire, CHS teacher/coach; Luke Nichols, CHS teacher/coach; Shelly Oats, CES teacher and Penny Belcher, ACW teacher. Teri Miller, Summit teacher, has also resigned.
- Contracts for all other professional personnel and Tri County SSA personnel were extended for another school year.



Outgoing CISD Board members Russell Armstrong (center left) and Bob McLeroy were recognized for their years of service to the students of the district. McLeroy has served 12 years and Armstrong has served nine. Superintendent Blake Cooper said the two were instrumental in his choice to come to Commerce.

Other Board members shown (back row left to right) were Randy Starks, Willie Blow, Ted Oats and Etta Herring. Gabe Wittkopf is not pictured.

The election to fill the vacant spots will be held Saturday, May 11 at City Hall.

BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 • 3315 Washington

Thursday May 23

Monday June 17

Monday July 15