

ON BOARD

December 2011

BY-THE-MINUTES REPORT



Scott Harvey of KETR Radio was recognized by the CISD Board for his fair and accurate reporting of school events. His name will be placed on the Texas Association of School Boards Media Honor Roll.

Annual audit approved, AEIS hearing held

Changing the meeting date because of the holiday schedule, the CISD Board of Trustees met on Thursday, December 15 to consider several items which are required annually such as the AEIS public hearing and the financial audit.

Julia Robinson, Director of Curriculum, Special Programs and Grants, presented the AEIS report by noting the accountability rating of Academically Acceptable for each campus and the district. She also pointed out the Gold Performance Acknowledgements for CMS social studies performance and ACW comparable improvement in reading.

ACW Principal Wes Underwood presented his annual report to the Board with staff in attendance. Highlights included their “Hero in the Hallway” video which was produced by students to showcase common acts of kindness and character in the school surroundings and the recent move of the Boys & Girls Club to the school. An \$11,000 grant was recently received to further the Boys & Girls Club program.

Johnna McNeal, a partner in the auditing firm of Malnory, McNeal & Company, PC, of Paris, Texas, presented a non-qualified audit report which would be sent to the Texas Education Agency for the December 31 deadline.

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THE 2011 TIGER FOOTBALL TEAM



was recognized by the CISD Board of Trustees for advancing to the playoffs with a record of 8-3. The last time the Tigers made the playoffs was in 2006. Coach Scott Wells said the team had three goals going into the season — have a winning record, make the playoffs and play as a team. He said the team worked to make the school and community proud.



Named to the Associated Press 3-A All-State Football Team were T.J. Pannell, Buck Wilson, Cortez Crosby and Gabe Conner.

BOARD MEETINGS

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Tuesday January 17
Monday February 20
Thursday March 22
Monday April 16
Monday May 21
Monday June 18
Monday July 18

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She stated that the federal programs were tested in detail for compliance and found no compliance exceptions. She further stated that tax collections for the district were good.

In further action, the Board approved a resolution providing for the taxation of goods-in-transit. Senate Bill 1 passed by the 82nd Texas Legislature required taxing units to take this action by December 31 if they wished to continue taxing these goods.

The Board voted to accept donations from Alton Biggs for a TI-nspire calculator and software, the Thalian Culture Club for \$3,000 for Rachel's Challenge and a printer from Dr. Jack Pirkey.

The Board approved the sale of tax-foreclosed properties at ML King Dr., 1103 Champion Lane, 1110 Blackburn St. and 108 Norris St. High bids for all properties were submitted by Diamond C. Enterprises. Final approval is subject to acceptance by the other taxing jurisdictions.

Superintendent's report...

- Superintendent Blake Cooper said enrollment was down 12 students from last month; however, the 1593 count was exactly the same last year at this time.
- President Willie Blow reported that all board members had completed the required training for the year.
- Mr. Cooper reported that the Community Plaza kickoff will be January 23 and the first cohort will begin February 6. Maria Garza has been hired as the coordinator of the program which is a collaboration with the Mexican Consulate and Texas A&M University-Commerce to enhance educational opportunities for hispanic families in the area.
- The Martin Luther King Celebration will be held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, January 15 at Mt. Moriah Church. The CMS choir will be honored for their contributions to music as well as Julia Robinson for her work in education.
- The next regular Board meeting will be held Tuesday, January 17 at 7 p.m. in the CISD Board Room at 3315 Washington St. The meeting was moved from Monday because of the MLK holiday.