

# ON BOARD

February 2009

BY-THE-MINUTES REPORT

## Wilson, Starks file for Board

Randy Starks and incumbent Medley Wilson have filed for election to the CISD Board of Trustees Places 6 and 7, respectively. Place 6 is currently held by Debbie Aikin, who has chosen not to seek reelection after serving 15 years, three of those as president.

Wilson was elected to the Board in 2006. He is a supervisor of plant management at L-C Communications in Greenville. He and his wife Barbara have two daughters who graduated from CHS.

Starks is employed as a senior sales representative for Solvay Pharmaceuticals. He and his wife, Karen, have a son who is a sophomore at CHS.

The election is scheduled for May 9 at Commerce City Hall. Filing for office continues through March 9 at the CISD Administration Building at 604 Culver Street. If candidates remain unopposed, the election can be cancelled.

## Final concrete poured at new ACW site

Claycomb Associates Architect Nathan Morgan told Board members that final foundation concrete had been poured at the new ACW school site. Skylights are being installed in classrooms and when that is complete, the building will be weather tight. As soon as it is dry enough to bring a crane in, contractors will begin setting the heating/cooling units. Morgan said he hoped the building would be ready for a walk-through before the next regular Board meeting in March.



*CHS Tiger Band members were honored by the CISD Board for qualifying for the ATSSB Area Band. Of these qualifiers, three advanced to State and one will be heading to the ATSSB All-State Jazz Band.*

*Shown above are: CMS Band Director Stephen Netsch, Brandi Elder, Lisa Khauu, JenAnne Shumway, Rachel Montgomery, Mrs. Castaneda representing her son Gabriel, Jordon Bolin, Jason Antraper, CHS Band Director Monte Ashcraft and Alex Castro.*

*Others advancing who are not pictured are Elizabeth Canzoneri, Jake Taylor and Nathan Mann. State qualifiers include Brandi Elder, Rachel Montgomery and Gabriel Castaneda. Alex Castro has qualified for the all-state jazz band.*

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## IN THE *Superintendent's report...*

Superintendent Cooper reported that enrollment dropped 21 students to 1595. He noted that enrollment was the same last year at this time. CHS Principal Virdie Montgomery said that some of the enrollment drop was due to early graduation.

The good news was received that locally appraised values were certified by the Texas Comptroller's Office. In recent years, state values were assigned to the District leaving extra state funding on the table.

Board member training requirements were reported as required by policy.

Cooper announced that the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation will host the annual Boots-n-BBQ fundraiser at 6 p.m., April 18 at CHS. Projects will be displayed by this year's grant recipients. Almost \$25,000 in grants were awarded last fall. He encouraged the Board and staff to attend in support of the Foundation and the good work members do for the District.

The Board set Monday, March 23 for the next regular-scheduled meeting.

### BOARD MEETINGS

March 23	Mon.	CMS
April 20	Mon.	CMS
May 18	Mon.	CMS
June 15	Mon.	CMS

## Other action by the Board

The Board approved submitting a waiver request to the Texas Education Agency for a TAKS modified schedule which would allow seniors to arrive late on TAKS testing days.

Policy CNA (Local) was approved which allows the district to transport students even though the district will not receive reimbursement from the state.

Supt. Cooper presented a cost comparison of contracting HVAC services and hiring an HVAC technician. A \$40,000 annual cost savings was projected by hiring a technician. The Board voted to employ an HVAC technician.

The Board approved the resignation of Director of Finance Carrie Alexander, who has taken a position in Marshall ISD.

## Board comments...

Medley Wilson asked that drug testing be placed as a future agenda item.

Referring to the night's invocation, Debbie Aikin said the Board should remember that not everyone is a Christian and consideration should be given to staff and students who hold different beliefs.

Donna Tavener urged Board members to attend the special investiture for Texas A&M University-Commerce President Dan Jones.

## *In the Consent Agenda... the Board approved...*

- Minutes of the regular meeting on January 20, 2009;
- Financial statement and investment summary for January 2009;
- Designating March 9-13 as Public Schools Week; and
- Set Monday, February 23 for a special Board meeting to consider employment of athletic director/head football coach and director of finance.

