

ON BOARD

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THANK YOU , BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The CISD Board of Trustees was recognized for their service to the district Monday night at the regular January board meeting. Our hats off to Kathleen Hooten, president; Doc Pierce, vice president; Gabe Wittkopf, secretary; Dr. Ray Green, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Kelsey Lytle and Ann Reel. Thanks for your service to the students and staff of Commerce ISD.

BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 · 3315 Washington

Mon 2/20

Thurs 3/23

Mon 4/17



\$300K grant awarded to ag program

The Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a virtual reality welding training simulator. A \$300,000 grant was awarded to the CHS Ag Department to purchase the simulator and other welding equipment.

According to Dr. Andrea Ellis, director of NETCAT Career and Technology Consortium, the equipment will help anxious students tackle projects before being subjected to the real equipment. The equipment will be placed in use immediately and is completely portable so that it can be moved to the new ag building when it is completed.



Director of Fine Arts and Band Director Kara Wallace recognized five students who qualified for the All-State Band. Honorees include Fernando Medrano, Oliver Roberts, Victor Velez, Elaine Eborn and Ben Angel.

Band continues to set records for performances

The Roaring Tiger Band was honored for reaching higher levels of performance this fall. The Board recognized their efforts during Monday's regular board meeting.

In October, the marching band participated in the Area B Marching Contest and placed first in preliminaries and second in finals making this the best Area results in CHS history.

CMS band students auditioned for the All Region Band against 18 other middle schools. Director Jason Wallace said 18 students won seats.

In December, CHS band had 47 students audition for All Region Band among 20 other bands, seven of which were 4A and two that were private. A total of 25 students earned seats in the band. Twenty-five members advanced to Area. Proudly, Director Kara Wallace explained that CHS had more students advancing to Area in our region.

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OTHER ACTION...

The Board approved:

- accepting resignations from Kathy Myers, director of Health Services, and Tina Bronson, Library Coordinator.
- resignation agreement with District Chief of Police Justin Westbrook.
- an interlocal agreement with Region 6 Education Service Center which will allow the district to become a member of its purchasing cooperative,
- Order of Election calling for Board Trustee election for Places 4, 5 and 6 on May 6. The places are held by Kelsey Lytle, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks and Ann Reel, respectively. Filing for office opened January 18 and will continue through February 17. Applications are available at the CISD Central Office at 3315 Washington St.
- a contract with Hunt County Elections Administrator for election services. The district holds a joint election with the City of Commerce at City Hall.
- the sale of tax foreclosed property.
- the board reorganized by naming Doc Pierce vice president, filling the position of Randy Starks who resigned in the fall. Kathleen Hooten and Gabe Wittkopf will remain president and secretary, respectively.

CITIZENS COMMENTS...

President of Commerce FFA Alumni Marlena Cameron thanked the board for their support and invited them to the Alumni auction on April 7. FFA has 79 members to date, up from 51 members last year.

Parent Kamatha Crockett asked for a response from the board or an administrator regarding a discipline issue.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS...

- Enrollment is up 2 students, the highest total in three years.
- Superintendent Charlie Alderman's contract was renewed and extended through June 2027.



▲ CMS students advancing to CMS All Region Band. Many students were not photographed due to their participation in other events during the meeting.

▼ CHS students advancing to Area

