

ON BOARD

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Completion dates set for new construction

During a construction update to the Board, a representative of Claycomb Associates Architects gave completion dates of February 12 for the Ag building and September 17, 2024 for the new middle school. No safety issues have been found and he stated that the dry weather has helped speed construction.

Superintendent Charlie Alderman said that he hoped to start the 2024-2025 school year in the new middle school. A firm starting date can be set in January when the new school calendar is developed.

He also stated that that Sregit Drive in front of the two schools would be improved with money the Board has set aside for that purpose.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The Board approved:

- the certification of current appraisal rolls which values property at \$819 million, an increase of \$120 million over last year.
- a tax rate of \$1.2575, including \$0.7575 for maintenance and operations and \$0.50 for payment of principal and interest on debts. According to Director of Finance John Walker, this tax rate will raise less revenue for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate of \$0.9429 M&O.
- a resolution to declare a good cause exception to House Bill 3 regarding the armed security officer requirement. New state law requires a police officer at each campus. CISD Police Chief Seth McDaniel stated that four police officers were hired to cover each campus; however, the central office, the Summit School and DAEP did not have coverage but he stated officers would be nearby and could access one of the three locations quickly.
- a resolution establishing nonbusiness days for the purpose of complying with the Public Information Act.
- the placement of a Masonic cornerstone on the new middle school.
- Jenna O'Neal, CHS assistant principal, as a teacher appraiser.

The Board did not receive a motion to allow a home-schooled student to participate in FFA. Board members expressed concern with the student's safety and setting a precedent for other students to participate in other extracurricular activities without the District receiving funding.

Enrollment is up 36 students from this time last year, the highest enrollment since 2019.

Upcoming Board meetings

Monday, 9/18

Monday, 10/23

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the Central Administration Building at 3315 Washington St.

