

ON BOARD

OCTOBER 2023



Board President Kathleen Hooten presented gift cards to CISD principals in recognition their service. October is National Principals Month. Shown left to right are CHS Principal Roger Brown, CMS Principal Dr. Lisa Palazzetti, ACW Principal Jeanie Putman and CES Principal Patricia Nelle. I

Upcoming Board meetings

Monday, 11/13

Thursday, 12/14

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



Board acts on routine agenda

October's monthly board meeting ran smoothly with Board members considering several routine matters.

BOARD ACTION...

The Board approved:

- accepting the resignation of police officer Justin Findley ;
- employment of Leslie Benson, a registered nurse assigned to CES;
- 23-24 District Improvement Plan and Campus Improvement Plans;
- the Opioid Overdose; Narcan/Naloxone administration policy which sets guidelines for using the opioid antagonists on secondary campuses. Superintendent Charlie Alderman was asked by member Dr. LaVelle Hendricks about extending its availability to elementary campuses and Alderman agreed to look into the matter.
- School Health Advisory Council members from CISD included Nicki Dawson, Patricia Tremmel, Amanda Herron, Mike Pope and Shannon Isom. Parents on the council are Shonda Harris, Christen Rhodes, Chris Ritchie, Alison Walker, Emily Shipman, Megan Bellamy, Kandy Powers, Robert Harkey and Christopher Steen.
- North East Texas Career and Technology Consortium shared services agreement.

Board member Krystal Jackson made a motion to table action on employing or accepting chaplains as volunteers. The Board voted in favor of the motion to have more time to consider and discuss consequences of the action.

Enrollment is at 1552, which is up two from last month but up over 100 students from two years ago. Current totals are the highest in the last five years.

The Board was presented information by Patrick McArthur, the Board representative from Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP, the district's tax attorneys. He said that tax collection rate for 2021 was at 98.7 percent after his firm collected on some overdue accounts. He added that 64 percent of the outstanding accounts owed less than \$1000.

Director of Finance John Walker presented the required annual review of investment policy and investment strategies. He said that the District was actually making money from the bond sale due to higher interest rates.

The required Team of Eight training and legislative update for the Board and superintendent was scheduled for October 23.

Alderman read a letter of resignation from Board member Gabe Wittkopf, who has served on the Board for over 13 years.