

ON BOARD

BY-THE-MINUTES REPORT

March 2015

Board approves 15-16 calendar, waivers

Families wanting to plan summer vacations, winter holidays and spring break will be pleased to see that the CISD Board approved the 2015-2016 school calendar.

The calendar includes student holidays during the week of Thanksgiving, two weeks off at Christmas and spring break aligned with Texas A&M University-Commerce. The starting data may change, however; if the State Legislature votes to allow school to start earlier. This measure would benefit secondary campuses by allowing the fall semester to end before Christmas.

The Board approved waivers for three days of staff development and five early release days.

A report card pick-up day will be held on October 8 so teachers can meet with parents after the first grading period.

The Board also approved applying for a waiver for the extra day missed due to the bad weather.



(Above) Second place winners in the UIL Young Filmmakers state competition included Sarah Stogner-Dickinson, Rachael Sheehan, Philip Weise, Daniel Neel, Mikey Elwell, Calvin Preas and sponsor Karri Anderson. Not pictured are Noah Cramer and Aaron Ferrell. Director Daniel Neel had two films of the six judged out of the entire field of over 600.

CHS powerlifters rank 3rd, 6th, 9th in state



CHS powerlifters made it into the top ten as they completed in the state powerlifting meet at Corpus Christi. Brittany Daniels (right) placed third, Sierra Patterson (center) placed sixth and Nicole Barrett finished ninth. Coaches were Travis Smith and Vince Taylor. Board members recognized the heavy lifters at the March Board meeting.



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Campus teachers of the year honored

Voted for by their peers, CISD Campus Teachers of the Year have been selected. Shown left to right are Lauren Veraska, CES; Amy Scaff, ACW; Patricia Nelle, CMS and Tina Christian, CHS. Mrs. Scaff's children decided to share the limelight.

The teachers will write six essays and be interviewed by a district selection committee in May. An elementary and a secondary teacher of the year will be named at the end-of-year staff recognition lunch. These two teachers will be entered into the Region 10 Teacher of the Year contest and will be honored at a Texas Ranger game and during a luncheon in Dallas in August.



Jason Hudson (right) has been named director of the North East Texas Career and Technical Consortium (NETCAT). Hudson held a similar position at Mesquite ISD. He is a CHS graduate and currently is the Cumby ISD Board of Trustees president. He is shown at right with his wife, Emma, and his children as he is congratulated by CISD Superintendent Blake Cooper.



In other personnel action, the Board voted to accept resignations from Cora Cooper, ACW teacher; and Patrick McConegly, CHS/teacher.



Director of Finance John Walker (left) was recognized by the Board for achieving the Registered Texas School Business Administrator (RTSBA) distinction from the Texas Association of School Business Officials.

Superintendent's report...

Mr. Cooper said enrollment grew one student since February. The next Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 20.

The Board discussed allowing six acres adjacent to A.C. Williams Elementary School to be used by the City of Commerce for recreational use. The City is writing a grant that, if funded, would provide for a nine-hole disc golf course and a bike and hike trail. The District voted during a special meeting on March 30 to write a letter of commitment for deeding the property to the City if grant funds are awarded.



BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 • 3315 Washington

Monday April 20
Monday May 18
Monday June 15
Monday July 20

BOOTS & BBQ Celebration and Fundraiser

April 11, 6 p.m., CHS

Become a Foundation Champion
for \$200.

Individual tickets available
at the Central Office.



COMMERCE ISD 2015-16

2015 FALL SEMESTER

92 Instructional Days

JULY 2015

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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AUGUST 2015

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SEPTEMBER 2015

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OCTOBER 2015

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DECEMBER 2015

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2016 SPRING SEMESTER

85 Instructional Days

JANUARY 2016

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MARCH 2016

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APRIL 2016

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MAY 2016

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JUNE 2016

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- 7/20 Online registration opens
- 8/6 New student registration 12–6 p.m.
- 8/7 New student registration 7:30–1 p.m.
- 8/13–14 New teacher days
- 8/17–21 Staff development
- 8/24 First day of class
- 9/7 Holiday
- 10/2 End of 1st reporting period
- 10/5 Beginning of 2nd reporting period
- 10/8 Early release—report card pickup
- 11/13 End of 2nd reporting period
- 11/16 Beginning of 3rd reporting period
- 11/20 Early release
- 11/23–24 Teacher exchange days
- 11/23–27 Holiday
- 12/18 Early release
- 12/21–31 Holiday
- 1/1 Holiday
- 1/18 Holiday
- 1/21 End of 3rd reporting period
- 1/22 Student holiday/staff development
- 1/25 Beginning of 4th reporting period
- 2/26 Student holiday/staff development
- 3/4 End of 4th reporting period
- 3/7 Beginning of 5th reporting period
- 3/14–18 Spring Break
- 3/25 Early release
- 3/28 Bad weather make-up day
- 4/22 End of 5th reporting period
- 4/25 Beginning of 6th reporting period
- 4/29 Bad weather make-up day
- 5/30 Holiday
- 6/2 End of 6th reporting period
- 6/3 Staff workday

■ No Classes Held—Holiday

R Registration

NT New Teacher Day

● Student Holidays:

P Staff Development

W Teacher Workday

X Teacher Exchange Day

[Reporting Period Begins

] Reporting Period Ends

❄ Bad Weather Day

□ Early Release

■ CISD offices closed

Students 177 days

Teachers 187 days

Calendar subject to change by the State Legislature. Could start one week earlier.