

# ON BOARD

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September 2015



*The CHS Drama Department won first place in the State UIL Group Theatrical Design competition in Austin last semester. Members of the team were recognized by the Board including Philip Weise (center), Aaron Ferrell (right), and sponsor Karri Anderson (left). Not pictured are Sarah Stogner-Dickinson and Rachael Sheehan.*



*Brent and Amanda Turner were recognized for their leadership in providing ACW with a new playground pavilion. Their company, B&A Concrete, along with subcontractors Randall Stinson, Pat Erwin, Tony Cox and Wes Haddock, built an outdoor structure to protect various school activities.*



## Accountability report shows four CHS distinctions

Assistant Superintendent Charlie Alderman reported that all campuses and the District "Met Standard" in his annual report to the Board of Trustees on state accountability. Commerce Middle School received two distinctions--academic achievement in reading/English language arts and math. Commerce High School earned four distinctions in academic achievement in reading/English language arts, math and social studies and postsecondary readiness.

He said administrators were working on improvement in writing, science, math and social studies. Attendance would also be a target for improvement.

In other action, the Board nominated John Sands as a candidate for the Hunt County Appraisal District Board of Directors and Scottie Stegall as a candidate for the Delta County Appraisal Board of Directors.

The Board also approved a course sharing agreement with NETCAT, North East Texas Career and Technical Consortium, which is directed by Jason Hudson.

Superintendent Blake Cooper reported enrollment at 1606, up 60 students from the first day of school. The count is also up from the May 2015 count of 1551.

He also reported at the City of Commerce was resubmitting a grant proposal for a bike and hike trail and disc golf course adjacent to ACW property.

The Board accepted the resignation of Clint Blazier, CHS teacher, and approved employment of James Mills, a former CHS graduate, as a science teacher at CHS.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for October 19 at 7 p.m. CHS will present its campus report.



*Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation board members presented CUSD teachers with instructional grants totaling \$62,250, the largest amount funded since the Foundation's inception in 2001. A record number of grant proposals were received for consideration by the Foundation. Included in the grant awards this year was money devoted to the CES ArboREADum. Donors to the ArboREADum are also included in the photo above.*