



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of February 12, 2013

The Board of Trustees met on February 12, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas - President, Scott Aaron - Vice-President, Scott Elder - Secretary, Maria Jones, Joel Hardeman, and Mike Tincher. David Bullock was absent.

Action Items:

1. Approved the monthly financial reports, accounts payable listing, and water/electricity/gas reports as presented.
2. Approved the board meeting minutes for January 15, 2013 as presented.
3. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for January 2013 as presented.
4. Approved a Texas Education Agency General State Waiver for one first grade Bilingual classroom at Lamar Elementary.
5. Approved the proposed 2013-14 School Calendar.
6. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved the extension of the superintendent's contract for one additional year.
 - Approved administrator contract renewals for Jeanette Barron, James Bradford, Carey Carter, Paul Hearn, Jay Walsworth, Mary Laigle, Charles Lawrence, Douglas Rice, Jimmie Yancey, Dianna Leggett, Lesa Whaley, Wendell Barker, Kelly Wilkerson, Melissa Murphy, Jeffery Smith, Parisa Lerma, Randy Gover, Kendra Fowler, Natalie Griffin, and Randall Marshall.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss Mission, Vision, and Goals – Team of Eight Training on Tuesday, March 5, Facility Needs Assessment – Community Committee, Maintenance Needs – Noresco Contract, Academy with Direct Instruction, Student Drug Testing, Community Luncheon, Voucher Resolution, Accountability – Test Dates for 2012-13, and Superintendent Internship BE/ESL Program Report by Jeff Smith.
2. Natalie Griffin, Travis Elementary Principal, and Skipper Bennett/Debra Strandberg, art teachers, spotlighted the art department at Travis. Karissa Smith and Brittany Swindle, sixth grade students, led the Board and audience in the pledges of allegiance and briefly reported on their art project.
3. Mary Creighton, Director of Public Relations, recognized the Carl E. Kessler Family Foundation – David Kessler and Linda Kessler, American Legion Auxiliary – Charity Garland, and Class of 1960 – Jane Smith, Johnell Glidewell, Carolyn Pratt Hickey, Mickey Morris, Judy Gayler, Eldred Glidewell, and Connie Smith as Partners in Education for the month of February. These groups have been very generous in giving scholarships to the graduating high school seniors every year.
4. Scott Elder, Board Secretary, briefly reported on the Community Luncheon on School Funding and Legislation that was held on Tuesday, February 5 at Holiday Hills Country Club with speakers, Dr. Bonnie Lesley and Linda Ethridge. Several individuals have expressed appreciation and complimented the district for organizing this event.
5. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, announced that First Financial Bank sponsored the Community Luncheon which did not cost the district any money.
6. Joe Ruelas, Board President, announced that the board workshop/regular meeting scheduled on Tuesday, March 12 will be moved to Tuesday, March 26 due to Spring Break and Camp Grady Spruce.
7. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, announced that the attendance figures for the month of January are holding with the flu season seeming to have run its' course. Dr. Haterius reported that the high school will have Spring 2013 Dual Credit Instruction - Biology 1411/Lab and English 1302.
8. Carey Carter, Director of Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, reported briefly on the STARR Testing/Accountability. TAKS tests this year will only be taken by the juniors and those seniors that have not been successful. The new STARR tests will be longer in length and students will only have four hours to complete each test. The tests will include process skills embedded in Math, Science, and Social Studies.
9. The Board received calendars for February and March.

Resignations/Retirements:

- Debra Loyd effective February 28, 2013
- Linda Allen effective June 7, 2013

Next Regular Meeting will be on March 26, 2013

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