



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of March 25, 2014

The Board of Trustees met on March 25, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas - President, Scott Elder - Secretary, Joel Hardeman, Maria Jones, Sunny Gail Lee and Greg Malone. Scott Aaron - Vice President was absent.

Action Items:

1. Approved the monthly financial reports and accounts payable listing.
2. Approved the water/electricity/gas reports as presented.
3. Approved the board meeting minutes for February 3, 2014, February 11, 2014, February 13, 2014, March 6, 2014, and March 7, 2014 as presented.
4. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for February 2014 as presented.
5. Approved the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification, 2014-2015 as presented.
6. Approved a Bad Weather Days Waiver as presented.
7. Approved a Letter of Agreement with Weatherford ISD Adult Education Cooperative as presented.
8. Approved a Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 10, 2014 Election as presented.
9. Approved an Order of Cancellation for the May 10, 2014 Election as presented.
10. Approved Revisions to Board Policy GKA(LOCAL) as presented.
11. Approved an Evaluation Document – Student/Community Engagement and Compliance as presented.
12. Approved the Proposed School Calendar for 2014-2015 as presented.
13. Approved the Skyward Contract as presented.
14. Approved the Mineral Wells Junior High Network RFP as presented.
15. Authorized the superintendent to purchase real property - Lamar and MWJH.
16. Closed Session Items: There were no closed session items.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss Bond Planning, Purchase of Real Property – Lamar and MWJH, Old Mineral Wells High School Cultural and Heritage Foundation – Old Fannin Building, Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce – Old Fannin Building, Discussion of School Configurations, MWISD Curriculum – HB 5, Stage 3 PBM, and School Meal Prices.
2. Karyn Bullock, Public Relations Coordinator, recognized Debra Hanlon and Ferel Gage, Director of Missions, with the Palo Pinto Baptist Association, as the Partners in Education for the month of March. During spring break, Ms. Hanlon organized seven churches, three schools, numerous volunteers, and prepared activities for almost 200 children. All three locations offered Bible stories, games, activities, crafts, sack lunches, and bounce houses.
3. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, recognized Jeff Williams, MWHS Teacher/SC-IPC/Health/DH/GT, as the second inductee to receive the Apple Corps Excellence in Teaching Award for 2014. Some of his peers, Toni Thomas, Autumn Wraight, Stefany Johnston, Melanie Blakeley, and Laura Horner, and a student, John Hipol (MWHS senior), shared their personal opinions of Mr. Williams.
4. Joe Ruelas, Board President, reported that in the boardroom on the walls is a Celebration of Excellence math exhibit. The audience was asked to take time to look over the works of the students.
5. Joe Ruelas, Board President, announced that the Athletic Director/Head Football Coach reception sponsored by the Mineral Wells Athletic Booster Club and Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce scheduled on Monday, March 24 in the high school cafeteria was well attended. It was a wonderful opportunity for students, parents, and community members to “meet and greet” Gerald Perry.
6. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the attendance figures for the month of February. Mineral Wells High School was complimented for having the highest attendance rate of 94.28%.
7. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the Comptroller’s Property Tax Assistance Division - 2013 Methods and Assistance Program (MAP) Review, which must be made public for the taxpayers. The Palo Pinto Appraisal District received scores of 100 for Governance, 90 for Taxpayer Assistance, 74 for Operating Procedures, and 86 for Appraisal Standards, Procedures, and Methodology.
8. Carrie Martin, Director of Food Service, reported on the results of a recent audit by the Texas Department of Agriculture Food & Nutrition 2013-2014 Critical and General Areas of Review. Out of 120 questions, the Food Service Department only had nine minor procedural findings, which will not cost the district any money.

9. Carey Carter, Director of Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, reported on the textbook adoption process. The following selections have been made: K-6 Science – Houghton Mifflin Harcourt “Texas Fusion Science”, 7-8 Science – Pearson Science, Biology – Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Biology, Chemistry – Pearson Chemistry, Physics – Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Physics, AP Physics – Wiley Physics, IPC – McGraw Hill IPC, Environmental Science – Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Environmental Science, K-5/6 Math – either Pearson “Envisions” or Houghton Mifflin Harcourt “Go Math”, and 6/7-8 Math – McGraw Hill Middle School Math.
10. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported that the board members received Localized Policy Manual Update 99 for study. This will be an action item at the April board meeting.
11. The Board received calendars for March and April.

Next Regular Meeting will be on April 8, 2014

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