



## BOARD BRIEFS

### Mineral Wells Independent School District

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#### A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of January 9, 2017

The Board of Trustees met on January 9, 2017 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – President, Sunny Lee – Vice President, Scott Elder – Secretary, Donna Henderson, Greg Malone, Laretta Poole, and Joe Ruelas.

#### Action Items:

1. Approved the 2015-2016 Audit Report as presented by Snow Garrett Williams, Certified Public Accountants.
2. Selected Snow Garrett Williams, Certified Public Accountants, as the district's audit firm for 2016-2017.
3. Approved the Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable Listing as presented.
4. Approved the Water, Electricity, and Gas Reports as presented.
5. Approved the Investment Report as presented.
6. Approved the board meeting minutes for December 13, 2016 as presented.
7. Approved the Facility Use Agreements for Category I Organizations as presented.
8. Approved and adopted the Innovative Plan designating Mineral Wells ISD as a District of Innovation.
9. Approved the Resolution Authorizing Initiation of Proceedings for Sale of Real Estate described as approximately 18.394 acres of land situated in the Edgewood Addition and approximately 3.9 acres in T & P Railroad Survey, located and situated in the City of Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas.
10. Closed Session Items:
  - Approved a \$5,000 salary increase and a one-year extension to the superintendent's contract.

#### Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss Planning for 2016-2017, Legislative Preview, Goal Setting, Review of Vision and Mission Statements, Review of Policy GKD, Opportunity Culture Update, Concussion Protocol, and Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract.
2. School Board Appreciation –
  - Wendell Barker, Mineral Wells Junior High Principal, extended his appreciation to the Mineral Wells ISD Board of Trustees. In recognition of School Board Appreciation Month, MWJH students presented a brief video, followed by a solo vocal performance by Mackenzie Lawhon on keyboard and accompanied by Chase Jordan on drums. MWJH students extended their thanks to the Board and then presented each Board member with a gift basket.
  - Campus librarians each gave a book in honor of the School Board members. The books were featured on the library tabletop displays in the board room: Lamar Elementary – *If you Give a Mouse a Brownie* by Laura Numeroff; Houston Elementary – *Cool Circuits* by Susan Martineau & Nick Bushell; Travis Elementary – *Rosie Revere, Engineer* by Andrea Beaty; MWJH – *Star Wars: The Original Trilogy Series* by George Lucas; and MWHS – *The LEGO Architect* by Tom Alphin.
  - John Kuhn, Superintendent, presented each Board member with the District's Certificate of Appreciation and a jersey with their name and number indicating their place on the board.
3. The campus spotlight was on Travis Elementary and Makerspace. Cathy Hammond, Travis Librarian, explained how Makerspace creates a collaborative learning environment and helps to create problem solvers in charge of their own learning. Travis students demonstrated their personal projects to the Board. Caeden Barker demonstrated electronic circuitry with a remote controlled car made out of littleBits, Marlee Lawhon demonstrated how to conduct electricity with the Makey Makey banana piano, and Madison Enriquez demonstrated computer programming with the Sphero robot. Students received a standing ovation and the Board received invitations to attend play day at Travis to see all of the student projects.
4. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized the following MWHS students who received Academic All-State volleyball recognition: Megan Hamric – All State Honorable Mention, LaNisa Small – All State Honorable Mention, Jacey Grimes – All State Honorable Mention, Krista Burns – 2nd Team Academic All State, and Ali Blissitte – 2nd Team Academic All State. Certificates of Recognition were presented by Maria Jones, Board President, and John Kuhn, Superintendent.
5. John Kuhn, Superintendent, introduced Travis Elementary teacher, Jessica Stephenson, as the third recipient of the 2016-2017 Apple Corps Awards. Maria Jones, Board President, read the Proclamation and John Kuhn, Superintendent, presented the Apple Corps plaque. Ms. Stephenson was honored by quotes and inspirational messages from her peers. Apple Corps members are chosen from a pool of teachers who have been nominated by their peers at each campus. This honorary program will induct five teachers this year during a special ceremony at the District's Board of Trustees monthly meetings.
6. Maria Jones, Board President –
  - Announced she would be attending the NSBA Advocacy Institute in Washington D.C. January 29-31, 2017.
  - Thanked Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA) for the food they provided for the Board.
7. John Kuhn, Superintendent –
  - Reported enrollment was up by 37 students from this time last year. The report also shows the district attendance rate at 95.13% which is a good indication of attendance methods used at the campuses.
  - Congratulated Travis Elementary for both their campus spotlight presentation and the Apple Corps presentation, saying "the heart of Travis" was evident tonight.

8. Jon Almeida, Mineral Wells High School Principal, presented information on the Mega Lunch Plan to be implemented at the high school by the end of this month. The plan will allow better use of time for both faculty and students by combining lunch into one continuous period of time to allow opportunities for student remediation and tutorials, as well as organization/club/class meetings or guest speaker presentations.
9. Carey Carter, Executive Director of Curriculum, presented information on Accountability 2017 and the A-F Rating system.
10. A Public Hearing was held to review the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). Carey Carter presented the information and there were no questions from the audience.
11. A Public Hearing was held to consider the final version of the proposed Innovative Plan designating Mineral Wells ISD as a District of Innovation. David Tarver, Assistant Superintendent presented the information and there were no questions from the audience.

**Information:**

The Board received calendars for January and February.

**Next Regular Meeting will be on February 13, 2017**

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