



# BOARD BRIEFS

## Mineral Wells Independent School District

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### A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of April 12, 2011

The Board of Trustees met on April 12, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas - President, Scott Aaron - Vice President, Ellen Starr - Secretary, David Bullock, Scott Elder, Joel Hardeman, and Mike Tincher.

#### Action Items:

- Approved the monthly financial reports, bills, and checks written since the last meeting.
- Approved the quarterly investment report as presented.
- Approved the board meeting minutes for March 8, 2011.
- Closed Session Items:
  - A. Approved the resignations of Elaine Goodwin, Cara Shoemaker, Amanda Bourland, Cynthia Weems, Bata Boyd, Connie Borgenson, Whitney Key, Wendy Boswell, Sara Cornett, Mary Fields, Aleshia Pierce, Melanie Stringer effective June 3, 2011, and Tracy Rich effective June 30, 2011.
  - B. Approved 232 probationary and term contracts and five non Chapter 21 contracts.
  - C. Approved nonrenewal of three probationary contracts effective June 3, 2011.

#### Information Items:

1. Jay Walsworth, Mineral Wells Junior High School principal, introduced Jacki Bandy, Destination Imagination sponsor, to inform the Board and audience of the recent DI accomplishments. Two teams qualified to compete at the DI global competition in Knoxville, Tennessee. Josh Mays, MWHS senior, was recognized for winning a full-ride \$50,000 DI scholarship from UT at Dallas.
2. Dr. Janna Brendle, director of special education, recognized Paula Ramsey (paraprofessional) and Sandra Dixon (professional) for the month of April.
3. Mary Creighton, director of public relations, recognized the VFW Post 2399 and VFW Auxiliary as Partners in Education for the month of April.
4. Dr. James R. Collins, superintendent, announced that he received a report from Frances Cleveland, Mineral Wells Academy teacher/PEP, that 25 graduates completed all credits and TAKS testing, seven students earned all credits but are waiting for spring ELA results or spring retesting, and four current students have passed all TAKS and will probably complete all credits by June.
5. Dr. James R. Collins, superintendent, gave a brief summary of the Incentive Acceptance Program. The district spent \$57,000 and recognized a savings in salary and benefits of \$534,342.
6. Dr. James R. Collins, superintendent, provided the board members with a breakdown of the district's 521.5 employees. It has been reported that school districts have one administrator for every teacher, which is very misleading to the public. MWISD's 262 teachers are the largest group of employees at 50.24% and there are only 13 campus administrators at 2.49%. The remaining percentages are the support personnel which consist of transportation/bus drivers, maintenance, food service, technology, special education coop, librarians, counselors, business office, security, aides/paraprofessionals, etc. that help run the school district.
7. Bobbye Estes-Akin, assistant superintendent of instructional services/assessment/accountability, briefly reviewed the proposed changes to Board Policy EHBB(LOCAL).
8. The Board received calendars for the month of April and May. Dr. Collins reported that it usually takes two years to see results when a district moves down in classifications (4A to 3A). However, this has not been the case for Mineral Wells. The football team won district, volleyball team clinched a playoff spot, basketball teams won district and bi-district, both cross country teams clinched a berth in the Region I meet, first-ever girl cross country member earned a berth in the state meet, boys and girls soccer teams qualified for the first-ever soccer playoffs, tennis team captured first place in both boys and girls divisions (both doubles teams qualified for the regional tournament), girls golf finished second at the district tournament and have qualified for the Region tournament, MWHS won the district One Act Play, and softball could clinch first place in district and the baseball team could clinch a playoff spot if they win on Friday night.

#### Next Regular Meeting will be on May 10, 2011

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