

Mineral Wells Independent School District**A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees
Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of February 10, 2015**

The Board of Trustees met on February 10, 2015 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas - President, Maria Jones - Vice President, Scott Elder, and Sunny Gail Lee. Scott Aaron, Greg Malone, and Laretta Poole were absent.

Action Items:

1. Approved the Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable Listing as presented.
2. Approved the Water, Electricity, and Gas Reports as presented.
3. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for January 2015 as presented.
4. Approved the board meeting minutes for January 13, 2015 as presented.
5. Approved a Petition Protesting 2014 Property Value Study Findings.
6. Approved an Order to call for a School Board Election to be held on May 9, 2015 for the purpose of electing one trustee for each position designated as 1 and 2 – currently held by Greg Malone and Scott Elder.
7. Approved a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the Palo Pinto County Elections Administrator and MWISD as presented.
8. Approved Update 101 Local District Policies CH(LOCAL), EB(LOCAL), FFG(LOCAL), and no changes to FMG(LOCAL).
9. Approved changes to Board Policies BE(LOCAL), DGBA(LOCAL), FNG(LOCAL), and GF(LOCAL) as recommended by the School Attorney.
10. Approved Innovative Courses as presented.
11. Approved changes to the 2015-2016 School Calendar.
12. Approved the Mineral Wells Profile of a Graduate as presented. Board of Trustees, community members, teachers, students, and administration worked together to construct the Mineral Wells Profile of a Graduate.
13. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved administrators' contracts as follows: Jay Walsworth, Carey Carter, Kelly Wilkerson, Paul Hearn, Jon Almeida, Wendell Barker, Natalie Griffin, Dianna Leggett, Melissa Murphy, Kendra Fowler, Sabina Landeros, Kendra Nelson, Jeffery Smith, David Tarver, Lesa Whaley, Jeff Williams, Jim Yancey, Gregory Bird, James Bradford, Randy Marshall, and Gerald Perry.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Bond Update, Planning, National School Boards Association Advocacy Institute Feb. 1-3 and State Advocacy, Graduate Profile, Petition Protesting 2014 Property Value Study Findings, Agenda Review, and Superintendent's Goals.
2. Houston Elementary students, Brittany Delk, Jordan Fisher, Dulce Garcia, Kavi Patel, and Justin Mecaskey, led the Board and audience in the pledges to the U.S./Texas Flags.
3. Dianna Leggett, Houston Elementary Principal, announced that Houston Elementary will spotlight their service project "Jump Rope for Heart." This project is a fun event where students can jump rope, learn about their heart and how to keep it healthy, while raising money for the American Heart Association. Under the supervision of Julie Souders, Houston Teacher/PE, and Tony Belk, Houston Teacher/PE, the above students demonstrated the different jump rope techniques for the Board and audience.
4. Karyn Bullock announced that the Parent Teacher Organizations are the Partners in Education for the Month of February. The following representatives were recognized: MWHS – Maria Jones, MWJH – Melody Singleton and Barbara Pophin, Travis Elementary – Jennifer Lutz, Houston Elementary – Tina Ruelas and Deisi Glover, and Lamar Elementary – Tabitha Cienega.
5. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, introduced Barbara Schipper, Houston Teacher/3/TAL ELAR, as the fourth recipient of the 2014-2015 Apple Corps Award. Joe Ruelas, Board President, read the Apple Corps Proclamation. Rhonda Nicklas, Houston Teacher/3/TAL Math, and Sharon Purefoy, Houston Teacher/3, expressed appreciation for Mrs. Schipper's friendship; leadership; organizational skills; mentoring; patience; dedication; hard worker; a good sounding board; always willing to tutor students; builder of character; and strong connection with students. Braxton Allen (MWHS junior) expressed appreciation to Mrs. Schipper for being the greatest teacher he ever had, always having a smile on her face, and giving out hugs when students really needed them.
6. Joe Ruelas, Board President, announced that the board meeting scheduled for March 10 will be moved to March 24, due to Spring Break.
7. Maria Jones, Board Vice-President, reported on her trip to the National School Boards Association Advocacy Institute February 1-3 and State Advocacy in Washington, D.C. The State of Texas was well represented with 68 school board members attending the institute.
8. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the enrollment comparison for January 30, 2015. Mineral Wells Junior High was complimented for having an attendance rate of 94.94%, followed closely by Travis Elementary with a rate of 94.92%.

9. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the TASA presentation on the Stanford Research Project involving Mineral Wells Junior High and Mineral Wells High School.
10. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, announced that she, Greg Bird, Director of Technology, and Trish Patkin, Texas A&M Professor at Corpus Christi, did a presentation on Professional Development at the TCEA Convention and Exposition on Tuesday, February 3 in Austin.
11. James Bradford, Maintenance Director, updated the Board on the construction projects. The sod for the high school track was laid today; will be working on the "D" on Wednesday; and asphalt will be put down on Thursday - wait two weeks - then top the track. At Houston Elementary, they will be installing the wire for the card readers. This security project should be completed by Spring Break. At Lamar Elementary, the roof deck at Area A is complete; next week will start roofing Area A; and plumbing and electrical rough-in is also complete at Area A. Currently working on plumbing and electrical in Areas B and C; slabs in Areas D and E should be poured by next Friday; gym roof deck is ready to go down; the kitchen walls are up in Area B; and total building dry-in should be ready by April 1.

Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reminded board members of a Special Called Board Meeting scheduled at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12 at the Lamar Replacement Elementary School.
12. Greg Bird, Director of Technology, reported on BrightBytes. This is a collection of information from teachers, students, and parents that provides the district with information on how effective technology is utilized in the classrooms.
13. The Board received calendars for February and March.

Joe Ruelas, Board President, complimented the Travis Elementary students and staff for doing an outstanding job with the musical production of *The Little Mermaid*. The performances were scheduled on February 6, 7, and 8 at the Mineral Wells High School.

Next Regular Meeting will be on March 24, 2015

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