



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of May 13, 2014

The Board of Trustees met on May 13, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Scott Elder – Secretary, Joel Hardeman, Maria Jones, Sunny Gail Lee, and Greg Malone. Joe Ruelas – President and Scott Aaron – Vice President were 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 April 8, 2014 as presented.
4. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for April 2014 as presented.
5. Approved student out-of-state travel this summer for the MWHS Theatre and Band.
6. Approved the proposed Child Nutrition Program Meal Prices for 2014-2015.
7. Approved a residency waiver for the Director of Transportation.
8. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved the employment of the following: Leslie Piatkowski (Houston Teacher/3), Noelia Kuhn (Houston Teacher/Bilingual), Jessica Stephenson (Travis Teacher/5), Audrey Almeida (Lamar Librarian), Mark Piatkowski (MWJH Teacher/Science/Coach), Dianne Aldridge (MWJH Computer Science), Patty Leek (MWJH Teacher/8 ELA), Camryn Whitfield (MWJH Teacher/8 MH & Algebra), Robert Mori (MWJH Teacher/8 SS/Coach), Misty Gifford (MWJH Teacher/Art), Clinton T. Smith (MWJH Teacher 7 MH/Coach), Brittany DeLaVergne (MWJH Teacher/Band), Jason Briles (MWHS Teacher/SS/Coach), Carl Lorey (MWHS Teacher/Choir), David Yates (DAEP Teacher/Lead), and Mark Masters (MWJH Teacher/SS/Coach).
 - Approved the employment of the following: Kelly Wilkerson (Director of Elementary Education/Federal Programs) effective June 6, 2014 and David Tarver (Travis Elementary Assistant Principal) effective August 4, 2014.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss Bond Planning, Planning for 2013-2014, Survey of Local Districts – Bad Weather Days, Curriculum/HB5/Algebra 1 Planning, and S.R.O. 2014-2015.
2. Karyn Bullock, Public Relations Coordinator, announced that the Mineral Wells Index has been recognized by Mineral Wells ISD for fair and balanced reporting, providing valuable information to the community about public schools, their students, and patrons and is acknowledged and honored as a member in good standing of the statewide TASB 2014 Media Honor Roll. David May, Mineral Wells Index editor, accepted the certificate of appreciation.
3. Karyn Bullock, Public Relations Coordinator, recognized the Knights of Pythias Lodge 212 as the Partner in Education for the month of May. The Lodge introduced a new pilot program at Houston Elementary known as the two “Rs”, Reading and Riding, which was launched to encourage students to read. For every 10 books that a student read, they received a ticket to be entered in the drawing to win one of ten new bicycles. Oscar Choate, secretary, and Steve Butcher, member, accepted the certificate of appreciation.
4. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, recognized Sharon Purefoy, Houston Teacher/3, as the fourth inductee to receive the Apple Corps Excellence in Teaching Award for 2014. Robin Wilson (Houston Teacher/2/ESL Sunset), Barbara Schipper (Houston Teacher/3/Chair), Linda Fischer (Houston Teacher/2), and Shannon Bethune (Houston Teacher/3), and students, Taylor Beasley (Travis 6th grader) and Alleson Elder (Travis 4th grader), spoke briefly of their appreciation for Mrs. Purefoy.
5. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, recognized Billye Tam, Lamar Teacher/1, as the fifth inductee to receive the Apple Corps Excellence in Teacher Award for 2014. Leslee Barham (Lamar Teacher/PK), Courtney Dusek (Lamar Teacher/1), and Gloria Moody (Lamar Teacher/K) spoke briefly of their appreciation for Mrs. Tam.
6. Scott Elder, Board Secretary, reported that nine FFA teams participated in the Area Career Development Contest on April 9th at Tarleton State University. Two teams advanced to state competition on Friday, May 2, 2014 - Nursery/Landscape team consisting of Cayler Banks, Katlin Norton, Alec Ortiz and Max Whaley and Floriculture team consisting of Brittany Guill, Riley Bullock, Bailey Simonton and Emily Rogers. MWHS students, Damon Campbell (Computer Applications), Katie Pilgrim (Computer Applications), J.D. Choate (Poetry Interpretation), David Naranjo (Feature Writing), and Bailey VanNatta (News Writing), will travel to Austin May 19-21 to represent Mineral Wells High School in the UIL State Academic Meet.
7. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the attendance figures for the month of April. Houston Elementary was complimented for having the highest attendance rate of 96.13% and Travis Elementary for coming in a very close second with a rate of 96.1%.
8. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the Student Advisory Committee for 2013-2014. Ten high school students and six junior high students were selected to serve on this committee which met throughout the school year at the District Services Complex. Information collected from the students was invaluable.
9. Gerald Perry, Athletic Director/Head Football Coach, gave a report of the Spring Athletic accomplishments. The following were recognized: Tennis Coach Sally Scott and student guests - Ty Tarver and Emiley Loya Scott, Boys' Soccer Coach Rolando Borjon and student guest - Zachary Gray, Girls' Soccer Coach John Tuggle and student guest - Kaleigh Aaron, Golf Coach Tommy Fincher and student guests - Scarlett Eaton and Reece Tarver, Track Coach Jackie Harvey and student guests - Raean Rivers, DaShawn Hicks, and Juvaree Sutton, Baseball Coach Bret Barrick and student guest - Colby Kissinger, and Softball Coach David Tarver and student guest - Bethany Allen.

10. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, recognized Joel Hardeman, retiring board member, for his nine years of service to the students and staff of MWISD. In a show of appreciation for his years of service, he was presented a mantel clock.
11. Wanda Voelcker, SHAC Chairperson/MWISD Head Nurse, presented the School Health Advisory Committee annual report.
12. Greg Bird, Director of Technology, reported on Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) that is a technology for communicating using "Internet protocol" instead of the traditional analog systems. The district is looking at replacing the current telephone system with VoIP which is the new standard in voice communications in the market today. This project would be e-rate eligible, which means the FCC will cover most of the associated costs, including maintenance cost.
13. The Board received calendars for May and June.

Next Regular Meeting will be on June 10, 2014

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