



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of October 13, 2015

The Board of Trustees met on October 13, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – President, Joe Ruelas – Board Vice President, Scott Elder – Secretary, Scott Aaron, Sunny Gail Lee, Greg Malone, and Lauretta Poole.

Action Items:

1. Approved the monthly financial reports and accounts payable listing as presented.
2. Approved the Water/Electricity/Gas Reports as presented.
3. Approved the Annual Investment Report as presented.
4. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for September 2015 as presented.
5. Approved the board meeting minutes for September 8, 2015 as presented.
6. Adopted an order for both Series 2015A and Series 2015B authorizing the issuance of such bonds, parameters for the sale and issuance of such bonds and delegating certain matters to authorized officials of the district.
7. Approved a Change Order for Lamar Elementary Canopy Add Ons submitted by Imperial Construction, Inc. as presented.
8. Authorized the superintendent to negotiate the bid for Stage II of the High School Go Center, Office Remodel – Safety and Security for value-engineering and to proceed with construction.
9. Approved the District and Campus Improvement Plans as presented.
10. Approved the National Incident Management (NIMS) Resolution as presented.
11. Approved the Texas Education Agency General State Waiver – On-Campus Pregnancy Related Services/Compensatory Education Home Instruction (CEHI) Waiver for three years as presented.
12. Approved the Texas Education Agency General State Waiver – Bilingual Education Exception and ESL Waiver as presented.
13. Authorized the superintendent to apply for a Texas Education Agency General State Waiver – Class Size Enrollment as the need arises for 2015-2016.
14. Approved the School Health Advisory Council Member list as presented.
15. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved the employment of Jodi White (Lamar Teacher/K) effective October 14, 2015.
 - Approved contract correction for Quinton Jones (High School Teacher/Health/Coach).

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Planning 2015-2016, Bond Update – Stage II, TASA/TASB Workshops, Emergency Operations Procedures, and Texas House District 60.
2. Jon Almeida, Mineral Wells High School Principal, spotlighted the Life Skills Special Education Department as having the biggest change and growth on the campus. Stephanie Jenkins, Lead Teacher, assisted by Kaitlin Blackwell, Life Skills Teacher, and Josh Stone, Community Based Instruction/Transition Designee, presented slides and information on the life skills program and student accomplishments.
3. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized local churches as sponsors of 5th Quarter, the Friday night after football game celebration for youth, grades 7-12. Present to receive certificates were David McClure – Indian Creek Baptist Church youth minister, Tom Seaton – First Baptist Church representative, and Chris Snow – Cityview Community Church.
4. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized Cityview Community Church as a recent sponsor of the 7 Project program which deals with some of the biggest challenges teens face during their seven most impressionable years (grades 6-12). In addition, Cityview sponsors Youth Alive, an outreach program that maintains the vision of reaching every student with the life-changing message of Christ. As part of this outreach, Chris and Amber Snow lead an after-school program available to any student wanting to attend. Chris Snow accepted the certificate of recognition on behalf of Cityview Community Church.
5. Maria Jones, Board President, reported that four board members attended the 2015 TASA/TASB Convention held October 2-4 at the Austin Convention Center in Austin, Texas.

6. Maria Jones, Board President, announced that she'd been accepted to receive a stipend to attend the 2016 National School Board Advocacy Institute Conference to be held in Washington, D.C. in January 2016.
7. Maria Jones, Board President, announced that Region 11 has a vacancy on the TASB Board of Directors. Nominations are being accepted through Friday, November 13.
8. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the enrollment comparison for September 30. Travis Elementary leads with an attendance rate of 95.84%.
9. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, read the State of Texas Proclamation wherein Texas Governor Greg Abbott proclaimed October 2015 as "Principals Month" in Texas. Dr. Haterius and Maria Jones, Board President, presented certificates to each principal and assistant principal.
10. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported the following progress at Lamar Elementary: the sod is in and hydromulch has been sprayed; perimeter fencing is being done this week; equipment training is being scheduled; and progress is being made on the three combined punch lists. Dr. Haterius reports that safety and security is complete at Lamar, Houston will be completed this week, and work will begin at High School, followed by Junior High.
11. The Board received calendars for October and November.

Next Regular Meeting will be on November 10, 2015

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