



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of November 10, 2009

The Board of Trustees met on November 10, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas - President, Ellen Starr - Secretary, Scott Aaron, David Bullock, Scott Elder, and Joel Hardeman. Mike Tincher was absent.

Action Items:

1. The monthly financial reports, bills, and checks written since the last meeting were approved.
2. Approved a budget amendment as presented.
3. Approved a physical activity exemption request.
4. Approved the minutes of the October 13, 2009 and November 2, 2009, meetings of the Board.
5. Approved the award of contract to Crawford Roofing, Inc. for the roof improvements project.
6. Approved changes to the 2009-2010 Nurse's Handbook.
7. Approved Resolution No. 113 to equally allocate votes for the Palo Pinto Appraisal District Board of Directors.
8. Approved Resolution No. 114 to equally allocate votes for the Parker Co. Appraisal District Board of Directors.
9. Approved changes to Board Policy EIA (LOCAL) Academic Achievement–Grading/Progress Reports to Parents.
10. Approved the Mineral Wells ISD Grow Your Own – Bilingual Elementary Teacher Program.
11. Accepted the resignation of Janice Newberry (Houston Teacher) effective 1/31/2010. Approved the employment of Francisco Ramirez (Travis Bilingual Inclusion Teacher) effective 10/19/2009.

Information Items:

1. Major Lee H. Evans presented a flag that flew over Afghanistan to Dr. James R. Collins and the Board for MWISD from the Special Operations Task Force. Major Evans reported that this flag was flown over the compound of our Nation's leading Task Force for the Global War on Terrorism, on 11 September 2009, in enemy territory and bears witness to the destruction of terrorist forces.
2. Recognized the following:
 - Campus Teachers of the Month – Kathy Rogers (Lamar Elementary), Sharon Purefoy (Houston Elementary), Tammy Benavides (Travis Elementary), Deborah Whaley and Charles Butz (Mineral Wells Junior High School), and Rita Juanell Montoya (Mineral Wells High School)
 - Campus Support Staff of the Month – Melody Singleton (Lamar Elementary), Kay Clayman (Houston Elementary), Angela Fankboner (Travis Elementary), Brenda Procter and Carmen Arrelleno (Mineral Wells Junior High School), and Deana Garrett (Mineral Wells High School)
 - Partners in Education – Phil Luker Insurance
3. Dr. James R. Collins updated the Board on the attendance percentages for October 5 through November 6. Due to absences caused by H1N1 or flu, the district can possibly get a TEA waiver for low attendance days in October so that it will prevent an impact to funding.
4. Dr. James R. Collins reported that Tracy Rich, technology director, was able to acquire 300 Pentium IV workstations, 100 flat-screen monitors, seven televisions, and fifteen laser and ink-jet printers from the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA operations in Denton that recently updated their computer inventory. Twenty machines have already been redone and sent to a computer lab at Travis Elementary.
5. Dr. James R. Collins briefly reviewed updated (LOCAL) Policies of TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 86. This will be a consideration/action item at the December board meeting.
6. The Board received calendars for the month of November and December. Dr. Collins reminded the audience and Board that the Veterans Day Program is scheduled on Wednesday, November 11 at Ram Stadium, basketball games are at home tonight, and a football playoff game is scheduled on Friday night.

Next Regular Meeting will be on December 8, 2009

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