



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of August 14, 2017

The Board of Trustees met on August 14, 2017 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular board meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – President, Scott Elder, Donna Henderson, Sunny Lee, Greg Malone, Lauretta Poole, and Joe Ruelas.

Action Items:

1. Approved the Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable Listing.
2. Approved the Water, Electricity, and Gas Reports.
3. Approved the board meeting minutes for July 10, 2017 and July 27, 2017.
4. Approved Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell & Mehl, P.C. *Telephone Consultation Agreement*.
5. Approved Resolutions of Adjunct Faculty Appointment/Palo Pinto County Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization.
6. Approved the 2017-2018 Teacher Appraisal Calendar and T-TESS Appraisers.
7. Approved the following Texas Education Agency General State Waivers: Early Release Waiver, Modified Schedule State Assessment Testing Days Waiver, Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System Waiver, Staff Development Waiver, and the Staff Development for Reading/English Language Arts; Mathematics; Science; and/or Social Studies Waiver.
8. Approved *Aprenda* assessments for Spanish-speaking kindergarten students seeking credit by exam for acceleration as presented.
9. Approved proposed revisions to Policy FNA(LOCAL) – Student Rights and Responsibilities, Student Expression, as presented.
10. Approved Local District Update 108, affecting local policies, as presented.
11. Closed Session Items: None.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Planning for 2017-2018, Accountability, Bond Update, Administrators' Retreat, and Emergency Operation Plan Audit.
2. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized Mineral Wells Index Editor, David May, and Sports Editor, Ian Pribanic. May and Pribanic were named to the 2016-2017 Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by Texas Association of School Boards. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Maria Jones, Board President, read and presented a special resolution, and certificates were presented to each recipient by Ms. Jones and John Kuhn.
3. Maria Jones, Board President, reported that some of the board members were able to attend the Chamber of Commerce back-to-school breakfast held August 14.
4. Superintendent's Reports:
 - Carrie Martin, Director of Food Services, reported on the USDA mandated summer feeding program free to all children 18 years of age or younger in a school district with 50% or more free/reduced students. The district opened Travis Elementary to the public. In addition to hot meals served at Travis, MWISD delivered hot meals to four additional sites in Mineral Wells. MWISD served 6,006 breakfasts and 11,059 lunches during the summer program. The TDA reimbursement in the amount of \$48,039.94, less expenses, leaves a revenue to the district in the amount of \$26,215.00.
 - James Bradford, Maintenance Director, reported the following:
 - MWJH boiler/chiller project begins advertising August 20 and is open for bids August 21-September 5. Bid will be awarded September 6 with contract presented for board approval September 11. Final installation of the boiler/chiller is projected during Christmas/winter break, with project completion prior to classes resuming January 3, 2018.
 - MWJH renovation project goes out for bid in November and will be completed during summer 2018.
 - Lamar classroom renovation is complete.
 - Travis restroom summer renovation completed. There is one more restroom to be remodeled and work will begin after September.
 - Preparation for the food services equipment auction will begin shortly after school resumes. This auction will be followed by the auction for furniture and equipment that is stored in the old gym.
 - Randy Marshall, Transportation Director, reminded everyone of the changes in transportation being implemented for 2017-2018. Notifications to parents went out with report cards at end of year and letters with bus schedule information were mailed out in August. Informational transportation meetings for parents were scheduled at each campus during the summer and department staff will be available for questions/answers at each campus meet-the-teacher night. The new software uses a geo system and is a tremendous time saver. When a student moves within the boundaries, the system automatically relocates and reassigns the student.
 - Carey Carter, Executive Director of Curriculum, reported on summer professional development. MWISD offered 54 professional development opportunities and ESC Region 11 offered 12. State mandated "Compliance Training" was offered through Region 11. Anyone completing the compliance bundle prior to August 10 was awarded a comp day on Friday, August 11.
 - David Tarver, Assistant Superintendent, gave a brief overview of the changes to the 2017-2018 Student Handbook and the 2017-2018 Employee Handbook. Although there were significant changes to both handbooks, the biggest change for each handbook is to make the information accessible online to all, including individuals with disabilities, and ensure that the website is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

5. Paul Hearn, Chief Financial Officer, announced there would be no change in the tax rate which will remain at \$1.17 for maintenance and operating and \$.26 for debt service. Adoption of the final budget, new budget, and tax rate is scheduled for August 29, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Information:

The Board received calendars for August and September.

Next Regular Meeting will be on September 11, 2017

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