



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of March 19, 2018

The Board of Trustees met on March 19, 2018 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – President, Sunny Lee – Vice President, Donna Henderson, Greg Malone, Laurretta 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 February 12, 2018.
4. Approved the 2018-2019 Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification.
5. Approved the 2017-2018 Application for Low Attendance Days Waiver.
6. Approved the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for May 5, 2018 Election. Greg Malone (Place 1) and Scott Elder (Place 2) ran unopposed.
7. Approved the Order of Cancellation for May 5, 2018 Election.
8. Approved an order authorizing the issuance of Mineral Wells Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2018, establishing parameters for the sale and issuance of such bonds and delegating certain matters to authorized officials of the District and setting the minimum parameter at 5.25%, as presented.
9. Approved the new Weighted GPA for Class of 2022 and Beyond, as presented.
10. Approved adoption of the 2018-2019 School Calendar, as presented.
11. Approved Local District Update 110, affecting local policies, as presented.
12. Approved that the Superintendent be allowed to accept honorarium for his time and travel relating to serving as a panelist in an education forum, as presented.
13. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved employment of the following new personnel/reassignments: Danielle Harper (MWJH Teacher/ELA) and Sheridan Willard (MWHS Teacher/ELA/Coach).

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss Planning for 2017-2018, Team of Eight and EISO (HB 1566 Training), and Agenda Review.
2. Campus Spotlight on Houston Elementary – Dianna Leggett, Houston Elementary Principal, directed the spotlight to garden curriculum, designed for third-grade science and correlating with the TEKS, then turned the program over to Tabitha Bleeker, Assistant Principal. Ms. Bleeker spoke about the Learn, Grow, Eat & Go grants available through the Better Living for Texas organization. With the aid of Ms. Lynette Babcock, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Houston received grants just short of \$2,000 which purchased six raised vegetable beds, curriculum with lesson plans, parent newsletters, recipes, food tasting, seeds, soil, tools, and a set of picture books for each third-grade science class. Ms. Bleeker's helpers – Valente Chavez, Jonah Washington, Destini Bernon, and Emma Diaz – told the Board about their favorite parts of the 10-week garden curriculum from working the soil and planting, to excitement in seeing the vegetables grow, to excitement in trying new vegetables. One helper, considered by her family to have a green thumb, shares her expertise with fellow classmates.
3. Comments and Compliments
 - Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized Palo Pinto General Hospital as Partner in Education for the month of March. Employees of PPGH reach into their own pockets to support the health and wellness programs in our community and schools. Students have a difficult time learning when they are self-conscious about their personal care. PPGH has been working with MWISD to help eliminate barriers by donating funds to provide additional care to our students so they can stay healthy and academically focused. This past month, they donated \$2,000 to assist students with critical life needs like clean clothes, warm coats, or personal hygiene items. Representatives, Rhonda Patterson and Caye Mauney, accepted the award on behalf of the staff of PPGH.
 - John Kuhn, Superintendent, introduced Houston Elementary teacher, Noelia Kuhn, as the fourth recipient of the 2017-2018 Apple Corps Awards. Apple Corps members are chosen from a pool of teachers who have been nominated by their peers. This honorary program will induct five teachers throughout the year to be honored at the monthly meetings of the District's Board of Trustees. Mr. Kuhn presented Ms. Kuhn with a plaque and Maria Jones, Board President, read the Apple Corps Proclamation. Colleagues and students of Ms. Kuhn shared memories, poems, and comments.
4. Superintendent's Report
 - John Kuhn reported February enrollment down by 25 from last year, partly attributable to enforcement of attendance and truancy which has caused some withdrawals. Attendance rate of 92.88% was very low for February due to flu. In addition, February 21st and 23rd were bad weather days and resulted in very low attendance. MWISD will be filing an application with TEA for Low Attendance Waiver Days for February 21 and 23.
 - Mr. Kuhn reported on the recent auction of surplus materials from the Food Service Department. Proceeds from the auction were \$23,175. MWISD will be conducting additional auctions of surplus materials.

Information:

The Board received calendars for March and April.

Next Regular Meeting will be on April 9, 2018

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