



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of April 12, 2016

The Board of Trustees met on April 12, 2016 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – President, Joe Ruelas – Vice President, Scott Elder – Secretary, Scott Aaron, Sunny 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, and Gas Reports as presented.
3. Approved the Investment Report as presented.
4. Approved the board meeting minutes for March 15, 2016 as presented.
5. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for March 2016 as presented.
6. Approved the Texas Education Agency General State Waiver for Class Size Enrollment as presented.
7. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved the employment of the following new personnel: Benjamin Schoonover, MWHS Assistant Principal.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss the Bond Update, Planning, Turf Testing/Replacement, and Agenda Review.
2. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized the following students receiving state recognition in Texas SkillsUSA: Dawson Arsenault competed in Technical Drafting Information Test; Wayne Fowler placed 10th in state for Technical Drafting; Dane Rasmussen placed 11th in state for Technical Drafting; Maribel Perez placed 1st in Architectural Drafting Project; Kyle Whitford placed 1st in Architectural Drafting Project and 8th in Architectural Drafting; and Mark Cotton placed 1st in Architectural Drafting Project and received Best of Show and 11th in state for Architectural Drafting.

Ms. Bullock also recognized MWHS sophomore, Jace Duncan, for advancing to the Texas High School Powerlifting Association's State Meet in Abilene. Following a second place finish in the regional meet, Jace placed 10th in state in the 114 weight class by squatting 325, benched 175, and deadlifted 325 for a new personal record of 825 lb total.
3. Dr. Larry Blair, Interim Superintendent, introduced Carla Watson, Travis Elementary Teacher/6, as the fifth recipient of the 2015-2016 Apple Corps Award. Maria Jones, Board President, delivered the Apple Corps Proclamation. Travis staff presented Ms. Watson with a "journey box." Staff and students shared thoughts, memories, or quotes from cards that were then placed in Ms. Watson's journey box.
4. Maria Jones, Board President, announced that the superintendent search is moving forward and applications are currently being accepted.
5. Dr. Larry Blair reported the following:
 - The Enrollment Comparison Report indicates a drop in enrollment by approximately 300 students since 2011. Discussion was held with the Board about the need to turn these numbers around. Average attendance should be at least 95%.
 - Congratulated powerlifter, Jace Duncan, for lifting 3 times his weight!
 - All information pertaining to board meetings is now accessible online through the MWISD website.
6. Dr. Larry Blair reported that work at Lamar Elementary is finished. The bond fund balance is approximately \$3.5 million and will be invested as previously designated.
7. Dr. Larry Blair informed the Board of MWISD's Notice of Nonrenewal of Service Agreement between Mineral Wells ISD and GCA K12 Education Services, Inc. This is the third letter to the company stating dissatisfaction and it serves as MWISD's notice of nonrenewal of the agreement. The terms of the agreement require a 60-day written notice of nonrenewal prior to the automatic renewal date of June 1. Mineral Wells ISD will begin the process of going out for bids for a new custodial service.
8. Dr. Larry Blair presented Local District Update 104, affecting local policies. The Board will review Update 104 during the month of April and will take action at the May board meeting.
9. The Board received calendars for April and May.

Next Regular Meeting will be on May 10, 2016