



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of October 9, 2017

The Board of Trustees met on October 9, 2017 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular board meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – President, Scott Elder, Donna Henderson, Greg Malone, 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 Annual Investment Report.
4. Approved Texas Education Agency General State Waiver – Bilingual Education Exception/ESL Waiver.
5. Approved the board meeting minutes for September 11, 2017.
6. Approved School Health Advisory Council Members and Goals for 2017-2018 as presented.
7. Approved the Application for High School Equivalency Program as presented.
8. Approved the Shared Services Arrangement Agreement for the Brazos River Regional Day School Program for the Deaf as presented.
9. Approved revisions to Board Policy DGBA(LOCAL), FNG(LOCAL), and GF(LOCAL) as presented.
10. Closed Session Items: None.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Planning for 2017-2018, Bond Update, Dyslexia Update, Opportunity Culture, Camp Grady Spruce, and to view a brief accountability video.
2. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized Ventamatic as the October Partner in Education. For over 60 years, Ventamatic has provided ventilation solutions and built a reputation on quality, value, and customer service. Last year, Ventamatic extended an offer to two MWHS students to enter their intern program which offers a close-up look at life in the workplace and helps prepare students for the real world. Because of this successful experience, Ventamatic is extending offers to new students this fall. Ventamatic has donated fans to the FFA department and pallets for the bonfire. In addition to MWISD Partner in Education, Ventamatic was recently recognized as MW Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Industrial Partner AND Business of the Year! On behalf of Ventamatic, Zinn Brown accepted a certificate of recognition presented by Maria Jones, Board President.
3. President's Report:
 - Maria Jones, Board President, reported some of our board members recently attended the TASA/TASB Annual Convention in Dallas. Those attending earned credit for the required legislative update training. Board members that have not yet received update credit will be provided other training opportunities.
 - Board member, Donna Henderson, applied for and received a stipend to attend NSBA 2018 Advocacy Institute in Washington D.C.
4. Superintendent's Reports:
 - John Kuhn, Superintendent, read Governor Greg Abbott's Proclamation declaring October 2017 to be Principals Month in Texas. School leadership is vital to the success of all students and we recognize the important role of our elementary and secondary administrators. Our principals are a hard-working group of people. They attend after-school events, make sure teachers have the supplies and resources they need, oversee instruction and curriculum, discipline, extra-curricular activities, programing, scheduling, and the list goes on. MWISD is proud recognize our principals during Principals Month.
 - Mr. Kuhn also recognized the hard-working individuals in our HR Department and read Governor Greg Abbott's Proclamation declaring October 10, 2017 to be Texas Education Human Resources Day in Texas.
 - Mr. Kuhn reported a gradual increase in September enrollment over the last couple of years: 3,312 enrollment for 2017; 3,298 enrollment for 2016; and 3,271 enrollment for 2015.
 - Carrie Martin, Food Services Director, gave a brief explanation of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). CEP schools must have a minimum of 40% of identified students certified for free school meals without an application due to the students' enrollment in a designated assistance program. The provision allows schools to provide enrolled students meals at no cost as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program. Instead of applications, schools use claiming percentages based on the number of identified students certified for no cost meals. Schools must have an identified eligible student percentage rate of at least 40% as of April 1 of the prior school year to qualify. Currently the three elementary schools are just over 40% with Lamar at 47.1, Travis at 41, and Houston at 43. In April, 2018, Ms. Martin will prepare the numbers for MWISD and present the information to the Board for consideration. If approved, the program would begin July 1. MWISD may withdraw from the program at any time.
5. Carey Carter, Executive Director of Curriculum, reported on 2017 ACT, SAT, and AP results:
 - ACT – MWISD had 14 students test. MWISD average score was 22.3; state average was 21.9.
 - SAT – MWISD had 81 students test. MWISD average score was 1,002; state average was 1,100.
 - AP – MWISD gave 73 exams with some students taking multiple tests. Six students scored 4 and 13 students scored 3. Threes and fours are scores that are accepted by colleges to earn college credit.
6. A PUBLIC HEARING was held regarding the High School Equivalency Program. Following a brief overview by Jeff Smith, Mineral Wells Academy Principal, the floor was opened for questions and discussion.

Information:

The Board received calendars for October and November.

Next Regular Meeting will be on November 13, 2017

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