



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting of July 13, 2010

The Board of Trustees met on July 13, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas, Scott Aaron, Ellen Starr, David Bullock, and Mike Tincher. Scott Elder and Joel Hardeman were absent.

Action Items:

1. The monthly financial reports, bills, and checks written since the last meeting were approved.
2. The investment report was approved.
3. The Education Service Center Region XI Service Agreements for the 2011-2012 school year were approved.
4. The Palo Pinto County Tax Assessor-Collector Contract for Assessment and Collection Services was approved.
5. The board meeting minutes for June 8, 2010 and July 6, 2010 were approved.
6. The Board accepted a donation from Richard Ritchie to charter buses for the football team this fall.
7. The Board approved the proposed 2010-2011 graduation requirements.
8. The Board approved the student/athletic insurance proposal from Wilson Sports Insurance underwritten by Hartford Life Company with an additional catastrophic accident insurance underwritten by National Union Fire Insurance Company for the 2010-2011 school year.
9. **Closed Session Items:**
 - Approved the resignation of the Alesha Thornton effective July 7, 2010.
 - Approved the superintendent's recommendation to employ the following individuals for the 2010-2011 school year: Amanda Hunter (MWHS Teacher/SS), Janet Kidwell (Houston Teacher/2nd Grade), Christy Gonce (Houston Teacher), and Adelaide Caudle (Special Education Speech Therapy Assistant).

Information Items:

1. Dr. James R. Collins, superintendent, updated the Board on the roof improvements and insurance settlement. The roofs have been completely replaced at MWHS, MWJHS, Travis Elementary, Houston Elementary, and the District Services Complex. Also, the roof repairs at Lamar Elementary have been completed.
2. Dr. James R. Collins, superintendent, reported on the upcoming Legislature session scheduled in January. One of the hot topics to be discussed at this session will be the fund balance of school districts. Ellen Starr, Joel Hardeman, and Scott Elder were appointed to serve on the district's budget committee, along with Dr. Collins and Paul Hearn.
3. Bobbye Estes, assistant superintendent of instructional services, assessment, and accountability, distributed to each board member the preliminary projections for State Accountability 2010. The scores are based on projections for all students and may change slightly when the official percentages are released on July 30. The results indicate that the campuses and school district will receive a "Recognized" status.
4. Linda Porter-Bradford, assistant superintendent of human resources/federal programs, reported on the two day District Planning Retreat that was held on June 14-15, in order to evaluate all of the district programs the first day and work on the campus improvement plans the second day. The individuals participating in the retreat were administrators, campus improvement teams, and district improvement team. The district goal setting process was reviewed and areas of concerns were reported.
5. The Board received calendars for the month of July and August.

Next Regular Meeting will be on August 10, 2010

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