



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of November 13, 2017

The Board of Trustees met on November 13, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a regular board meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – President, 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 October 9, 2017.
4. Approved the Facility Use Agreement Category 1 Organizations.
5. Approved Resolution to Participate in The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) as presented.
6. Approved District and Campus Improvement Plans for 2017-2018 as presented.
7. Approved Innovative Courses as presented.
8. Closed Session Items: None.

Information Items:

1. The campus spotlight was on Mineral Wells High School's Career and Technology Education. Jon Almeida, MWHS Principal, said TEA is putting more emphasis on work-force readiness and industry certifications. The Architectural and Engineering program and the Horticulture and Floral Design program were represented by students participating in the programs. Weston Newman spoke on engineering and his current project of building a robotic hand with hopes of developing a prosthetic hand. He will be taking his project to Skills USA on February 22. The program has helped develop his engineering skills as well as helped to develop leadership, more responsibility, and paving a path for a future career. Mr. DC Whittenburg, Architectural and Engineering teacher, went on to explain that both of these programs are four-year programs that provide hands-on experience. The Horticulture and Floral Design program was represented by Brei Ruelas, a CTE ambassador and spokesperson for tonight's group, and Yaretzi Ciprian and Cali Pilgrim, both doing a two-hour practicum class at Cole's House of Flowers this year. Brei will be going next year for her practicum class at a floral shop. This program allows for a Level 1 Certification and, upon graduation, a student is eligible to become a florist assistant. Board members were presented with beautiful Thanksgiving arrangements designed in class by the Floral Design group.
2. John Kuhn, Superintendent introduced Mineral Wells High School teacher, Crystal Damron, as the first 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. Damron with a plaque and Maria Jones, Board President, read the Apple Corps Proclamation. Friends of Ms. Damron shared memories, stories, and comments.
3. Carey Carter, Executive Director of Curriculum, described the new K-12 writing contest where each student is given the same writing topic and a winner is selected from each grade every six-weeks. Winners are presented certificates of recognition. Two students from the first six-weeks competition were present to read their stories to the Board: Jahniyah Regis, 1st grade, and Mylie Sanchez, 4th grade.
4. Maria Jones, Board President, reported that the Board received policy training prior to tonight's board meeting.
5. John Kuhn, Superintendent, reported an October enrollment of 3,288, up from the two previous years. Lamar, Houston, Travis, and Junior High all exceeded the targeted attendance rating of 95%, with High School falling slightly less.
6. John Kuhn presented Local District Update 109, affecting local policies. The Board will review Update 109 during the month of November and will take action at the December board meeting.

Information:

The Board received calendars for November and December.

Next Regular Meeting will be on December 11, 2017

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