



## BOARD BRIEFS

### Mineral Wells Independent School District

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#### A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of February 12, 2018

The Board of Trustees met on February 12, 2018 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – President, Sunny Lee – Vice President, Scott Elder – Secretary, Donna Henderson, Greg Malone, and Laurretta Poole.

#### 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 January 8, 2018.
4. Approved the semi-annual review of Long-Term Facility Use Agreements for Category 1 Organizations.
5. Approved date change of Regular Board Meeting from March 12, 2018 to March 19, 2018.
6. Approved the Mineral Wells ISD Mission, Vision, and Goals.
7. Approved the 2018-2019 Application for Staff Development Minutes Waiver.
8. Approved that the MWISD mileage reimbursement rate be tied to the state-approved mileage reimbursement rate and to automatically adjust to match the state rate each time the state rate changes.
9. Approved an Order to call for a School Board Election to be held on May 5, 2018 for the purpose of electing one trustee for each position designated as Place 1 and Place 2, positions currently held by Greg Malone and Scott Elder.
10. Approved a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the Palo Pinto County Elections Administrator and MWISD as presented.
11. Approved Interlocal Agreement for Daily Transportation of Transfer Students between Palo Pinto ISD and MWISD as presented.
12. Closed Session Items:
  - Approved the following administrators' contracts: Jon Almeida, Tabitha Bleeker, James Bradford, Carey Carter, Shanna Coker, Teresa Costlow, Kendra Fowler, Nichole Gray, Natalie Griffin, Thomas Paul Hearn, Joey Hobbs, Dianna Leggett, Parisa Lerma, Randall Marshall, Melissa Murphy, David Oestreicher, Gerald Perry, Andrew Pool, Benjamin Schoonover, Jeffery Smith, David Tarver, David Wells, Jeff Williams, Kelly Wilson.
  - Approved employment of the following new personnel/reassignments: Lisa Branham (Houston Teacher/SE-Resource).

#### Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss National School Boards Association Advocacy Institute, Planning for 2017-2018, and Agenda Review.
2. The campus spotlight was on Mineral Wells Junior High and Project Lead the Way. Kelly Wilson, MWJH Assistant Principal, called on Ines Velasquez, Technology Teacher, for the presentation. Ms. Velasquez teaches Design & Modeling and Automation & Robotics, both STEAM courses. Design & Modeling is centered around a medical disease and students design and create items that facilitate patient needs. Automation & Robotics is centered around mechanics and students team-solve problems through building and coding on the computer. Ms. Velasquez turned the program over to MWJH students, Monica Devine, Evan Kuhn, Kira Spratlin, and Elvis Lee, who designed and gave a slide presentation depicting the courses through their own perspective. Students in the Design & Modeling course demonstrated their Puzzle Toy and Therapeutic Toy, both designed to aid a child with cerebral palsy. Also displayed was Pick & Place, a complex structure designed and built by the students in Automation & Robotics, that demonstrated mechanics of gear ratios, torque, and speed.
3. John Kuhn, Superintendent, introduced Mineral Wells Junior High teacher, Tammy Williams, as the third 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. Williams with a plaque and Maria Jones, Board President, read the Apple Corps Proclamation. MWJH Assistant Principal, Joey Hobbs, colleagues, and friends of Ms. Williams shared memories, stories, and comments.
4. Maria Jones, Board President, called on Donna Henderson who recently attended the NSBA Advocacy Institute in Washington D.C. Ms. Henderson reported she was among 700 board members from across the country that attended the convention. As part of a smaller group, she was able to meet with Senators Ted Cruz and John Cornyn and also had a private meeting with a senior staff member for Congressman K. Michael Conaway. Public schools were the focus of these meetings and all conversations were positive and in support of public schools. In addition, they were informed of new legislation coming soon.
5. Superintendent's Report:
  - John Kuhn reported January enrollment of 3,251. Mr. Kuhn also addressed the attendance rate of 92.62%. Although the attendance goal is 95%, the lower rate is attributable to flu in the district.
  - John Kuhn explained the new school board training requirement to complete a 3-hour *Evaluating and Improving Student Outcomes* (EISO) by September 1, 2018, and again every two years thereafter, as a result of SB-1566 (85th Texas Legislature) and TEC §11.1515. Mr. Kuhn also reviewed annual continuing education requirements for both new and experienced board members.
6. John Kuhn presented the December 2017 EOC Testing Summary Report for High School and Mineral Wells Academy retesters.
7. John Kuhn presented Local District Update 110, affecting local policies. The Board will review Update 110 during the month of February and will take action at the March board meeting.

**Information:**

The Board received calendars for February and March.

**Next Regular Meeting will be on March 19, 2018**

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