



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of December 8, 2015

The Board of Trustees met on December 8, 2015 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 and Sunny Gail Lee. Greg Malone and Laurretta Poole were absent.

Action Items:

1. Approved the Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable Listing as presented.
2. Approved the Water/Electricity/Gas Reports as presented.
3. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for November 2015 as presented.
4. Approved the board meeting minutes for November 10, 2015 as presented.
5. Approved the Highly Qualified Teacher Report as presented.
6. Approved Resolution Electing Candidates for the Palo Pinto Appraisal District Board of Directors.
7. Approved Resolution Electing Candidates for the Parker County Appraisal District Board of Directors.
8. Tabled the Network Cabling Project Bid for Mineral Wells High School and Travis Elementary.
9. Approved Local District Update 103 as presented.
10. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved the employment of the following new personnel: Lori Boucher (Special Education/LSSP) and Bailey Roberson (Houston Teacher/Music).
 - Authorized Superintendent to negotiate contract for purchase of land.
 - Authorized acceptance of bid for Cullen Grimes property.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Agenda Review, Planning – Playoffs and Fundraising, Bond Update, Book Study – *The Test*, TAPR Report, Calendar, and Superintendent's Goals and Evaluation Form.
2. Dianna Leggett, Houston Elementary School Principal, spotlighted the Library and Reading Programs. Stacey Pierce, Librarian/Teacher, spoke about several reading programs available to students. Houston students told the Board about various reading programs and what they especially liked about the program.
3. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized local businesses that partner with Mineral Wells ISD by offering employment to students with special needs. Numerous times during the month students from high school's community-based instruction program head out into the community to do something unique with our business partners and organizations in town. This program serves students from special education who are juniors, seniors, and those that have graduated but are not yet 21. Thank you to our Partners in Education for the month of December: Meals on Wheels, Mount Hermon Baptist Church, Link Field Services, VF Factory Outlet, and Save-A-Lot.
4. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, introduced Courtney Dusek, Lamar Teacher/1, as the second recipient of the 2015-2016 Apple Corps Award. Maria Jones, Board President, read the Apple Corps Proclamation. Lamar Elementary colleagues expressed appreciation for Ms. Dusek's leadership, mentoring, and friendship.
5. Maria Jones, Board President, reported on the Board's educational and training credits earned for 2015.
6. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the enrollment comparison for November, 2015. Travis Elementary leads in attendance at 96.05%, followed by Mineral Wells Junior High at 95.36%.
7. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, called on Paul Hearn, Chief Financial Officer, for a brief report on the MWISD Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A and Series 2015B. MWISD refunded 2008 bonds in the amount of \$7,250,000 and 2006 bonds in the amount of \$4,470,000 for an aggregate savings of \$2,118,244. Net present value savings is \$1,678,907.
8. Held a Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). The District was awarded the top rating of Passing, with a perfect score of 30 out of 30.
9. Dr. Gail Haterius, Superintendent, called on James Bradford, Maintenance Director, for a bond update. Lamar Elementary: Items remain on the punch list but hopefully all will be completed before students return in January. Safety & Security: All elementary schools are fully functional. High School is nearing halfway on completion. At halfway, a crew will begin work at the Junior High campus. Stage II – Go Center: All offices are complete. The Go Center lacks lighting fixtures and a counter top. Front reception area will be carpeted during Christmas break. December 30 is the last shipment date on lighting.
10. Greg Bird, Director of Technology, presented the first semester technology report.

11. The Board received calendars for December and January.

Next Regular Meeting will be on January 12, 2016

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