



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of January 8, 2018

The Board of Trustees met on January 8, 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, Laretta Poole, and Joe Ruelas.

Action Items:

1. Approved the 2016-2017 Audit Report as presented by Snow Garrett Williams, Certified Public Accountants.
2. Selected Snow Garrett Williams, Certified Public Accountants, as the district's audit firm for 2017-2018.
3. Approved the Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable Listing as presented.
4. Approved the Water, Electricity, and Gas Reports as presented.
5. Approved the Investment Report as presented.
6. Approved the board meeting minutes for December 11, 2017 as presented.
7. Approved the Resolution of Adjunct Faculty Appointment as presented.
8. Approved TASB Policy Review Session Recommendations and Instructions Regarding (LOCAL) Policies as presented.
9. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved employment of the following new personnel/reassignments: Jordan Montes (Houston/3rd Grade Teacher).
 - Approved a \$6,000 salary increase and a two-year extension to the superintendent's contract.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss Planning for 2017-2018, Review of Goals, Vision, and Mission Statements, and Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract.
2. School Board Appreciation –
 - John Kuhn, Superintendent, read Governor Greg Abbott's Proclamation declaring January, 2018, as School Board Appreciation Month in the State of Texas.
 - Dianna Leggett, Houston Elementary Principal and representative for all campuses in the district, extended appreciation to the Mineral Wells ISD Board of Trustees. Ms. Leggett introduced Brian Shoemaker, City Council member, for a special presentation. On behalf of the City of Mineral Wells, City Council, and Mayor Mike Allen, Mr. Shoemaker read a proclamation by Mayor Mike Allen, honoring the MWISD Board of Trustees and declaring the month of January as School Board Appreciation Month. Ms. Leggett then called on Cara Shoemaker, Houston librarian, and some of her students for a special message to the Board. Newt Schroeder, Cate Shoemaker, and Cambria McGraw read a snippet from the great Dr. Seuss encouraging kids to be the best they can be and to soar to new heights. In keeping with the TASB theme of 'Helping Kids Soar to Success,' Houston staff decorated the board room with a large kite signed by students from all campuses and artwork designed by Houston students. Each Board member was presented with a Ram mug.
 - Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized the following:
 - A special thanks to Becca Alcorn and the Texas Classroom Teachers Association who prepared the evening meal, and Houston Elementary for providing dessert – a huge kite cake.
 - Campus Librarians paid tribute to the Board by adding the following books to the campus libraries: Lamar Elementary – *Now* by Antoinette Portis; Houston Elementary – *What Makes a Monster* by Jess Keating; Travis Elementary – *Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty; MWJH – *Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard* by Rick Riordan; and MWHS – *Alexander Hamilton, Revolutionary* by Martha Brockenbrough. The books were featured in the table decorations provided for the meal and workshop portion of the meeting. Each book includes an inscription that honors the MWISD Board of Trustees.
 - John Kuhn, Superintendent, presented each Board member with the District's Certificate of Appreciation.
3. Comments and Compliments –
 - Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized the following Partners in Education for the month of January:
 - E-Z MART Corporation – Jim Yates Foundation – Since 1990, the E-Z MART Jim Yates Foundation has allocated funding for education grants to school systems located in the communities in which E-Z MART operates. Last year, E-Z MART contributed over \$65,000 to teachers wishing to enhance their classroom experience. Ana Dowling, Lamar Elementary Pre-K teacher, was one of the recipients of this year's E-Z MART grant, receiving \$937 to purchase bilingual books and Spanish language arts games to reinforce learning and enhance classroom instruction. MWISD honors E-Z MART and the Jim Yates Foundation as a January Partner in Education for making a difference in the lives of our students by providing outstanding academic tools for the classroom.
 - Palo Pinto BassMasters – BassMasters is dedicated to enhancing the sport of bass fishing by advocating for access, conservation, and youth fishing. Money earned from their open tournaments is used for making donations in support of community events. Travis Elementary Student Council recently held a coat drive called "Coats for Kids" and Palo Pinto BassMasters immediately responded by donating \$900 to the project. MWISD honors Palo Pinto BassMasters as a January Partner in Education for supporting our students and helping to provide necessary resources to families in need.
 - Karyn Bullock recognized the following MWHS students receiving All State and Academic All State Recognition:
 - All State – Associated Press 4A: 2nd Team DB Devin Hurtado, 2nd Team Punter Gavin Pena, Honorable Mention WR Carlos Gray
 - Academic All State – Honorable Mention: Seth Slack, Jakob Wiesner; 2nd Team: Troy Bradshaw, Carlos Gray, Evan Wade.
4. Maria Jones, Board President, announced that Donna Henderson will be attending the NSBA Advocacy Institute in Washington D.C. February 4-6, 2018.
5. John Kuhn, Superintendent –
 - Reported enrollment of 3,275; down by 4 from last year but up by 33 from year before. Although attendance rate was slightly down, 94.43% is not bad considering the short window of 12 days in December and students out for illness.
 - Gerald Perry, Athletic Director, presented the Fall Semester Athletics Report.

Information:

The Board received calendars for January and February.

Next Regular Meeting will be on February 12, 2018

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