



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of March 15, 2016

The Board of Trustees met on March 15, 2016 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas – Vice President, Scott Elder – Secretary, Sunny Lee, Greg Malone, and Lauretta Poole.

Action Items:

1. Approved the Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable Listing as presented.
2. Approved the Water, Electricity, and Gas Reports as presented.
3. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for February 2016 as presented.
4. Approved the board meeting minutes for February 15, 2016, February 16, 2016, February 25, 2016, and March 3, 2016 as presented.
5. Approved the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification, 2016-2017 as presented.
6. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved the administrator contract for Parisa Lerma, Director of Special Education.
 - Approved the employment of the following new personnel: Tennessee Brown (MWHS Teacher/Coach ELA) and Benjamin Schoonover (MWHS Assistant Principal).

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss the Bond Update, Planning, and Agenda Review.
2. Melissa Murphy, Lamar Elementary Principal, announced that the Lamar Elementary spotlight is on Makerspaces. Ms. Murphy introduced Audrey Almeida, Librarian, who defined a "maker" as one that improves the world around them – a problem solver. With building sets known as STEM toys, students develop essential skills needed in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. A brief video presentation showed Lamar students building, demonstrating, and explaining their models.
3. Joe Ruelas, Board Vice President, introduced Dr. Larry Blair as the Interim Superintendent for Mineral Wells ISD. Dr. Blair most recently served as Interim Superintendent at Pampa ISD.
4. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized students receiving Academic All-State awards. This is the most prestigious honor presented to our senior students who are selected on the basis of their athletic ability and academic proficiency. Recipients of the award are Kenzie Huseman, Natalie Ragland, Katie Rivera, Broderick Johnson, Connor Jacobson, and Z Beard.

Karyn Bullock recognized six Mineral Wells High School students that were selected by Texas Sports Writers Association 4A for their All-State Football Teams: Stefon Sandoval (Second Team All-State Linebacker), Jordan Duckett (Honorable Mention All-State Wide Receiver), Cameron Weiss (Honorable Mention All-State Corner), Tristan Perry (Honorable Mention All-State Punter), Johnny Morales (Honorable Mention All-State RB), and Kaine Carraway (Honorable Mention All-State Safety).
5. Jay Walsworth, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Chad Miller, MWJH Teacher/SS, as the fourth recipient of the 2015-2016 Apple Corps Award. Joe Ruelas, Board Vice President, delivered the Apple Corps Proclamation. Wendell Barker, MWJH Principal, and fellow teachers described Mr. Miller as "one of the greats," bringing history to life for his students.
6. Joe Ruelas, Board Vice President, announced that the Board is looking at a busy schedule as they begin their search for a superintendent.
7. Dr. Larry Blair, Interim Superintendent, gave a brief overview of the enrollment comparison figures which indicate a yearly decline in enrollment since 2011. The current average percentage of attendance on campuses is 94.82 which is good, both for students and the district. Travis Elementary has the highest attendance rate of 95.89%.
8. James Bradford, Maintenance Director, reported that the final walk through at Lamar Elementary with the architect and builders is scheduled Thursday, March 17, at 9:00 a.m.
9. Greg Bird, Technology Director, presented the Technology–BrightBytes report.
10. The Board received calendars for March and April.

Next Regular Meeting will be on April 12, 2016

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