



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of October 14, 2014

The Board of Trustees met on October 14, 2014, at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose of touring Cullen Grimes Elementary School and returning to the DSC boardroom to hold a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Maria Jones - Vice President, Scott Elder – Secretary, Sunny Gail Lee, and Laurretta Poole. Scott Aaron, Greg Malone, and Joe Ruelas 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 Annual Investment Report as presented.
4. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for September 2014 as presented.
5. Approved the District Textbook Adoption Committee as presented.
6. Approved the 2014-2015 School Resource Officer Agreement as presented.
7. Approved the board meeting minutes for September 9, 2014, September 17, 2014, and September 30, 2014 as presented.
8. Approved Local District Update 100, affecting local policies with the exception of Board Policy FDA(LOCAL). The current policy will remain in force.
9. Approved a prospective gift from Randy Nix in the form of a donated house that will be used as an educational tool for students. This will provide our students with job skill training in electrical, plumbing, drywall, landscaping, etc.
10. Approved a Texas Education Agency General State Waiver for Bilingual Education Exception and ESL as presented.
11. Authorized the superintendent to apply for Texas Education Agency General State Waivers for class size enrollment at Lamar Elementary as the need arises.
12. Approved the School Health Advisory Council Member list as presented.
13. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved the employment of Nichola St. James (High School Athletic Trainer) effective October 14, 2014.

Information Items:

1. Board toured the Cullen Grimes Elementary School starting at 4:45 p.m.
2. Board held a workshop at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Bond Update, Planning – School Realignment, Creating a Graduate Profile, Community Usage of District Vehicles, Ram Stadium, and Athletic Fields.
3. Melissa Murphy, Lamar Elementary Principal, and Annabelle Doran, Lamar Counselor/Testing Coordinator, spotlighted their new Character Counts Program. Iana Echanique, Jaidun Fisher, Adrian Hernandez, Danica Lee, Jake Ringo, and Cruz Rodriguez, Lamar Elementary students, read information on trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.
4. Scott Elder, Board Secretary, read the district's mission and vision statements.
5. Karyn Bullock, Public Relations Coordinator, recognized Chris Pieper, Consulting Engineer, as the Partner in Education for October for designing a dust removal system and welding shop dust removal system at the high school and advising the district on purchasing motors, pulleys, and dust collection equipment. MWISD is extremely grateful to Mr. Pieper for assisting the district with this project.
6. Maria Jones, Board Vice President, thanked Alpha Delta Kappa for providing the delicious meal served to the board members.
7. Maria Jones, Board Vice President, reported that six board members attended the 2014 TASA/TASB Convention that was scheduled September 26-28 at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas.
8. Maria Jones, Board Vice President, reported that the Board hosted the MW Youth Leaders as guests in the Ram Stadium hospitality deck during halftime on September 19. Student hosts from MWFFA were Grace Baeza, Alicia Cox, Davin Hampton, Stormie Mayo, and Maxi Schultz.
9. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the Creating a Graduate Profile work session attended by board members.
10. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, announced that Maria Jones, Board Vice President, has received a stipend to attend the 2015 National School Board Advocacy Institute Conference scheduled for February 1-3 in Washington, D.C. This is a great honor for Maria.

11. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the enrollment comparison for September 30. Houston was complimented for having an attendance rate of 97.27% followed by MWJH with a rate of 96.44% and Travis with a rate of 96.35%.
12. Kelly Wilkerson, Director of Elementary Curriculum/Federal Programs, reported on the AP Testing/ACT Results/SAT Results. In 2014, Mineral Wells had 42 students take the ACT and had 42 students take the SAT.
13. Held a Public Hearing on the 2012-2013 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). The District was awarded the top rating again of Superior Achievement.
14. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, announced that they are still drilling piers at Lamar Elementary, a portion of the slab has been poured, and the base of the track is being removed at the high school.
15. The Board received calendars for October and November. Maria Jones, Board Vice President, informed board members that they might want to put November 11 on their calendar, since this is the date of the Veterans Day Program at Ram Stadium.

Next Regular Meeting will be on November 11, 2014

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