



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of April 9, 2018

The Board of Trustees met on April 9, 2018 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Sunny Lee – Vice President, Scott Elder – Secretary, Greg Malone, and Joe Ruelas.

Action Items:

1. Approved the Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable Listing.
2. Approved the Water, Electricity, and Gas Reports.
3. Approved the Investment Report.
4. Approved the board meeting minutes for March 19, 2018.
5. Approved the Facility Use Agreements for Category 1 Organizations.
6. Approved the Interlocal Agreement for Daily Transportation of Shared Service Arrangement Students.
7. Authorized MWISD to proceed with application for Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).
8. Approved the request of MWHS Class of 1965 to place a memorial bench with inscription and photo at MWHS for former classmate, Bonnie Burklow Bell, as presented.
9. Approved proposed revisions to Board Policy EIC(LOCAL), as presented.
10. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved 243 contract renewals for the 2018-2019 school year.
 - Approved employment of the following new personnel/reassignments: Shelle Crenshaw (Lamar MCL), Bret Lane (MWJH Teacher/SS/Boys Coach), Maycan Tomlin (MWJH IC), Aaron Pappas (MWHS Teacher/SPED (BASE)), Chance Willard (MWHS Teacher/Health/Coach) Melisa Simmons (Travis Teacher/6 ELA/SS).

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss Planning and Updates, Dyslexia Update, and Agenda Review.
2. Campus Spotlight – Travis Elementary – David Wells, Travis Elementary Principal, directed the spotlight to the Gateway STEM Club and introduced Kaden Speers as speaker for the group. Kaden explained that Gateway is an after-school STEM club for sixth graders. They are taking the science of technology course where they learn about computer science, nanotechnology, physics, and chemistry. They are becoming problem solvers and critical thinkers, as well as learning teamwork, flexibility and organizational skills. The project demonstrated to the Board by Kaden and fellow Gateway club members, Jovan Ramirez, Matthew Lindley, and Zain Vera, uses a programming language called Scratch and the Finch robot. Scratch is the programming language used in many Project Lead the Way classes offered at MWJH and MWHS. The Finch Robot is a small robot that helps students learn computer science by letting them see the physical representation of the code they have written instead of just viewing it on screen.
3. Comments and Compliments
 - **National Merit Scholarship** – Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized MWHS Senior, Kate Gilbreath, as a National Merit Semi-Finalist. Approximately 1.5 million juniors take the PSAT each year with about 50,000 (3%) qualifying for Merit recognition. Approximately 16,000 seniors in the US were identified as National Merit Semi-Finalists in the 63rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Congratulations, Kate, for your astounding achievement!
 - **Destination Imagination** – Karyn Bullock recognized the Mineral Wells DI team, “Pun-gaea” for their 6th place finish at State competition. The team, consisting of Michael Downing, Kate Gilbreath, Noah Kuhn, Lexis Bell, and Phoebe Perkins, will advance to international level, Global Finals, which will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee in May. Special thanks also to their DI sponsor, Theresa Gilbreath.
 - **UIL Solo & Ensemble Choir** – MWHS students, Caden Snow, Erik Lopez, and Madison Samples, each earned a Division I superior rating on their solo performances, qualifying all of them to advance to UIL Solo & Ensemble Choir state competition in Pflugerville, Texas on May 28. The students were presented certificates of appreciation by Ms. Bullock.
 - **Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) State Competition** – An organization for coaches of academic UIL teams in Texas middle schools and high schools, specifically those competing in mathematics and science-related tests. TMSCA offers four state events: Number Sense, General Mathematics, Calculator Applications, and General Science. MWHS student, Noah Kuhn, placed 2nd in Number Sense and 6th in General Mathematics. Way to go Noah!
 - **State Competition in Powerlifting** – MWHS students, Angel Beavers and Xavier Parker, both placed in State competition for powerlifting. Angel had a 10th place finish lifting 330 squat, 145 bench, and 330 deadlift, for a total weight of 805. Xavier placed 7th lifting 375 squat, 230 bench, and 425 deadlift, for a total weight of 1,030.
 - **All-State Student Recognition in Basketball** – To receive academic all-state recognition in basketball, an athlete must maintain a 92 or above average to be recognized by the THSCA and TABC, and 94 average or above for Texas Girls Coaches Association:
 - o Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA)
2nd Team Academic All-State: Kaylee Gregory and MacKenzie Williams
Honorable mention: Hailey Regino
 - o Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC)
Academic All-State: Kaylee Gregory and Hailey Regino
 - o Texas Girls Coaches Association
Academic All-State: Kaylee Gregory and MacKenzie Williams

- **April Partner in Education – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agency** – More than 200 of our third graders have started to make better nutritional choices thanks to the Learn, Grow, Eat and Go! program established by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agency in Palo Pinto County. The following special message received from Houston Elementary Assistant Principal, Tabitha Bleeker, was read to the Board by Ms. Bullock:

“Lynette Babcock took a dream and made it possible. From the very beginning she brought the Learn, Grow, Eat and Go Grant through Texans For Better Living to my attention. After the grant application was filled out, she notified us that Houston was the recipient of nearly \$2000 dollars that went towards the curriculum and supplies for the raised vegetable beds. She has met with me and staff multiple times, guiding us through the grant and curriculum. She has delivered supplies such as the curriculum binders, reading books that correlate with the 3rd grade science TEKS, seeds, two pallets of soil, plants and vegetables for tastings and recipes. She has discussed every aspect of the grant with us and helped in any way we needed. She comes to campus on a regular basis to bring supplies or just to check the vegetable beds. Our third-grade students and teachers have loved this curriculum and experience. Newsletters on the various projects have gone home to parents in both English and Spanish and we have had great feedback from students. We have greatly appreciated all that Mrs. Babcock has done to support Houston Elementary and the grant program”.

Palo Pinto County Texas AgriLife Extension Agency, Lynette Babcock, and Jason Westbrook were honored as our April Partner in Education.

- **Apple Corps** – John Kuhn, Superintendent, introduced Travis Elementary teacher, Patti Newsom, as the fifth 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. Newsom with a plaque and Sunny Lee, Board Vice-President, read the Apple Corps Proclamation. Ms. Newsom, a huge proponent of reading aloud to children, was honored by having a book read to her. Ms. Newsom pulled up her chair as Stacey Pierce, settled in her rocker, began reading the book entitled “Mrs. Goen Becomes a Teacher.” The book, written by Mary Susan Bullock, was inspired by Ms. Newsom’s love of reading and love for her students.
4. Sunny Lee, Board Vice President, reported that all board members are current on continuing education credit for the reporting period May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018.
5. Superintendent’s Report
- John Kuhn reported March enrollment at 3,222, with attendance rate at 95%.
 - James Bradford, Maintenance Director, presented a brief construction update and timeline for work to be done at Junior High. Although timeline is not a guarantee because the company is finishing up on another job, kitchen demolition is scheduled to begin April 18. MWISD is ready to start serving alternative meals beginning Monday, April 16.

Information:

The Board received calendars for April and May.

Next Regular Meeting will be on May 14, 2018

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