



# **BOARD BRIEFS**

## **Mineral Wells Independent School District**

### **A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of November 12, 2013**

The Board of Trustees met on November 12, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas - President, Scott Elder - Secretary, Joel Hardeman, Maria Jones, Sunny Lee, and Greg Malone. Scott Aaron was 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 October 2013 as presented.
4. Approved a Texas Education Agency General State Waiver – Bilingual Education Program Exception as presented.
5. Approved the minutes of the October 8, 2013 meeting of the Board.
6. Approved a School Finance Litigation – Texas Taxpayer & Student Fairness Coalition Resolution No. 133 as presented.
7. Approved changes to the Board of Trustees Standard Operating Procedures.
8. Closed Session Items: There were no closed session items.

#### **Information Items:**

1. Board held a workshop to discuss signage in the district, Voting and Ethics Commission, bond, facility rentals, state assessment process, local portion, date to canvass election results, school traffic zones, and Teacher Corp.
2. Natalie Griffin, Travis Elementary Principal, introduced the (TNT) Travis News Team, under the direction of Patti Newsom, Teacher/Reading Specialist/DH. TNT students, Courtney Jones, Shelby Bossaller, Luke Bullock, Jashawn McKinney, Laura Campos, Chase Jordan, Emilio Infante Hernandez, Mackenzie Lawhorn, Taylor Gary, and Zaniya Pruitt, led the board members and audience in the pledges of allegiance and then reported on their duties as part of the TNT.
3. Pat Talkington, Community Member, donated a bronze ram head to Mineral Wells ISD which will be put on display in the district.
4. Karyn Bullock, Public Relations Coordinator, recognized North Texas Pressure Vessel and PECO Facet as the Partners in Education for November. Keith Boyd, President of North Texas Pressure Vessel, and Howard Huffman, General Manager, and LeAnn Ridens, PECO Facet Global Employee Relations and Development Manager, accepted certificates of appreciation. Both of these companies have been very instrumental in working with the school district in providing student tours, weld test materials, training, and employment for students.
5. Joe Ruelas, Board President, thanked everyone that educated themselves on the 2013 Bond Election, the Facilities Study Committee's hard work in evaluating the schools and district's facilities and providing the Board with recommendations, as well as the public meetings and scheduled tours of the campuses and high school track. All of these combined efforts contributed to a successful Bond Election.
6. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported that the total number of students was 3,346 as of October 31. Dr. Haterius recognized Travis Elementary for having an attendance rate of 96.37% and MWJH for having a 96.04% for the month of October.
7. Carey Carter, Director of Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, reported on the Performance Based Monitoring (PBMAS).
8. Carey Carter, Director of Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, reported on the Board Goals 1 & 2 Update – Professional Learning. Some of the professional learning is as follows: Schlechty, Bilingual/ESL Academy, CAST, DBQ, Early Literacy, Flipped Classroom, Instructional Rounds at MWJH, Kagan, PBIS, Professional Service Provider (PSP), Project Based Learning (PBL), Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP), Springboard, and Writing Training.
9. Jay Walsworth, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services/Human Resources, reported on the HB 5 Community/Student Engagement Rating – Index 5. Due to HB 5, each district must report to TEA and make publically available a self-evaluation of the district and each campus in the area of community and student engagement.
10. Jay Walsworth, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services/Human Resources, reported on the District Improvement Plan, followed by Campus Improvement Plans presented by Jon Almedia, MWHS Principal, Kelly Wilkerson, MWJH Principal, Natalie Griffin, Travis Elementary Principal, Dianna Leggett, Houston Elementary Principal, and Melissa Murphy, Lamar Elementary Principal.
11. Paul Hearn, Chief Financial Officer, reported on the 2011-2012 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST).
12. Local District Update 98, BQA (LOCAL), and GKD (LOCAL) will be reviewed by the Board during the month of November. This will be action items at the regular board meeting in December
13. The Board received calendars for November and December.

#### **Next Regular Meeting will be on December 10, 2013**

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