



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of January 13, 2015

The Board of Trustees met on January 13, 2015 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas - President, Maria Jones - Vice President, Scott Aaron, Sunny Gail Lee, Greg Malone, and Laurreta Poole. Scott Elder was absent.

Action Items:

1. Approved the Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable Listing as presented.
2. Approved the Investment Report as presented.
3. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for December 2014 as presented.
4. Approved the board meeting minutes for December 9, 2014 as presented.
5. Approved the 2013-2014 Audit Report as presented by Snow Garrett Williams, Certified Public Accountants.
6. Selected Snow Garrett Williams, Certified Public Accountants, as the district's audit firm for 2014-2015.
7. Approved the Proposed School Calendar for 2015-2016.
8. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved an extension of the superintendent's contract for one year.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Bond Update, Planning, Legislative Issues, Agenda Review, and Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract.
2. Natalie Griffin, Travis Elementary Principal, introduced Patti Newsom, Teacher/Certified Academic Language Therapist, and Gayla Quinn, Teacher/Technology Applications, who showed a DVD made by the Travis TNT students for School Board Appreciation Month. TNT students, Alleson Elder, Carson Huseman, Elvis Lee, Addisyn Chambers, Angela Infante Hernandez, Emily Bazzell, Hannah Seaton, and Ryan Carter, presented each board member with a gift bag containing a DVD of the program and snacks.
3. On behalf of the district's librarians, Beth Henderson, Mineral Wells Junior High Librarian/Media Specialist, announced that in recognition of the board members their names will be placed on a book plate on specific books in each library. The books chosen are as follows: *Nevermore: The Final Maximum Ride Adventure* (MWJH), *Chess! I Love It, I Love It, I Love It!* (Houston), *My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish* (Travis), *The Pout-Pout Fish Goes to School* (Lamar), and *Lives of the Scientists* (MWHS).
4. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent presented each board member with a Certificate of Appreciation from the district.
5. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, introduced Monica Barrick, MWHS Teacher/MH/GT Sunset/TAL Math, as the third recipient of the 2014-2015 Apple Corps Award. Joe Ruelas, Board President, read the Apple Corps Proclamation. Melinda Thompson, MWHS Teacher/MH, and Rebeka Bennett, MWHS Teacher/MH/NHS, expressed appreciation for Mrs. Barrick's leadership, mentoring, deep knowledge, keen understanding, patience, desire for the staff and students to be successful, and holding students accountable. Kaleigh Aaron (MWHS senior) expressed appreciation to Mrs. Barrick for letting students work at their own pace, answering their questions, and helping them to be successful.
6. Joe Ruelas, Board President, thanked the Mineral Wells Classroom Teachers Association for providing the board members with a wonderful meal and recognized Becca Alcorn, MWCTA President, for arranging it.
7. Joe Ruelas, Board President, reported that several board members attended a Schlechty Center – School Board Training scheduled January 8-10 in Austin, Texas. The training was a positive interaction with other school boards across the state of Texas and the nation.
8. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the enrollment comparison for December 9, 2014. Travis Elementary was complimented for having an attendance rate of 95.34%, followed closely by Mineral Wells High School with a rate of 95.31%.
9. James Bradford, Maintenance Director, updated the Board on the construction projects. There has been a problem getting concrete, due to the cold weather conditions. Concrete curbing will be poured on Thursday at the replacement track. Grade beams will be poured on Thursday and a slab on Friday at Lamar. The Lamar project is currently on schedule. Due to weather delays, the track completion date has been revised to February 14, 2015.
10. The Board received Local District Update 101 for review. This will be a consideration/action item at the February board meeting.
11. The Board received calendars for January and February.

Next Regular Meeting will be on February 10, 2015

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