



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of December 11, 2017

The Board of Trustees met on December 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a regular board meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – President, Scott Elder, Donna Henderson, Sunny Lee, Greg Malone, Laretta Poole, 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 board meeting minutes for November 13, 2017 training and regular meeting.
4. Approved the Facility Use Agreement Category 1 Organizations.
5. Approved Resolution Authorizing Initiation of Proceedings for Sale of Real Estate in the City of Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas.
6. Approved Resolution Electing Candidates for the Palo Pinto Appraisal District Board of Directors.
7. Approved Resolution Electing Candidates for the Parker County Appraisal District Board of Directors.
8. Approved Pete Durant and Associates bid for Mineral Wells Junior High Remodel.
9. Approved Local District Update 109, affecting local policies, as presented.
10. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved employment of the following new personnel and reassignments: Jessica Lee (MWHS/Athletic Trainer) and Angie Myrick (DSC/SPED/Speech Therapy Assistant).

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Planning 2017-2018, Bond Update, Review Board Self-Evaluations, and Superintendent's Goals and Evaluation Form.
2. Campus Spotlight – Lamar Elementary: Kendra Fowler, Lamar Principal, turned the program over to Lamar Librarian, Kira Buck. Ms. Buck explained that the library goes far beyond checking out a book – the library is the heart of the school. Lamar students are entering the digital world of computer programming by developing coding skills; a fundamental skill alongside reading and writing. Programming supports learning in reading, math, and science. Kindergarten and first grade students come to the library once a month for a computer science class and will have completed six computer science classes by the end of 2017-2018 school year. Students work on their computer skills by using Beebots. Kyler Sargent, Mackenzie Slimp, and Rylan Tarver, first graders and members of the Lamar Pride Patrol, gave a Beebot demonstration to the Board.
3. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized Brad Jones as Partner in Education for the month of December. Make Mineral Wells Great Again, Inc., was started by Mr. Jones to generate ideas from citizens and business owners to help improve our community. Recently, Make Mineral Wells Great Again began promoting the Secret Santa Project which is geared to brighten the holiday season by helping to connect families in need with generous gifts and donations made available by employees, residents, and local businesses. Ms. Bullock presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Jones and Make Mineral Wells Great Again for leading the Secret Santa Project that is providing a lift to those in need.
4. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized MWHS student, Tori Echols, who recently competed at the Texas Thespian Festival in costume design. Tori researched a time period/production for her design and settled on MWHS Theatre's upcoming production of *The Curious Savage* by John Patrick. She created full color drawings of five costumes that the actors would wear, including fabric and trim swatches, and worked within various budgetary requirements. Before a panel of theatre professionals, Tori received a perfect score. Her work was photographed and put into a presentation shown to 8,500 theatre teachers, students, and professionals. Her score qualifies her to compete at the International Thespian Society during the month of June in Lincoln, Nebraska. Ms. Bullock presented Tori Echols with a certificate recognizing her hard work and dedication to MWISD and to the theatre program, as well as advancement to nationals. Tori also surprised everyone by bringing her competition pieces for the Board to view.
5. John Kuhn, Superintendent, recognized Billie Jo Littlepage, Lamar SPED aide, for her quick and heroic action at Lamar Elementary when a bus pulled up with a smoking tire. Ms. Littlepage jumped into action by grabbing a fire extinguisher and put out the fire before it caused any damage to the bus. Mr. Kuhn presented Ms. Littlepage with a "You make a Difference" certificate in grateful recognition of her contribution to the safety and security of MWISD students.

6. John Kuhn, Superintendent introduced Lamar Elementary teacher, Kathy Rogers, as the second 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. Rogers with a plaque and Maria Jones, Board President, read the Apple Corps Proclamation. Ms. Rogers is known as a person with a unique collection of qualities, best described through a piece of jewelry. Ms. Rogers was presented with a life-sized bracelet as students, friends, and peers added 12 charms to the bracelet representing qualities of Ms. Rogers.

7. Maria Jones, Board President, reported on the Board's educational and training credits earned for 2017.
8. Superintendent's Reports:
 - John Kuhn, Superintendent, reported on November enrollment.
 - David Oestreicher, Technology Director, presented the Fall Semester Technology Report.
9. Held a Public Hearing on the 2016-2017 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). The District was awarded "Above Standard" rating scoring 82 out of 100.
10. Held a Public Hearing on the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR).

Information:

The Board received calendars for December and January.

Next Regular Meeting will be on January 8, 2018

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