



# BOARD BRIEFS

## Mineral Wells Independent School District

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### A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of February 16, 2016

The Board of Trustees met on February 16, 2016 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Maria Jones - President, Joe Ruelas - Vice President, Scott Elder - Secretary, Scott Aaron, Sunny Lee, Greg Malone, and Lauretta Poole.

#### Action Items:

1. Approved change of the regularly scheduled board meeting of March 8, 2016 to March 15, 2016, due to spring break.
2. Approved the Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable Listing as presented.
3. Approved the Water, Electricity, and Gas Reports as presented.
4. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for January 2016 as presented.
5. Approved the board meeting minutes for January 12, 2016, February 1, 2016, and February 8, 2016 as presented.
6. Approved an Order to call for a School Board Election to be held on May 7, 2016 for the purpose of electing one trustee for each position designated as Place 3, Place 4, and Place 5, positions currently held by Joe Ruelas, Scott Aaron, and Sunny Lee.
7. Approved a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the Palo Pinto County Elections Administrator and MWISD as presented.
8. Approved the 2015-2016 School Calendar correction by changing the March 28, 2016 Staff Development/Student Holiday to April 15, 2016.
9. Approved the 2016-2017 School Calendar.
10. Tabled presentation of Technology – BrightBytes.
11. Closed Session Items:
  - Approved administrators' contracts as follows: Jay Walsworth, Paul Hearn, Carey Carter, Kelly Wilkerson, Jon Almeida, Wendell Barker, Natalie Griffin, Dianna Leggett, Melissa Murphy, Kendra Nelson, Jeff Williams, Shanna Coker, Kendra Fowler, David Wells, Tabitha Bleeker, Traci Costlow, Jeff Smith, Gregory Bird, James Bradford, Randall Marshall, and Gerald Perry.
  - Approved addendum to contract of Jay Walsworth, appointing Mr. Walsworth as Acting Superintendent.

#### Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss National School Boards Association Advocacy Institute January 24-26 and State Advocacy, Agenda Review, and Facilities.
2. Travis Elementary students, Grace Anderson and Daniel Gonzalez, led the Board and audience in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas Flags.
3. Natalie Griffin, Travis Elementary Principal, announced that the Travis Elementary spotlight is on the Gateway Club. Mrs. Griffin introduced Travis student, Hannah Seaton, as Moderator for the presentation. Miss Seaton called on fellow classmates to field questions from the Board about the Gateway Club and its purpose. The Gateway Club (Project Lead the Way) helps teach and encourage students to explore sciences and technologies in various ways. Students become problem solvers in preparation for facing the real world.
4. Gary M. McConnell addressed the Board concerning improper voter influence.
5. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized high school sophomore, Erik Lopez, for achieving the highest honor a Texas music student can receive. Erik recently performed with the Texas All-State Choir in San Antonio as part of the 2016 Texas Music Educators Association Convention. Through a competitive process, the highest-ranking musicians at the Area competitions qualify to perform in a TMEA All-State music group. Only the top 3% of musicians who initially audition become All-State musicians. Congratulations Erik!
6. Jay Walsworth, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Deborah (Debbie) Webb, Houston Teacher/Reading, as the third recipient of the 2015-2016 Apple Corps Award. Maria Jones, Board President, read the Apple Corps Proclamation. Teaching partner, Brittny Glidewell, described Mrs. Webb as the epitome of what a teacher should be. Students read their letters to Mrs. Webb thanking her for helping them learn to read.
7. Jay Walsworth, Assistant Superintendent, reported on the enrollment comparison for January, 2016. Travis Elementary had the highest attendance rate of 95.61%.
8. Jay Walsworth, Assistant Superintendent, reported that the contract and travel waiver for the band trip to Branson, Missouri, is currently being reviewed. Students will only miss one day of school, as Friday, April 29th, is a bad weather day.
9. Jay Walsworth, Assistant Superintendent, called on Natalie Griffin, Travis Elementary Principal, for an update on the Advanced Art outdoor sculpture project. Ms. Griffin said that it is still in the works. The art class tested a piece last year to determine how it would stand up to the weather. As it failed the test, they are working on a new plan.

10. Kelly Wilkerson, Executive Director of Elementary Education/Federal Programs, presented the December 2015 EOC Testing Summary Report.
11. Dianna Leggett, Houston Elementary Principal, presented the Houston and Lamar School Improvement 2015-2016 Status Report. In summary, Mrs. Leggett reported that there are great interventions in place and they are moving forward.
12. James Bradford, Maintenance Director, gave a brief update on the construction projects. There is still a punch list. The entire crew is scheduled to be on hand for the upcoming weekend for completion of all of the major items remaining on the list.
13. The Board received calendars for February and March.

**Next Regular Meeting will be on March 15, 2016**

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