



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of February 13, 2017

The Board of Trustees met on February 13, 2017 for the purpose of holding a regular board meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – President, Sunny Lee – Vice President, Scott Elder – Secretary, Donna Henderson, Greg Malone, Laretta Poole, and Joe Ruelas.

Action Items:

1. Approved the Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable Listing as presented.
2. Approved the Water, Electricity, and Gas Reports as presented.
3. Approved the board meeting minutes for January 9, 2017 and January 23, 2017 as presented.
4. Approved an Order to call for a School Board Election to be held on May 6, 2017 for the purpose of electing one trustee for each position designated as Place 6 and Place 7, positions currently held by Laretta Poole and Maria Jones.
5. Approved a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the Palo Pinto County Elections Administrator and MWISD as presented.
6. Approved the Mineral Wells ISD Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Goals as presented.
7. Approved the Resolution Concerning the A-F Accountability Rating System for Texas Public Schools as presented.
8. Approved Opportunity Culture a viable staffing consideration within the district as presented.
9. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved the following administrators' contracts: Jon Almeida, Wendell Barker, Tabitha Bleeker, James Bradford, Carey Carter, Shanna Coker, Teresa Costlow, Kendra Fowler, Thomas Paul Hearn, Joey Hobbs, Dianna Leggett, Parisa Lerma, Randall Marshall, Melissa Murphy, Kendra Nelson, David Oestreicher, Gerald Perry, Benjamin Schoonover, Jeffery Smith, David Tarver, David Wells, Jeff Williams.
 - Natalie Griffin was named Executive Director of Federal/Special Programs.

Information Items:

1. The campus spotlight was on Houston Elementary and the U.I.L. experience. Dianna Leggett, Houston Elementary Principal, introduced Rhonda Nicklas, U.I.L. Coordinator, for a brief review of Houston's first-time participation in U.I.L. Unsure of student interest, leaders were thrilled to take 40 students to the U.I.L. competition in Aledo. Houston received 15 medals, with third grade placing second out of nine overall, and second grade placing third. Ms. Nicklas called on the following students to tell about their event. Rylan Caldwell, 2nd grade, placed second in Story Telling; Ana Lopez, 3rd grade, placed first in Oral Reading; Iana Echanique, 3rd grade, placed fourth in Music Memory; and Cayden Bleeker, 3rd grade, placed third in Ready Writing. Ana Lopez presented her award-winning interpretation of *Homework! Oh, Homework!* to the Board.
2. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized the following MWHS students receiving National and State recognition:
 - MWHS Senior, Carina Campos, was recognized for her hard work and dedication to MWISD and to the theatre program. Carina qualified for nationals in monologue and advances to the International Thespian Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, to be held in June. As a special surprise, Carina performed her three-minute piece for the Board.
 - Academic All-State Recognition in 4A football: Second Team – Jacob Walsh and Trenton Thibault; Honorable Mention – Trent Guinn, Erik Juarez, and AJ Lentz.
 - 4A Texas Sports Writers Association: All-State 4A Second Team Punter & Honorable Mention Quarterback – Tristan Perry; 3rd Team 4A All-State Wide Receiver – Jordan Duckett; Honorable Mention 4A All-State Defensive Back – Cameron Weiss and Kaine Carraway.
 - 4A Lone Star Gridiron Pre-Season All-State Recognition: Linebacker – Stefon Sandoval; Defensive Back – Cameron Weiss; All-State Wide Receiver – Jordan Duckett.
 - Texas Associated Press All-State Recognitions: 2nd Team Punter – Tristan Perry; 2nd Team Wide Receiver – Jordan Duckett; and Honorable Mention Defensive Back – Cameron Weiss.
3. John Kuhn, Superintendent, introduced Houston Elementary teacher, Rhonda Nicklas, as the fourth recipient of the 2016-2017 Apple Corps Awards. Maria Jones, Board President, read the Proclamation and Mr. Kuhn presented the Apple Corps plaque. Ms. Nicklas was honored by fellow teachers and students as they described Ms. Nicklas as one to always go above and beyond. Apple Corps members are chosen from a pool of teachers who have been nominated by their peers at each campus. This honorary program will induct five teachers this year during a special ceremony at the District's Board of Trustees monthly meetings.
4. Maria Jones, Board President –
 - Reported on the NSBA Advocacy Institute in Washington D.C. which she attended January 29-31, 2017. Ms. Jones was able to engage in a brief conversation with Congressman Conaway regarding IDEA, ESSA, and the Food and Nutrition Act.
 - The March 13, 2017 meeting date is changed to March 20, 2017 to accommodate spring break.
5. John Kuhn, Superintendent –
 - Reported enrollment is up by 28 students from this time last year but down from the prior year. The attendance rate has dropped to 93.48% which is attributable to reported flu in the district.
 - John Kuhn and David Tarver attended both the TASA Midwinter Conference and the Envision Mineral Wells Initiative in Austin, January 29 – February 1, 2017. They heard from the Commissioner of Education, as well as other superintendents from around the state, while attending TASA Midwinter. Kuhn and Tarver then joined with a group of Mineral Wells citizens known collectively as Envision Mineral Wells. The group heard from Senator Craig Estes, State Representative Mike Lang and State Representative Phil King. Resolutions about Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas were presented

in both the Senate and the House. Various discussions were held, including the A-F System and vouchers. The group also met with several agencies where they received grant information and contact information for future needs. Kuhn reported this to be a very positive event which should be repeated.

6. Carey Carter, Executive Director of Curriculum, presented the December 2016 STAAR EOC Report.

Information:

The Board received calendars for February and March.

Next Regular Meeting will be on March 20, 2017

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