



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of August 12, 2014

The Board of Trustees met on August 12, 2014, at 5:35 p.m. for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas – Board President, Maria Jones – Vice President, Scott Elder – Secretary, Sunny Gail Lee, Greg Malone, and Laurreta Poole. 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 2014-2015 Appraisal Calendar/PDAS Appraisers as presented.
4. Approved the resolutions of Adjunct Faculty Appointment/PPC Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization as presented.
5. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for July 2014 as presented.
6. Approved the board meeting minutes for July 15, 2014, July 21, 2014, and July 29, 2014 as presented.
7. Adopted an Order Authorizing the issuance of such bonds, parameters for the sale and issuance of such bond and delegating certain matters to authorized officials of the district.
8. Approved contracting with Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell & Mehl, P.C. "Telephone Consultation Agreement" and LEASOR CRASS, P.C. "Proactive Legal Services & Retainer Program.
9. Approved a Property Tax Exemption for the Rock School Museum as presented. This property is recorded as a Texas Historic Landmark and qualifies for this exemption.
10. Approved the Disposition of Obsolete Equipment – Lamar Elementary Portable.
11. Approved the sponsorship advertisements/announcements as presented.
12. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved the employment of the following new personnel and reassignments: Ramsey Knight (Houston Teacher/2), Kayla Tomlinson (Travis Teacher/5/ELA/GT), Katherine Coulter (Junior High Teacher/Health/Girl's Coach/Coordinator), Carrie Way (Junior High Teacher/SE/Skills), Vera Hodges (Junior High Teacher/7/Math), Jeanne Baker (High School Teacher/Choir), and Sarah Durst (DSC/Special Education Counselor & Homebound Teacher).

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss Bond Planning, Planning for 2014-2015, Administrators' Retreat, Retention/New Teacher Report, Board Training, and Sponsorship Advertisements/Announcements.
2. Karyn Bullock, Public Relations Coordinator, recognized Ethan Caldwell, MWHS senior, for receiving a silver medal at the State Solo and Ensemble contest with his saxophone and being selected as one of the 2014-15 Drum Majors for the high school band. Ethan's "Opus" (movement 1 and 2) was shared with the Board and audience.
3. Joe Ruelas, Board President, reminded board members of the board member training scheduled from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17 in the boardroom and the 2014 TASA/TASB Convention scheduled for September 26-28 at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center in Dallas.
4. Carey Carter, Director of Secondary Education/Assessment/Accountability, reported on the Campus and District Accountability Reports for 2014 that were released on August 8, 2014. MWISD and all campuses were rated **Met Standard**. The Mineral Wells Academy was rated **Met Alternative Standard**. In addition, a TEA video on accountability was shown to the Board and audience.
5. Jay Walsworth, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services/Human Resources, reported on the Student Handbook and Employee Handbook for 2014-2015. There were minor changes made to the student and employee handbooks.
6. During the summer, Carey Carter, Director of Secondary Education/Assessment/Accountability, reported that the district provided several opportunities for staff professional development as reflected on the provided calendars.
7. Paul Hearn, Chief Financial Officer, briefly reviewed the budget workshops dates and public meeting on the 2014-2015 budget, proposed tax rate, and final amendment to the 2013-2014 budget.
8. Paul Hearn, Chief Financial Officer, proposed setting a Public Meeting to adopt the 2014-2015 budget and set the tax rate at 6:00 p.m. on August 26, 2014. The tax rate should remain the same at \$1.04005 for maintenance and operations and increase to \$.36902 for debt service.
9. James Bradford, Maintenance Director, updated the Board and audience on the summer maintenance projects and Replacement Lamar Elementary.
10. The Board received calendars for August and September.

Next Regular Meeting will be on September 9, 2014

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