



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of April 8, 2014

The Board of Trustees met on April 8, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas - President, Scott Aaron – Vice President, Scott Elder – Secretary, Joel Hardeman, Maria Jones, and Sunny Gail Lee. Greg Malone was absent.

Action Items:

1. Approved the monthly financial reports and accounts payable listing.
2. Approved the water/electricity/gas reports as presented.
3. Approved the Investment report as presented.
4. Approved the board meeting minutes for March 25, 2014 as presented.
5. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for March 2014 as presented.
6. Approved revisions to Board Policy CNA(LOCAL) – Transportation Management/Student Transportation as presented.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 136 Regarding Hazardous Traffic Conditions as presented.
8. Approved Local District Update 99, affecting local policies as presented.
9. Approved the 2014-2015 Calendar Revisions as presented.
10. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved 231 contract renewals for the 2014-2015 school year.
 - Approved 25 continuing contracts for the 2014-2015 school year.
 - Approved the employment of the following: Douglas Chris Olson (MWHS Teacher/Coach), Seth Hobbs (MWHS Teacher/Coach), and Joey Hobbs (MWHS Counselor).
 - Approved the reassignments of Randall Marshall (Director of Transportation) effective May 1, 2014, and Cristobal Garcia (MWHS Band Director) effective July 1, 2014.
 - Approved the proposal for termination of two probationary contracts.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss Bond Planning, Child Nutrition Program Meal Prices for 2014-2015, Old Fannin Building, Roofing Projects – Hail Storm 2013, Local Policy EIF, and Hazardous Bus Routes.
2. Karyn Bullock, Public Relations Coordinator, recognized Masonic Lodge #611 and Texas Farm Bureau, as the Partners in Education for the month of April. The Masonic Lodge donated 300 kits that included a toothbrush, toothpaste, instructions, stickers, floss, a timer, and educational information for parents in English and in Spanish to the 1st grade students at Lamar Elementary. Pat Bazzell and her Texas Farm Bureau team donated two bicycles with helmets as part of the Lamar Elementary School's Annual Perfect Attendance Bike Giveaway campaign.
3. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, recognized Haidee Couger, MWJH Teacher/SC/DH/GT Sunset, as the third inductee to receive the Apple Corps Excellence in Teaching Award for 2014. Sabina Landeros, MWJH Dean of Students, read quotes from previous students expressing appreciation for their learning experience with Mrs. Couger. After a presentation and science experiment involving board members, Maria Jones, Joe Ruelas, and Scott Elder, Dr. Haterius, and MWHS students, Kaleigh Aaron, Riley Bullock, Carson Couger, Scarlett Eaton, Pamela Hopkins, Kenzi Huseman, Emiley Loya, and Mckayla Nance, Sally Scott, MWJH Teacher/Coach/SC/SIOP, expressed appreciation to Mrs. Couger for being her mentor, colleague, and friend.
4. Joe Ruelas, Board President, requested prayers for a couple of MWISD students and their families.
5. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the attendance figures for the month of March. Travis Elementary was complimented for having the highest attendance rate of 95.01% and Mineral Wells High School for coming in a very close second with a rate of 95%.
6. Dianna Leggett, Houston Elementary Principal, introduced the "First Move" Chess Club that is taught one hour per week (via video) by The Chess Lady with classroom teachers facilitating the exercises which was made possible by a grant. Houston Elementary 2nd and 3rd grade teachers, Jaylnn Burnes, Shannon Bounds, Robin Wilson, Brittny Neely, Summer Ashley, Lisa Becton, Jennifer Gwathmey, Sharon Purefoy, Debra Lindley, Rhonda Nicklas, Kelci Thomas, Rebecca Alcorn, and Mandy Hollifield, presented a PowerPoint of "First Move". Houston Elementary students, Anson Rodgers, Avery Rodgers, Ben Bullock, Sadie Roach, Maddox Valley, Jadon Spieker, and Lilly Gillen, reported on why they enjoy playing chess.
7. Jay Walsworth, Assistant Superintendent Student Services/Human Resources, reported on the Performance Based Monitoring – Data Validation.
8. Carey Carter, Director of Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment/Special Programs, reported on TAKS Re-Test, TELPAS, STAAR Testing, STAAR-ALT, End of Course Tests, summer testing dates, and that 10 AP Exams will be administered in May.
9. The Board received calendars for April and May.

Next Regular Meeting will be on May 13, 2014

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