



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of November 8, 2016

The Board of Trustees met on November 8, 2016 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – President, Sunny Lee – Vice President, 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 October 11, 2016 and October 21, 2016 as presented.
4. Approved the Lamar Elementary/Houston Elementary FIR Targeted Improvement Plan as presented.
5. Approved the Resolution to Pursue District of Innovation Status.
6. Approved formation of the District of Innovation Committee as presented.
7. Approved the District and Campus Improvement Plans for 2016-2017 as presented.
8. Approved the District Courses of Innovation as presented.
9. Closed Session Items: None

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss Planning for 2016-2017, Bond Update, Weatherford College, JET Grant, December 3rd Float, and A-F Rating.
2. The campus spotlight was on Lamar Elementary and their Full-Day PreK Program. Kendra Fowler, Lamar Elementary Principal, introduced Kathy Rogers for the presentation. Ms. Rogers, a PreK Teacher, said Lamar PreK has seen rapid growth from last year's half-day program to the current full-day program. MWISD enrolled 140 PreK students last year and 220+ this year. We've gone from six teachers to 11, six shared assistants, and full class sizes of 22 students per class. The newly built Lamar Elementary was designed for growth and the additional classrooms were already available. Following Ms. Rogers' presentation, Lamar PreK students performed for the Board, thanking them for Full-Day PreK!
3. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized MWISD Partners in Education for the month of November. Certificates of Appreciation were presented by John Kuhn, Superintendent, and Maria Jones, Board President.
 - PECOFacet's generous grant of \$1,000 provides the financial support necessary to purchase additional educational tools for the classroom. In aligning with MWISD's vision statement, the full-day PreK department at Lamar Elementary is preparing to tap into new education technology by using iPad mini tablets, a purchase made possible with the financial support of PECOFacet.
 - Fuzzy's Taco Shop is honored for the MWISD Student of the Month program that celebrates and recognizes the extraordinary accomplishments of our students. Selected students are awarded a \$10 gift card to Fuzzy's Taco Shop, t-shirt, a photo prominently displayed on the restaurant wall, and recognition in our local newspaper, the Index.
4. John Kuhn, Superintendent, introduced Lamar teacher, Angie Bryan, as the first recipient of the 2016-2017 Apple Corps Awards. 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.
5. Superintendent's Reports:
 - John Kuhn, Superintendent, reported increased enrollment numbers from this time last year. With the exception of one campus at 94.7%, campuses are above the 95% attendance goal.
 - October was celebrated as School Priority Month in Texas. MWISD hosted a full-day campus tour event where participants were able to experience students in their learning environments and to visit with students and educators alike. All six campuses were included in the tour and Mr. Kuhn presented a brief slideshow of pictures taken throughout the day. Based on positive feedback, MWISD will be planning similar events in the future to help bring awareness to the great work taking place in MWISD.
6. John Kuhn presented proposed revisions to Board Policy BE(LOCAL) – Board Meetings. The Board will review the proposed revisions during the month of November and will take action at the December board meeting.

Information:

The Board received calendars for November and December.

Next Regular Meeting will be on December 13, 2016