



# BOARD BRIEFS

## Mineral Wells Independent School District

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### A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees

#### Regular Meeting of April 14, 2009

The Board of Trustees met on April 14, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a regular meeting. Members present were David Bullock – President, Holt Price – Vice President, Joe Ruelas - Secretary, Scott Aaron, Joel Hardeman, Mike Tincher, and Ellen Starr.

#### Action Items:

1. The monthly financial reports, bills, and checks written since the last meeting were approved.
2. The quarterly investment report was approved.
3. The Board Resolution Extending the Depository Contract with First Financial Bank was approved.
4. The board meeting minutes for March 10, 2009 were approved.
5. The Board approved the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the School Board Election on May 9, 2009.
6. The Board approved an Order of Cancellation for the School Board Election.
7. The Board approved an Order of the Board of Trustees of Mineral Wells Independent School District Approving a Public Property Finance Contract.
8. The Board approved a Multi Regional Purchasing Cooperative Region 11 Education Service Center Participation Agreement.
9. Closed Session Items:
  - Accepted the resignations of Tara Spencer, Lynn Carroll, and Landin Mathison effective June 5, 2009, and retirements of Mary Ann Finley (May 31, 2009), Jeff Parker (June 5, 2009), Benita Smiddy (May 31, 2009), Anne Street (May 31, 2009), and Dennis Scott (June 30, 2009).
  - Approved the employment of Larry Kueck (MWHS coach/teacher – April 2, 2009) and Lena Myers (MWHS teacher/theater arts – August 17, 2009)
  - Approved the recommended continued employment of Diana King through JR3 for the 2009-2010 school year.

#### Information Items:

1. Recognized the following:
  - Campus Teachers of the Month – Kendra Fowler, Kelli Nicklas, Beverly Fambro, Jami Miller, Carrie Simonton, and Neva Cox
  - Campus Support Staff of the Month – Kay Wheeler, Margie Flores, Jolene Williams, Deanna Wakefield, Maribel Diaz, and Juanita Dickens
  - Partners in Education – Campus PTOs
  - DI Team – Jacqueline Bandy, DI coach/MWJHS teacher, announced that two DI teams, 5 Piece Nuggets (Instinct Messaging) and Mint ConDition (A New Angle), advanced to state competition. Instinct Messaging – 5 Piece Nuggets placed fourth and Mint ConDition placed second. Mint ConDition will be advancing to Global competition May 18-25.
  - United Way Recognitions – Brian Bennett, president of United Way, and Marilyn Rhodes, executive director, presented plaques of appreciation to the campus principals for their support and Dr. James R. Collins, superintendent, for the school district's participation in United Way. District employees raised 14% (over \$25,000.00) for United Way.
2. Dr. James R. Collins gave an overview of the following:
  - A. School Finance – In school finance, we deal with target revenue which was set back in 2006. The TEA provided target revenue per WADA chart shows that the average low performing schools receive \$4,980 per WADA. Our district receives \$4,777 per student, which is less money than the average low performing schools. Under the current system, our district is way behind as far as state funding.
  - B. Stimulus Fund – The figures provided by TEA for planning purposes are Title 1 Part A - \$549,170 and IDEA Title VI-B \$733,427 and IDEA B Ages 3-5 \$18,956. Technology is one big expense item that will be considered, if the district receives the funds.
  - C. Update on Roofing Repairs – The insurance settlement has been received, and the district is trying to account for all damages. Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. will be assisting the district by inspecting the damages and reviewing all of the roofing bids.
3. The Board briefly reviewed the Mineral Wells High School 2009-2010 Cheerleading Squad Handbook.
4. The Board received updated calendars for the month of March and April.

#### Next Regular Meeting will be on May 12, 2009

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