



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of August 11, 2015

The Board of Trustees met on August 11, 2015, at 5:35 p.m. for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – Board President, Joe Ruelas – Vice President, Scott Elder – Secretary, Scott Aaron, Sunny Gail Lee, and Greg Malone. Laurretta Poole 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 Fuel and Vendor List for 2015-2016 school year as presented.
4. Approved the Education Service Center Region 11 Contract for Services for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.
5. Approved the 2015-2016 Appraisal Calendar/PDAS Appraisers as presented.
6. Approved the resolutions of Adjunct Faculty Appointment/PPC Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization as presented.
7. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for July 2015 as presented.
8. Approved correction to the June 9, 2015 board meeting minutes as presented.
9. Approved the board meeting minutes for July 14, 2015, July 23, 2015, and July 27, 2015 as presented.
10. Approved contracting with Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell & Mehl, P.C. "Telephone Consultation Agreement" and LEASOR CRASS, P.C. "Proactive Legal Services & Retainer Program.
11. Approved the School Depository Contract.
12. Approved Board Policy EHBG(LOCAL) Draft 2.
13. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved the employment of the following new personnel and reassignments: Carole Curtis (DAEP/MW Academy Math/HS STAAR Prep), Nan Goodman (Lamar Teacher/1), Kayla Carnagie (Houston Teacher/2), Ashlea Smyers (Houston Teacher/2), Kimberly Garza (DSC/Special Education LSSP), Mary Victoria Jones (Travis Teacher/4), Caleb Amis (Travis Teacher/5/SS), Sunshine Peacock (Travis Teacher/6/SS), and Lisa Riker (Lamar Teacher/PreK).

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss Bond Planning, Planning for 2015-2016, Administrators' Retreat, Retention/New Teacher Report, Accountability, Board Book Study, and Board Training.
2. Maria Jones, Board President, called on principals to introduce new assistant principals. Ms. Jones announced that legislative training is available at the annual TASA/TASB Convention, October 2-4, 2015. Online applications are also being accepted for the NASBE Annual Conference.
3. Carey Carter, Director of Secondary Curriculum/Assessment/Accountability, reported on the Campus and District Accountability Reports for 2015 that were released on August 7, 2015. MWISD, Mineral Wells High School, Mineral Wells Junior High School, and Travis Elementary School were rated **Met Standard**. The Mineral Wells Academy was rated **Met Alternative Standard**. Houston Elementary School and Lamar Elementary School were rated **Improvement Required**.
4. Jay Walsworth, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services/Human Resources, reported on the Student Handbook and Employee Handbook for 2015-2016. There were minor changes made to the student and employee handbooks.
5. Kelly Wilkerson, Director of Elementary Curriculum/Federal Programs, reported that MWISD offers courses for staff professional development as described in the Professional Development Catalog. Courses focus on vertical alignment, effective instruction, use of best resources, and collaboration of content teachers. The Compliance Training Bundle, required for all MWISD employees, is available online through Region 10 and must be completed by September 4, 2015.
6. Paul Hearn, Chief Financial Officer, briefly reviewed budget workshop dates. The tax rate should remain the same at \$1.04005 for maintenance and operations and increase to \$.39 for debt service. Mr. Hearn proposed setting a Public Meeting to adopt the 2015-2016 budget, set the tax rate, and approve the final budget for 2014-2015, at 6:00 p.m. on August 27, 2015.
7. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported that we are on target with finances for the bond projects and then called on James Bradford, Maintenance Director, for a brief progress report of the Replacement Lamar Elementary. Pre-K teachers are in the building with K-1 teachers being called as their boxes are delivered. Floors need to be waxed before actual move in.
8. The Board received calendars for August and September.

Next Regular Meeting will be on September 8, 2015

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