



# BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

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## A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of November 10, 2015

The Board of Trustees met on November 10, 2015 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Maria Jones - President, Joe Ruelas - Vice President, Scott Elder - Secretary, Scott Aaron, Sunny Lee, Greg Malone, and Lauretta Poole.

### 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 Transportation Mileage Report for October 2015 as presented.
4. Approved the board meeting minutes for October 13, 2015 as presented.
5. Approved the Resolution Concerning Appointment of the Texas Commissioner of Education.
6. Nominated Maria L. Jones to the TASB Board, Region 11, Position A.
7. Approved the Lamar Elementary School and Houston Elementary School IR Targeted Improvement Plan as presented.
8. Approved the District Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS) Targeted Improvement Plan as presented.
9. Closed Session Items:
  - Approved Exhibit A – Staff Stipend.

### Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Agenda Review, Planning, Bond Update – Stage II, Book Study – *The Test*, TASA/TASB Workshops, and Texas House District 60.
2. Pledges of allegiance were led by MWJH students Alissa Trevino, Samantha Lopez, Aldair Borjas, and Hayden Milton.
3. Wendell Barker, Mineral Wells Junior High Principal, spotlighted Technology and Project Lead the Way which promotes STEM courses (science, technology, engineering and math). Mr. Barker introduced Jessica Alexander, MWJH Technology Teacher, who presented slides and information about elective STEM courses offered at MWJH. MWJH students shared various apps they'd created with the Board.
4. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized Bonnie Ray as the Partner in Education for the month of November. Retired teacher, Bonnie Ray, graciously returned to Houston Elementary last year to mentor beginning teachers in the classroom. Ms. Ray continues her purpose as she listens to their struggles, offers pointers, and helps build the confidence of a new teacher.
5. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, recognized MWHS senior, Don Turner, as being named Commended Student in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2016 competition by taking the 2014 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Dr. Haterius and Maria Jones, Board President, presented Mr. Turner with a certificate. Congratulations Don Turner!
6. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, introduced Mark Beaty, MWHS Teacher/SS/GT/Teacher Academic Leader, as the first recipient of the 2015-2016 Apple Corps. This honorary program will induct five teachers this year during a special ceremony at the District's Board of Trustees monthly meetings. Apple Corps members are chosen from a pool of teachers who have been nominated by their peers at each campus.
7. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, gave a brief report on the Envision Mineral Wells meeting. Envision Mineral Wells is a group composed of many members in the community. Board President, Maria Jones, and Board Member, Sunny Lee, both serve in this group. Dr. Haterius reported that our part as educators is work force development.
8. Maria Jones, Board President, announced the Lamar Elementary School Ribbon Cutting and Community Open House is scheduled December 3, 2015, beginning at 5:30 p.m.
9. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the enrollment comparison for October 31. Houston Elementary had the highest attendance rate of 96.27%, followed by Mineral Wells Junior High with a rate of 95.98%. All campuses were complimented for doing well with attendance.
10. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported that Dr. David Anthony, CEO of Raise Your Hand Texas, will be the guest speaker at the Chamber Luncheon November 17th. Dr. Haterius will serve on the panel. Kelly Wilkerson, Executive Director of Elementary Education/Federal Programs, serves as a regional director for Raise Your Hand Texas and will introduce Dr. Anthony at the luncheon. Prior to the luncheon, Dr. Anthony will meet with our administrative team at the District Services Complex at 9:00 am.

11. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, called on James Bradford, Maintenance Director, for a brief bond update. Mr. Bradford reported that Lamar Elementary School is near completion with the canopies being the only large item remaining. Upon completion, we move into one-year warranty work. The report for safety and security at MWJH is that the perimeter fencing is complete and the badging process is in process. MWHS is midway into Safety and Security - Stage II.
12. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, presented the ESC Region 11 Services Report with information on district cost/savings and descriptions of ESC contracts/Market Value Rationale for 2015-2016.
13. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, presented Local District Update 103, affecting local policies. The Board will review Update 103 during the month of November and will take action at the December board meeting.
14. The Board received calendars for November and December.

**Next Regular Meeting will be on December 8, 2015**

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