



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of April 14, 2015

The Board of Trustees met on April 14, 2015 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas - President, Maria Jones - Vice President, Scott Elder - Secretary, Scott Aaron, Sunny Lee, Greg Malone, and Laurretta Poole.

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 Investment Report as presented.
4. Approved the board meeting minutes for March 24, 2015 as presented.
5. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for March 2015 as presented.
6. Approved TEA Waivers for Expedited Staff Development Days (3), Modified Schedule for State Assessment Testing, Teacher Data Portal, and Early Release Days as presented.
7. Granted permission to the superintendent to file a lawsuit to quiet land titles at Miller Stadium and surrounding properties.
8. Granted permission to the superintendent to enter into possible negotiations for the purchase of real property.
9. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved the employment of the following new personnel: Daniel Hargrove (MWJH Teacher/Coach) and Tonya Van Loh (Lamar Teacher/K)
 - Approved a contract renewal for Parisa Lerma - Palo Pinto County Special Education SSA Director.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Book Study – John Tanner, Bond Update, Planning – Resolutions PK, Testing, Property, and Agenda Review.
2. Travis Elementary School students, Emilio Infante-Hernandez and Celeste Santibanez, led the Board and audience in the pledges of allegiance.
3. Natalie Griffin, Travis Elementary Principal, announced that her campus will be spotlighting the SWAT (Students Working to Advance Technology) Technology Team – STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) Projects for the month of April. Under the supervision of Cathy Hammond, Librarian, and Gayla Quinn, Teacher/Technology Applications, Trinity Allison, Arely Espinoza, Emilio Infante-Hernandez, Chase Jordan, Angela Infante-Hernandez, Mackenzie Lawhon, Dobie Rokus, Celeste Santibanez, Meagan Waldrum, Taylor Wheaton, Laura Campos, Teagan Nash, Elvis Lee, Jaden Risk, Braxton Jones, Nadiya Weiss, and Luke Bullock presented the STEM Projects.

Carey Carter, Director of Secondary Curriculum /Assessment/Accountability, announced that “Project Lead the Way” will be implemented starting next year in grades 6-12. It is the leading STEM program in the nation. Courses to be offered are as follows: 6th grade - Flight & Space and Energy & Modeling, 7th grade - Design & Modeling and Automation & Robotics, 8th grade - Intro to Computer Science and 9th - 12th grades Computer Science Engineering and Intro to Engineering Design. Teachers will be attending core training this summer.

4. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, introduced Stacey Pierce, Travis Teacher/4/ ELA/TAL ELAR, as the fifth recipient of the 2014-2015 Apple Corps Award. Joe Ruelas, Board President, read the Apple Corps Proclamation. Travis Elementary teachers, JoBeth Montgomery, Jessica Blakley, and Gina Nicklow, expressed their appreciation for the way she sets her team up for victory, hours spent searching for the best activity, planning instruction, persevering, creativity, leadership skills, ability to customize her approach, gives her best each day, and grip on her vocation. Tristan Gray, Travis Elementary 5th grade student, expressed appreciation to her for altering the lives of students. Mrs. Pierce was presented with a plaque and a baseball signed by the MWISD Board of Trustees and Dr. Gail G. Haterius.
5. Joe Ruelas, Board President, reminded board members that the Summer 2015 Leadership Institute in Fort Worth is scheduled for June 18-20. If they plan to attend, please let superintendent’s secretary know.
6. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the enrollment comparison for March 31, 2015. Travis Elementary was complimented for having an attendance rate of 96.19%, followed by Houston Elementary with a rate of 95.62%.

7. James Bradford, Maintenance Director, updated the Board on the construction projects. The rubber base will be installed on the track followed by the top coating. At Lamar, Areas A, B, & C are dried in and currently working on Areas D & E. Area A is taped and bedded and sheet rocking has started in Areas B & C. Finished with all of the internal blocking and have moved to external masonry which will be going up really fast. The security upgrade at Houston Elementary is finished and wiring will start at Travis Elementary shortly.

Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, complimented Mr. Bradford for staying on top of the projects.

8. The Board received calendars for April and May.

Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported that monthly construction progress reports are posted on the website should anyone be interested in looking at the information.

Next Regular Meeting will be on May 12, 2015

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