



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of January 15, 2013

The Board of Trustees met on January 15, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas - President, Scott Aaron - Vice-President, Scott Elder - Secretary, David Bullock, Maria Jones, Joel Hardeman, and Mike Tincher.

Action Items:

1. Approved the monthly financial reports, accounts payable listing, and water/electricity/gas reports as presented.
2. Approved the investment report as presented.
3. Approved the board meeting minutes for December 11, 2012 as presented.
4. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for December 2012 as presented.
5. Approved the 2011-2012 audit report as presented by Snow Garrett Williams, Certified Public Accountants.
6. Approved Snow Garrett Williams, Certified Public Accountants, as the audit firm for the 2012-2013 school year.
7. Approved an Order to call for a school board election to be held on May 11, 2013, for the purpose of electing one trustee for each position designated as 3, 4, and 5 – currently held by Joe Ruelas, Scott Aaron, and Mike Tincher.
8. Closed Session Items:
 - Noted the superintendent's recommendation to employ Amanda Dorsey, Lamar Elementary Kindergarten, effective December 18, 2012.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss Mission, Vision, and Goals, Schlechty Center Board Workshop Debrief, Beliefs and Visionary Team of Eight, Drug Testing, Academy with Direct Instruction, Facility Needs Assessment, Maintenance - Noresco Contract, Signage, and New Projects, and Drivers Education.
2. Under the direction of Dianna Leggett, Houston Elementary Principal, and Melissa Murphy, Lamar Elementary Principal, Larson Ator, (2nd grade), Caeden Barker (2nd grade), Katie Coker (2nd grade), Nancy Benavides (3rd grade), Katlyn Alton (3rd grade), and Sabre Thomas (kindergarten), led the board and audience in the pledges of allegiance and made a presentation on behalf of all the campuses for School Board Appreciation month.
3. Melissa Morgan, MWHS Librarian/Head Librarian, announced that each year a book is donated to a campus in their honor for School Board Appreciation month. The books are as follows: *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin to Lamar Elementary, *I Don't Believe It, Archie! What Can Possibly Go Wrong Today?* by Andrew Norriss to Houston, *The Genius Files Never Say Genius* by Dan Gutman to Travis, *Nevermore* by James Patterson to Mineral Wells Junior High, and *The Comic Book Encyclopedia* by Ron Goulart to Mineral Wells High School.
4. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, presented each of the board members with a Certificate of Appreciation for their outstanding service to the students and district.
5. Mary Creighton, Director of Public Relations, recognized the MWHS Band Booster Club - Sheryl McCalester, MWHS Choir Booster Club – Kelly Bezio, MWHS Athletic Booster Club – Stacy Kissinger, and the Computer Aided Design (CAD) Booster Club – Joy Allred as Partners in Education for the month of January.
6. Joe Ruelas, Board President, reported on a Schlechty training that five board members attended January 4 and 5 in Austin, the business community partnerships with PECO, North Texas Pressure Vessel, and BFX, and the upcoming annual State of Community luncheon scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 25 at the First Baptist Church.
7. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, briefly reported that the attendance figures are low for the month of December due to illness, Emergency Management Protocol being updated, and upcoming community dates involving Random Drug Testing scheduled at 6:00 p.m. at Mineral Wells High School on January 31 and Mineral Wells Junior High on February 4, Community Luncheon with Dr. Bonnie Lesley at Holiday Hills Country Club on February 5, and the MWISD employees school funding informational meeting at 4:15 p.m. on February 5 at Mineral Wells High School.
8. Carey Carter, Director of Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, reported briefly on the STARR Writing and Reading tests and that testing starts in March.
9. The Board received calendars for January and February.

Next Regular Meeting will be on February 12, 2013

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