



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of October 11, 2016

The Board of Trustees met on October 11, 2016 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – President, Sunny Lee – Vice President, Scott Elder, Donna Henderson, Greg Malone, Laurretta Poole, and Joe Ruelas.

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 Annual Investment Report as presented.
4. Approved the board meeting minutes for September 13, 2016, as presented.
5. Approved the Resolution to Observe October 12, 2016 as Texas Education Human Resources Day.
6. Approved the 2016-2017 School Health Advisory Council Members as presented.
7. Approved application for Texas Education Agency General State Waiver – Bilingual Education Exception/ESL Waiver, as presented.
8. No Closed Session.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss Planning for 2016-2017, TASA/TASB Workshops, Dyslexia Update, Opportunity Culture, Bond Update, and Miller Stadium.
2. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized Mineral Wells Women's Club as Partners in Education for the month of October for their generous donation of school supplies. Maria Jones, Board President, and John Kuhn, Superintendent, presented a Certificate of Recognition to club representatives, Sharon Owens and Linda Ashby.
3. Maria Jones, Board President, announced that Joe Ruelas attended the 2016 TASA/TASB Convention and called on Mr. Ruelas for a brief report. Mr. Ruelas attended various sessions, earning 12.5 credits. There were many discussions about what's coming in education and what changes to watch for. A big topic with legislators is public schools vs. charter schools. Attendees were encouraged to stay in touch with local representatives and to let them "hear your voice."
4. Superintendent's Reports were presented as follows:
 - John Kuhn, Superintendent, introduced David Oestreicher, our new Technology Director, and his wife, Claudia, Bilingual Teacher at Lamar. The Oestreicher's first day in the district was October 10th.
 - Mr. Kuhn reported that enrollment numbers are up from last year. The next goal is to surpass 3,300 in enrollment.
 - October has been declared as Principals Month in Texas. Mr. Kuhn read the Proclamation from Governor Greg Abbott. Mr. Kuhn and Maria Jones, Board President, presented Certificates of Appreciation to each principal and assistant principal.
 - Following Board adoption of a resolution to Observe October 12 as Texas Education Human Resources Day, Mr. Kuhn recognized and presented Certificates of Appreciation to David Tarver, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and Joanna Mitchell, Personnel Records Assistant.
5. Maria Jones called for a Public Hearing for the Lamar Elementary and Houston Elementary Formerly Improvement Required (FIR) Targeted Improvement Plan. The Improvement Plan was developed by both campuses and was presented by Houston Principal, Dianna Leggett, and Lamar Principal, Kendra Fowler. The 2016 performance for Lamar/Houston was on or above the target score for all four indexes. The plan pointed out areas of growth, expected level of improvement, and plans for continuous improvement. Also in attendance was Jan Sanders, PSP liaison.
6. Carey Carter presented the 2016 Accountability Report. The District and all MWISD campuses Met Standard for 2016. Because of system safeguards, Houston and Lamar, as a paired campus, received a rating of formerly improvement required (FIR).

Information:

The Board received calendars for October and November.

Next Regular Meeting will be on November 8, 2016

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