



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Board Workshop/Regular Meeting of November 11, 2014

The Board of Trustees met on November 11, 2014 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas - President, Maria Jones - Vice President, Scott Elder - Secretary, Sunny Gail Lee, Greg Malone, and Laretta Poole. Scott Aaron 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 Transportation Mileage Report for October 2014 as presented.
4. Approved the board meeting minutes for October 14, 2014 and October 21, 2014 as presented.
5. Approved the proposed Travis Elementary public art sculpture to be created by the Travis advanced art students.
6. Approved changes to the Board of Trustees Standard Operating Procedures as presented.
7. Accepted a donation of land from Palo Pinto County that sits east of the current Houston Elementary school playground located on the eastside of the building.
8. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved a change in contract status for Nichola St. James (Athletic Trainer) for the 2014-2015 school year.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop at 5:30 p.m. to discuss a Bond Update, Planning, Agenda Review, and Campus Alignment.
2. The Board led the audience in the pledges of allegiance.
3. Wendell Barker, Mineral Wells Junior High Principal, introduced Dianne Aldridge, MWJH Teacher/Technology Integration Specialist, who did a presentation on a new Digital Learning Pilot.
4. Joe Ruelas, Board President, thanked the Veterans, students, and employees for their participation in the Veterans Day Program today. Due to the weather conditions, the ceremony was moved from Ram Stadium to the high school gymnasium.
5. Karyn Bullock, Public Relations Coordinator, recognized Palo Pinto General Hospital as the Partner in Education for the month of November. Palo Pinto General Hospital has provided our schools with educational pamphlets, organized a Community Health and Resource Fair, and is currently partnering with the school district to provide **Ram Parents in Action**, which is a year-long health, wellness, and education initiative.
6. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, introduced Della Enriquez, MWJH Teacher/LA, as the first recipient of the 2014-2015 Apple Corp. This honorary program will induct five teachers this year during a special ceremony at the District's Board of Trustees monthly meetings. These highly regarded educators are chosen from a pool of teachers who have been nominated by their peers at each campus.
7. Joe Ruelas, Board President, announced that board members have been invited to attend a campus Thanksgiving lunch. Lamar and Houston had theirs last week. Travis Elementary is scheduled on Wednesday, November 12, Mineral Wells Junior High on Thursday, November 13, and Mineral Wells High School on Wednesday, November 19.
8. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the enrollment comparison for October 31. Travis Elementary was complimented for having an attendance rate of 96.26%, followed by Mineral Wells Junior High with a rate of 95.94%, and Houston Elementary with a rate of 95.91%.
9. Jay Walsworth, Assistant Superintendent Student Services/Human Resources, reported on an out-of-state trip request by the Mineral Wells High School Choir.
10. Jay Walsworth, Assistant Superintendent Student Services/Human Resources, presented the District Improvement Plan and Jon Almeida - MWHS Principal, Wendell Barker - MWJH Principal, Natalie Griffin - Travis Elementary Principal, Dianne Leggett - Houston Elementary Principal, Jeff Smith - Lamar Elementary Assistant Principal, and Jim Yancey - Mineral Wells Academy Supervisor each presented their Campus Improvement Plans.
11. The Board received calendars for November and December. Dr. Haterius reported that there are two football playoff games scheduled at Ram Stadium this week. Wichita Falls Hirschi will be playing Abilene Wiley on Thursday, November 13 and Stephenville will be playing Decatur on Friday, November 14.

Next Regular Meeting will be on December 9, 2014

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