



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

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

The Board of Trustees met on February 11, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular meeting. Members present were Joe Ruelas – President, Scott Elder - Secretary, Joel Hardeman, Maria Jones, Sunny Gail Lee and Greg Malone. Scott Aaron – Vice President was absent.

Action Items:

1. Approved the monthly financial reports and accounts payable listing.
2. Approved the water/electricity/gas reports as presented.
3. Approved the Transportation Mileage Report for January 2014 as presented.
4. Approved the board meeting minutes for January 7, 2014, January 14, 2014, and January 22, 2014 as presented.
5. Approved the Schematic Design for Replacement Elementary – Lamar Elementary as presented.
6. Approved an Order to call for a School Board Election to be held on May 10, 2014, for the purpose of electing one trustee for each position designated as 6 and 7 – currently held by Joel Hardeman and Maria Jones.
7. Approved a Contract for Election Services between the Palo Pinto County Elections Administrator's Office and MWISD.
8. Approved an Amendment to Deed Restrictions for the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Community Group, Inc.
9. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved administrator contract renewals for Gregory Bird, James Bradford, Paul Hearn, Jon Almeida, Wendell Barker, Carey Carter, Kendra Fowler, Randy Gover, Natalie Griffin, Mary Laigle, Dianna Leggett, Parisa Lerma, Randall Marshall, Melissa Murphy, Kendra Nelson, Jeffery Smith, Jay Walsworth, Lesa Whaley, Kelly Wilkerson, and Jimmie Yancey.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop to discuss Bond Planning, MWJH Network Renovations, Old Mineral Wells High School Cultural and Heritage Foundation – Old Fannin Building, Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce – Old Fannin Building, MWISD Curriculum – HB 5, and Mineral Wells ISD Participation in PPGH Grant.
2. Karyn Bullock, Public Relations Coordinator, recognized Connie Ball, Mineral Wells Rotary Community Service Chair, as the Partner in Education for the month of February. Mrs. Ball has spent countless hours organizing and scheduling members with the opportunity to participate in the Rotary Reading Program at Lamar and Houston Elementary. Between now and the end of May almost 40 members will participate in this program.
3. Joe Ruelas, Board President, recognized special guests, Richard and Connie Ball, Pat Bazzell, Brian and Annette Bennett, Jim Smith, and Ken Williamson, who were in attendance for the unveiling of the Schematic Design for Lamar Elementary. These individuals served on the Facilities Study Committee that was very instrumental in helping pass the School Bond Election.
4. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on The Apple Corps program which rewards excellence in teaching by honoring outstanding MWISD teachers. This is the District's highest and most elite recognition that will honor exceptional classroom teachers who demonstrate leadership innovation and dedication to the students. Five teachers will be inducted each year during a special ceremony at the monthly board meetings. These highly regarded educators are chosen from a pool of teachers who have been nominated by their peers at each campus. Donna Henderson, Teacher/5/LA/SC/Team Leader, was recognized as the first inductee to receive the Apple Corps Excellence in Teaching Award for 2014. Some of her peers and a student, Suzie Bullock, Fredia Sneed, Lindsey Wells, Deborah Crawford, Wayne Fowler (MWJH 8th grader), Susan Uptergrove, and Cynthia Blasor, shared their personal opinions of Mrs. Henderson.
5. Joe Ruelas, Board President, reported that the March board meeting scheduled on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, will be moved to Tuesday, March 25, 2014, and the July board meeting scheduled on Tuesday, July 8, 2014, will be moved to Tuesday, July 15, 2014.
6. Dr. Gail G. Haterius, Superintendent, reported on the attendance figures for the month of January. Travis Elementary still has the highest attendance rate of 95.3%, but Houston Elementary is a very close second with an attendance rate of 95.1%.
7. Greg Bird, Technology Director, briefly reviewed the BrightBytes by Clarity report. Mr. Bird announced that a technology survey developed by BrightBytes was made available January 6-17 for students, employees, parents, and the community. The survey provided the district with a baseline concerning knowledge, use, learning needs, and access. MWISD will do these surveys for three years to guide administrator and teacher professional development, technology purchases, and pedagogy for student learning.
8. The Board received calendars for February and March.

Next Regular Meeting will be on March 25, 2014

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