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SCHOOL SAFETY

Woodsboro School Principals have met with staff to discuss what actions they could take to keep everyone safe. Teachers have agreed to keep their *doors locked*. The principals will conduct more safety drills so that students may know how to react during a crisis.

If you see something--say something!

Summary of Board Meeting April 17, 2018

Reports

The WISD Board of Trustees heard reports on the following matters:

1. Facilities: Mrs. Sykora presented a Power Point to update the Board on the facilities and the continuation of work with FEMA. Architect David Brown discussed how he has combined information from the insurance adjuster and the FEMA inspections to prepare the bid package for roof repairs. FEMA has approved paying the district \$8,568 to replace damages to the elementary playground and blacktop. It is unknown when the funds will arrive.
2. The insurance company has paid the WISD \$1,448,184.50. WISD has paid \$172,801.80 in repairs and replacements. The balance for the insurance funds is \$1,280,087.68. The auditorium/band hall is only eligible for about \$16,000 for repairs which is the insurance deductible. FEMA will not pay for any repairs or replacement to the auditorium/band hall. The cost to construct a new auditorium may be \$2.8 Million. A decision on the future of the 1956 auditorium has not been made. The band hall becomes a separate item.
3. The Board unanimously approved of the WISD's submitting an application grant with the Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Donor Advised Fund, organized by the McAllen North Rotary Club. The project is designed to strengthen WISD's capacity to serve hot, nutritious meals to the 186 middle and high school students by providing a safe area on campus for gathering and serving school meals under the Texas Department of Agriculture's Child Nutrition Program. In the grant we are requesting \$100,000.
4. The Board reviewed the budget development calendar for 2018-19. Mrs. Sykora presented a letter explaining a proposed longevity plan to benefit all teachers. Research on costs will be completed by the next board meeting. This incentive plan to keep teachers working in WISD would replace the one used currently. More information on budget planning amounts for next year will become available as the appraisal district reports on taxes collected.
5. Cindy Krause, Curriculum Director, reported on STAAR writing pilot for grades 4 and 8, and information on adding more Career and Technology courses next year for high school students. She presented a color-coded chart comparing benchmark tests and

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progress measures (2017-18) with STAAR assessment scores (Spring 2017). Teachers are required to maintain records on Response to Intervention (RTI) instructional activities. Letters on RTI levels will be sent to parents soon. She reported on dyslexia screening as required by House Bill 1886, her visit to the Craft Training Center, and discussions with Petro Ed for oil and gas production courses. The CTE Advisory Committee meets May 1 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the high school library. She reviewed the high school course selection guide and listed two new courses that must be documented on transcripts: Police Interaction (Senate Bill 30) and CPR Training (House Bill 897). The next textbook adoption will be for Personal Financial Literacy and English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) K-8. It's been 12 years since the last state basal reader adoption. In 2020, high school students will have new state-adopted English books.

6. Dr. Linda Garza, WJH/WHS principal, presented a report on how campus disciplinary measures are followed. With David's Law being enacted for this school year, not everything can be classified as "bullying." Careful investigations determine if there is an imbalance of power.
7. Enrollment the first week of school (before Harvey) was 475 for all grades. By the week ending April 13, enrollment was 455, down by 20 students. Elementary is down by 4 and the secondary school is down by 16 students.
8. WES Principal Leslie Garza reported on the success of the Accelerated Reader

(AR) Century Club, the number and types of emergency drills conducted, and staff development on Restorative Discipline and Kagan Cooperative Learning. She is meeting with teacher teams on Response To Intervention (RTI), benchmark data, and progress goals. She announced that the career fair will be May 4.

9. The Refugio County sheriff's office visits the district on April 27 at 10 AM. The purpose of their visit is to walk through our facilities and advise us on security and emergency responses.

Board Meeting Action

The WISD Board of Trustees approved of the following items:

1. The Board of Trustees nominated Mandy Nixon to the Refugio County Appraisal District Board for a three-year term.
2. Since Refugio ISD may want to use our gyms next year due to hurricane damage, WISD developed an agreement for gym usage next year. The Board approved it unanimously.
3. The board adopted Texas Association of School Board policy update 110 on board elections.
4. The board approved a revision to the cheerleader rules which are located in the Athletic Handbook. For 2018-19 WHS will have 12 cheerleaders instead of 10 because the cheerleader tryout judges felt that these ladies were similarly qualified in their skills.
5. The board approved term contracts for certified teachers and the nurse.