

PARTNERS IN COMMUNICATION

Woodsboro ISD - December 17, 2018

Summary of Board Meeting December 17, 2018



Alternative Graduation

In May 2018, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution to consider alternative graduation requirements for those students who entered ninth grade before the 2011-12 school year. Students must have met all applicable graduation requirements except not performing satisfactorily on a state assessment instrument required for graduation. Since former students requested a records review, they were granted diplomas dated December 17, 2018. The Board congratulates Courtney Lee McCabe and Danika Brooke Vasquez. For more information, please see Board Policy EIF (Local).

Reports

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

1. Facilities: Architect Bill Wilson, WKMC Architects, presented an update on the three buildings slated for demolition: 1956 Auditorium/band hall, 1939 gym with attached classrooms, and 4th grade elementary wing with adjacent teacher's lounge. Coastal Bend Demolition has been given the notice to proceed with asbestos removal and demolition of these old buildings. Mr. Wilson held pre-construction

meetings on the water line removal from the 1939 gym and an electrical reroute which is scheduled to begin December 21. He has also met with those accepting the contracts to demo the three buildings.

On December 14 Mr. Wilson met with the insurance adjuster and roofing engineer to take core samples from each roof needing repair. He believes we are well on track to get these roofs bid and under contract so that work can begin as soon as school is out May 24.

2. Student Attendance Manual: Mrs. Sykora presented the manual and Mrs. Piwetz added some revisions. The manual will be presented for final Board approval next month. Then principals will notify parents and students of the changes and the effective date.

3. Grant Expenditure Update: Referencing the federal grant named Texas Hurricane Harvey Emergency Impact Aid, Mrs. Sykora presented information on purchasing items for transportation, classroom instruction, technology, safety/security, and athletics. According to the grant, all invoices must be paid by December 31, 2018.

4. Donated Metal Building: The Town of Woodsboro wants to donate a metal building for the athletic dept to use for storage at the softball/baseball field. Coach Xavier Rangel presented the details. The district could consider funding the 16' X 30' concrete slab. Since public school funds would be spent on property owned by the city, an inter-local agreement or resolution will need to be developed before the donation can be approved by the Board.



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5. Personnel: The board viewed the resignation of Evonne Valle, counselor, and were notified of hiring John A. Rivera, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

The Board met in closed session to discuss the superintendent's evaluation.

6. Board Training: Information about earning Board training hours was presented. Individual board members received a folder listing their training hours. The Team of Eight training will be scheduled January 30 using NET3 from ESC3. The title is "Leading Change--What can We Really Do?" The Board will also hear an update on the Legislative Session, 2019.



Board Meeting Action

The WISD Board of Trustees approved the following items:

1. Approved the District Audit and Financials for the Year Ending August 31, 2018. Tommy Streatly, CPA with Gowland, Streatly, Morales and Company reported on his review of financial records. He stated that WISD is in good financial condition. We were able to add \$398,845 to our fund balance.

2. Approved Withdrawing Previous Application for Chapter 313 with E.ON. Attorney Morgan Beam with Walsh-Gallegos stated that the TX Comptroller's office would not accept our application because there had been too many changes in a 6 month period. Ms. Beam will draft a

new application and resubmit it to the Comptroller for approval on our behalf. The Board approved E.ON's revision to the waiver for job creation.

3. Approved Board Member Replacement Procedure: The Board determined that they wanted to appoint someone to fill the Place 6 position vacated by Brian Hicks. The Board may fill the vacancy in January 2019.

4. Approved Exemptions for the Refugio County Appraisal District: The tax exemptions approved last year will continue for this year as follows: (a) Homestead--Mandatory will be \$25,000. (b) Age 65+ and Disabled--Mandatory will be \$10,000. (c) Disabled Veteran will be approved by percentage of disability, \$5,000 to \$12,000.

5. Approved Extension of the Superintendent's Employment Contract: The Board unanimously approved extending the superintendent's contract to June 30, 2022.

Principal Reports

Woodsboro students are getting excited about the upcoming holidays. School dismisses Thursday, December 20 at 2:30 p.m. Staff returns on January 7 and students return on January 9, 2019.

Leslie Garza, Woodsboro Elementary, reported that 4th grade attendance was in first place with 98.18%. Holidays Around the World is December 18 at 6 p.m.

Tisha Piwetz, WJS/HS, reported attendance the past few weeks is 96%. She reported on UIL success, grants, exams, exemptions, and Student Council celebrating the 12 School Days Before Christmas Break.

