



## BOARD BRIEFS

### Mineral Wells Independent School District

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#### A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of September 10, 2018

The Board of Trustees met on September 10, 2018 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular board meeting. Members present were Sunny Lee – Vice-President, Scott Elder, Donna Henderson, Greg Malone, Laretta Poole, and Joe Ruelas.

#### Action Items:

1. Approved the Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable Listing.
2. Approved the Water, Electricity, and Gas Reports.
3. Approved the board meeting minutes for August 13, 2018, August 20, 2018, and August 30, 2018.
4. Approved the Application for Optional Flexible School Day Program as presented.
5. Approved the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program and the First Amendment to the Agreement between the City and MWISD for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.
6. Approved the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Medical Services as presented.
7. Approved AP, CLEP, Texas Tech University, and University of Texas Austin assessments for credit-by-examination as presented.
8. Approved Resolution of Board-Approved Credit-by-Examination Audit Process as presented.
9. Approved Resolution Authorizing Initiation of Proceedings for Sale of Real Estate – approximately 1.4 acres at the Northwest corner of S.E. Industrial Blvd. and U.S. 180 East as presented.
10. Approved proposed revisions to Board Policy FFAC(LOCAL) as presented.
11. Approved Local District Update 111, affecting local policies, as presented.
12. Closed Session Items: None.

#### Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Planning for 2018 2019 and agenda review.
2. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, presented Certificates of Appreciation to Partners in Education:
  - AMVETS Post 133 – presented a generous donation to the District to provide school supplies to children in need. Certificate accepted by members of the Mineral Wells AMVETS Post 133.
  - GeoDynamics in Millsap – provided back to school supplies to our students and also gave a monetary donation to provide students in need with school supplies throughout the year. Certificate accepted by Nikki Bosaller for GeoDynamics.
  - Weatherford Aerospace – General Manager, Alfonso Solis, contacted the district to get the MWISD school supply list. Mr. Solis and the entire staff at Weatherford Aerospace provided boxes of pre-assembled backpacks filled with essential school supplies for grades Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup>. Certificate accepted by Mr. Solis.
  - Comanche National Bank / The Bank of Mineral Wells – provided a generous grant to sponsor some of our teachers with educational lessons and classroom tools through the Teachers Pay Teachers program. Special thanks to Clint Myrick and Joe Ruelas from The Bank of Mineral Wells.
3. President's Report:
  - Sunny Lee, Board Vice President, reported that some of the board members will be attending the TASA/TASB Annual Convention in Austin, September 28-30.
4. Superintendent's Reports:
  - John Kuhn, Superintendent, called on campus principals for a brief overview of themes, programs, and new procedures:
    - Kendra Fowler, Lamar Elementary Principal, introduced Assistant Principals, Randy Marshall and Dianna Leggett. Lamar's theme is "Building Future Learners." New and positive implementations at Lamar include alignment with Houston Elementary in Saxon Phonics and Bert Simmons Discipline, added two MCLs, and added a full-time art position.
    - Amy Salazar, Houston Elementary Principal, introduced Assistant Principal, April Richardson. Houston's theme, "Learning is an Adventure", kicks off their alignment with both Lamar Elementary and Travis Elementary in Saxon Phonics and Bert Simmons Discipline. Houston is continuing with two MCL positions. Changes this year include the pick up and drop off procedures which seem to be running smoothly. Thanks to PTO, Houston has new playground equipment and will soon have a new sound system in the cafeteria.
    - Melissa Murphy, Travis Elementary Assistant Principal, recognized Andy Pool, Assistant Principal. "Learning Can Take You Anywhere" is the theme for Travis Elementary. Exciting changes include adoption of character curriculum through Manners of the Heart. Travis is beginning their second year as an Opportunity Culture Campus and, to maximize the effect, have added an MCL and Reach Associate position to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
    - Shanna Coker, Mineral Wells Junior High Principal, introduced Joey Hobbs, Assistant Principal. With newly created math intervention classes, MWJH is excited to offer Math 180. Reading intervention classes have shown great success with the Read 180 program and also with System 44. Imagine Math and Imagine Reading are offered as a supplemental program in the core math and English classes. MWJH will continue to offer two separate classes for reading and writing. Ms. Coker is most excited about revamping of the Response to Intervention (RTI) system. MWJH campus is now 1:1 with Chromebooks. Kitchen construction is not quite finished but it's coming along and they are making it work just fine.
    - Jon Almeida, Mineral Wells High School Principal, introduced Assistant Principals, Ben Schoonover, Jeff Williams, and Nichole Gray. MWHS added new courses with high-level, rigorous opportunities for students including the On Ramps program that is dual credit through University of Texas. Three teachers attended summer training in Pre-Cal, Physics, and US History. Weatherford College courses were also added including College Statistics,

College English II, and College US History. These courses can be taught on our campus by MWHS teachers. Resumed courses include CNA Nurses Assistant Program that now partners with Weatherford College, and Work Co-op Program. MWHS continues with TEA funded TXVSN that connects with schools around the state with real teachers teaching online classes including driver's education and recently added sign language. MWHS is now offering onsite certification through Construction Trades Woodshop Program (NCCER Certification) and also onsite certification for Welding. Growing programs include Sports Medicine and Law & Public Safety.

- Jeff Smith, Mineral Wells Academy Principal, reported 36 graduating seniors for 2018, of which 50% graduated with an endorsement plan. Current MWA enrollment is at 22. Three students are currently enrolled in HSEP. Addressing a goal to increase overall test scores, the Academy has hired two veteran teachers to tutor two days per week in English and math. MWA is also addressing a need to provide a greater number of targeted CTE classes to help students achieve their college career and military readiness requirement.
  - Dr. Kuhn reported an enrollment of 3,254 at the end of August with the attendance rate at 94.71%. The three-year comparison indicates successful effects of the full-day Pre-K program implemented in 2016 as the numbers show students are coming back to Mineral Wells for kindergarten.
  - Carey Carter, Executive Director of Curriculum, reported positive support from principals working with Angie Myric, Elementary Curriculum & Behavior Coordinator. Weekly meetings are conducted with principals to discuss implementation of Saxon phonics and also the Bert Simmons discipline program. Ms. Myric explained components of Saxon phonics which supports the MCLs and curriculum alignment across the campuses. Ms. Myric stated that the Bert Simmons program was already in place at the campuses but emphasis is now placed on striving to maintain the same level of discipline from campus to campus.
  - Carey Carter, Executive Director of Curriculum, presented a PowerPoint providing information on the district's accountability rating and comparisons.
  - Carrie Martin, Food Services Director, reported the CEP program began August 16, 2018, and all breakfasts and lunches are now free to all students. August showed a \$5,000 revenue increase over last year.
  - James Bradford, Maintenance Director, reported on Junior High construction: Freezer is in, concrete floor poured, and adding tile next week; all kitchen equipment on site and ready to be installed; lack 4 exterior window sills on back side of B-hall; going out for bids on new gym floor next month; ordered new scoreboards for gym. Date of kitchen completion pushing close to Oct 1.
  - Parisa Lerma, Special Education Director, presented an update on the Special Education program.
  - David Oestreicher, Technology Director, and Janalee Martin, Instructional Technology Specialist, updated the Board on district activities including the successful Ram Techapalooza, upcoming TCEA Conference with some of our own presenting, and goals for 2018-2019.
5. A Public Hearing was held regarding the Optional Flexible School Day Program. Following a brief overview by David Tarver, Assistant Superintendent, the floor was opened for questions and discussion.

**Information:**

The Board received calendars for September and October.

**Next Regular Meeting will be on October 8, 2018**

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