



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of November 12, 2018

The Board of Trustees met on November 12, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a regular board meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – President, Donna Henderson, Sunny Lee, 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 October 8, 2018.
4. Approved the Facility Use Agreement Category 1 Organizations.
5. Approved District and Campus Improvement Plans for 2018-2019 as presented.
6. Approved amendments to District of Innovation (DOI) Plan as presented.
7. Approved Innovative Courses for 2018-2019 as presented.
8. Approved proposed revisions to Board Policy CKC(LOCAL) and DH(LOCAL) as presented.
9. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved employment/reassignment of the following new personnel: Raja Donawho (Houston Teacher/3/ELA) and Danielle Luedke (Houston Teacher/2/ELA).
 - Approved rescission of resignation of Carrie Martin, Food Services Director.

Comments & Compliments:

1. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized Noah Kuhn as a Commended Student of the National Merit Scholarship program. Commended Students placed among the top 5% of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2019 competition by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Noah has been accepted at the University of Texas and plans to major in Computer Science.
2. Karyn Bullock, Communications Director, recognized Martin's Marvels Custom Furniture as the November Partner in Education. When Lamar Elementary life skills teacher, Mrs. Adams, said it would be great to have a picnic table with unique needs for the smaller playground for her classroom, custom furniture builder, Lance Martin, got word and volunteered to build a custom bench just for them. Mr. Martin designed the table with a spot for students in wheelchairs, students needing a back support to keep them upright, and a bench for the staff, allowing them to be close to students. He even painted it Ram Red! The table has already been put to good use. Thank you, Mr. Martin!
3. John Kuhn, Superintendent introduced Travis Elementary teacher, William "Skipper" Bennett, as the first recipient of the 2018-2019 Apple Corps Awards. Apple Corps members are chosen from a pool of teachers who have been nominated by their peers. This honorary program will induct five teachers throughout the year to be honored at the monthly meetings of the District's Board of Trustees. Dr. Kuhn presented Mr. Bennett with a plaque and Maria Jones, Board President, read the Apple Corps Proclamation. Friends of Mr. Bennett shared memories, stories, and comments.

Information Items:

1. The campus spotlight focused on Travis Elementary and the Gateway program. Students of the STEAM Club prepared and presented a video describing highlights of the program, as well as a Welcome to Mineral Wells depicting historical locations and their history. Great job students: Curry Crouch, Charlie Ramsey, Amberlyn Wheeler, Hudson Hobbs, Caroline Shoemaker, Mia Glover, Abbie Buschow, Liliana Kuhn, and Hayden Simard.
2. Maria Jones, Board President, announced that the Mineral Wells ISD Board of Trustees has been nominated for the H-E-B 2019 Excellence in Education Award.
3. John Kuhn, Superintendent, reported:
 - October enrollment of 3,303 surpassed the 3,300 mark for the first time since 2014-2015 and we're seeing a steady trend upward. Attendance rate of 95.97% surpasses our 95% goal and leaves us just shy of 96%.
 - Dr. Kuhn shared results from the ACT College Readiness Letter, emphasizing an increase in MWISD math scores from last year and outscoring the state this year. MWISD had 14 ACT tested graduates in 2017. That number increased to 27 ACT tested graduates in 2018. The composite rating for the district was 20.4 compared to the state average of 20.6.
4. A Public Hearing was held regarding amendments to District of Innovation (DOI) Plan. Following a brief overview by David Tarver, Assistant Superintendent, the floor was opened for questions and discussion.

Information:

The Board received calendars for November and December.

Next Regular Meeting will be on December 10, 2018

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