



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

A Summary of Actions by the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of August 12, 2019

The Board of Trustees met on August 12, 2019 for the purpose of holding a board workshop/regular board meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – President, Sunny Lee – Vice President, Scott Elder – Secretary, Donna Henderson, Greg Malone, Laretta Poole, and Joe Ruelas.

Action Items:

1. Approved the 2019-2020 Compensation Plan pending approval of the tax rate as presented.
2. Approved the Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable Listing.
3. Approved the Water, Electricity, and Gas Reports.
4. Approved the board meeting minutes for July 8, 2019 and August 1, 2019.
5. Approved Leasor Crass, P.C. *Proactive Legal Services & Retainer Program*.
6. Approved Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell & Munoz, P.C. *Telephone Consultation Agreement*.
7. Approved Resolutions of Palo Pinto County Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization/Adjunct Faculty Appointment.
8. Approved the 2019-2020 Teacher Appraisal Calendar and T-TESS Appraisers.
9. Approved the 2019-2020 TEA Application for Timeline for Accelerated Instruction as presented.
10. Approved the School Resource Officer Program Agreement and the First and Second Amendments to the Agreement between the City of Mineral Wells and Mineral Wells ISD for the 2019-2020 school year as presented.
11. Approved the Memorandum of Understanding for Facility Use Program between City of Mineral Wells and Mineral Wells ISD as presented.
12. Approved the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Medical Services as presented.
13. Approved Student Code of Conduct for 2019-2020 as presented.
14. Approved the 2019-2020 Innovative Courses as presented.
15. Approved Local District Update 113, affecting local policies, as presented.
16. Closed Session Items: None.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop at 5:31 p.m. to discuss Planning for 2019-2020, Administrators' Retreat, Accountability, and Agenda Review.
2. Maria Jones, Board President, reported that some board members will be attending the TASA/TASB Annual Convention in Dallas – September 20-22.
3. Superintendent's Reports:
 - Carrie Martin, Food Services Director, reported:
 - Major change in staff was the retirement of long-time food manager, Rhonda Fowler. Ms. Fowler will be missed but Renee Cantrell has filled the position and is doing great.
 - New this year is the introduction of Fusion Foods on a trial basis at the Travis Elementary, Junior High, and High School campuses.
 - MWISD is scheduled for an Administrative Review this year and both Lamar and Travis have been selected.
 - An open invitation to have lunch at any of the cafeterias at any time, especially the Thanksgiving meal – they love to see you coming!
 - James Bradford, Maintenance Director, reported a fairly routine summer with the following highlights:
 - Junior High gym floor project will be completed August 13 which finalizes the bond money.
 - Houston Elementary has a new security vestibule.
 - Lost both chillers at the High School previous night. They will be working tonight to get both restored.
 - Justin Lascsak, Technology Director, presented the following update:
 - Wifi expansion is almost complete.
 - Security Camera System at High School and Academy has been completed.
 - Summer project just completed is the Visitor Management System. Databases are now shared across the campuses with student and guardian information being synchronized. The program also includes an improved alerting system.
 - A couple of new projects are being piloted this year for grades 7-12 to hopefully increase accessibility and improve manageability of Google Classroom.
 - Working to merge district and campus calendars on the website. Mobile app is now available by downloading School News by Edlio. Lascsak and Karyn Bullock are working together on a website redesign/update with an ETA of October.
 - Second Annual Ram Techapalooza a huge success.
 - Upcoming projects include year three of the faculty/staff three-year refresh program, projector refresh program, and switching infrastructure through Category 2 Erate funding.
 - Bret Barrick, Transportation Director, reported:
 - Hired two new drivers this year which is a huge improvement from last year's turnover.
 - Purchases this year include a 77-passenger activity bus already on order and being customized, a Ford Transit Van and a Chevrolet Traverse SUV to add to the Van/White Car fleet. All purchases should be on site in September.

- New this year – online registration for transportation. Online registration completed by August 12, 2019 will ensure a child is in the system and ready to be transported by start of school, August 15, 2019. Registrations/changes to registration completed after this date will require a three-day processing period from date registration is received by Transportation Department. All information will be available to parents through Parent Portal.
 - David Tarver, Assistant Superintendent, gave a brief overview of the changes to the 2019-2020 Student Handbook and the 2019-2020 Employee Handbook.
4. Paul Hearn, Chief Financial Officer, proposes changing the maintenance and operating tax rate to \$1.0683 from \$1.17 and to change the debt service tax rate to \$.3304 from \$.26. The total will go from \$1.43 to \$1.3987, a decrease of about three cents. Adoption of the final budget, new budget, and tax rate is scheduled for August 29, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.
 5. The Board received calendars for August and September.

Next Regular Meeting will be on September 9, 2019

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