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Woodsboro ISD - June 18, 2018



Summary of Board Meeting June 18, 2018

At 6 p.m. the Board conducted a public hearing to review the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) that was adopted May 24, 2012. Jimmy Blaschke, Technology Director, gave an update on the importance of who has access to the school district Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communication.

Mr. Blaschke gave information about inappropriate use. The district uses a device called Barracuda to filter messages. A cloud-based system called GoGuardian alerts administrators of any suspicious activity or searches.

Students in grades 5-12 currently have a one-to-one use with Chromebooks.

He stated that it is the responsibility of all members of the WISD staff to educate, supervise, and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy.

Any procedures for disabling or modifying any technology protection is the responsibility of the district's technology director or his designee.

Board Meeting Action

The regular meeting began after the public hearing. The WISD Board of Trustees approved of the following:

1. Accepted a Chapter 313 Application with E-ON for the Cranell Project. Rich Saunders with E-ON proposed that his company is planning to build 100 turbines on 18,000 acres. He is requesting a 10-year tax abatement. The school attorney will review all documents before possible Board approval at another meeting.
2. Approved delegating contractual authority to the Superintendent to obligate the school district under Chapter 41 funding with TEA.
3. Approved an engagement letter to utilize Gowland, Streal, Morales & Co. for the fiscal year audit ending August 31, 2018.
4. Approved stipend increases for teachers of math (\$5,000), science (\$4,000), and foreign language teachers (\$5,000), grades 9-12. The TEA has declared these subjects as teacher certification shortage areas.
5. Approved Tisha Piwetz, secondary principal, to be able to sign checks for student activity funds with the First National Bank of Woodsboro.
6. Approved a resolution to Alternative Graduation Requirements to Board Policy EIF.
7. Approved of 17 student transfers for the 2018-19 school year.
8. Approved the Teacher Appraisal Calendar (T-TESS) for 2018-19.

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9. The Board approved employment for two teachers at the secondary campus: Matt Roitsch, art, and Jason Hensley, math and coaching.
6. Due to Hurricane Harvey, WISD lost 10 instructional days and reported 90 students and 20 staff members as displaced and/or homeless.
7. The Woodsboro High School Course Guide, 2018-19 was handed out.

Reports

1. Facilities: The superintendent wrote a letter to the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) requesting an extension to Category B emergency protective measures. If approved, the district would be able to rent a temporary portable building to be located on school district property.
2. The Board discussed plans for a new band hall and an outdoor pavilion or food court for secondary students.
3. The district has received its third Installment check from Carlisle Insurance for \$131,859.42.
4. Cindy Krause, Curriculum Director, reviewed the Preliminary STAAR results for Spring 2018 STAAR test, stating that all areas of STAAR testing are at or above last year's final scores except grade 3 math and grade 8 reading. Both of these grade levels are at state level of passing which is called *approaches*.
5. Cindy Krause presented a letter (June 6, 2018) from Texas Education Agency Commissioner Mike Morath stating that those "schools directly affected by Hurricane Harvey will be eligible for special evaluation in this year's state accountability system, if they meet a specific criterion." If the district receives a B, C, D, or F rating, the district will be labeled "Not Rated."



Budget Workshop

The Superintendent gave preliminary information on budget preparations for the 2018-19 budget. Board members had an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.



Superintendent Sykora's Goals

1. Follow procedures that will complete building repairs as needed to return district facilities to pre-Hurricane Harvey status or better.
2. Plan and present a balanced budget to the Board of Trustees by August 24, 2018.
3. Improve district communication by writing and posting a monthly staff newsletter called Partners in Communication.

—Approved by Board of Trustees
January 15, 2018