



BOARD BRIEFS

Mineral Wells Independent School District

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

The Board of Trustees met on December 10, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a regular board meeting. Members present were Maria Jones – President, Donna Henderson, Sunny Lee, 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 November 12, 2018 board meeting minutes.
4. Approved the Facility Use Agreement Category 1 Organizations.
5. Postponed consideration of long-term contract with MP2 Energy Texas LLC to the January regular meeting.
6. Closed Session Items:
 - Approved motion to direct Superintendent to give notice to Jessica Lee of the Board's intent to terminate her Non-Chapter 21 Contract.

Comments, Compliments, Recognition:

1. Carey Carter, Executive Director of Curriculum, recognized Erick Ochoa and presented Erick with a Mineral Wells High School Diploma. Erick is only the second student in 23 years known to Ms. Carter who has continued to attempt the TAKS/STAAR test after finishing his high school courses. This alone speaks to his perseverance, but Erick also went on to successfully complete college level continuing education course work at Weatherford College where he earned 11.3 CPE hours and a welding certification. Meeting requirements in the recently amended Texas Administrative Code allowed Erick to receive a Mineral Wells High School Diploma and be recognized as a Mineral Wells High School Graduate. Special thanks to Ms. Bennett, a teacher that acknowledged Erick's hard work and never gave up on him, and to his wife who supported and encouraged him. Congratulations Erick Ochoa!
2. John Kuhn, Superintendent introduced Mineral Wells Junior High teacher, Debbie Brown, as the second 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. Maria Jones, Board President, read the Apple Corps Proclamation and Dr. Kuhn presented Ms. Brown with a plaque. Friends of Ms. Brown shared memories, stories, and comments.

Information Items:

1. Board held a workshop at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Planning 2018-2019, Agenda Review, Board Self-Evaluations, and Superintendent's Goals and Evaluation Form.
2. Campus Spotlight: Spotighting Project Lead the Way, Shanna Coker, Mineral Wells Junior High Principal, called on MWJH Technology Teacher, Ines Velasquez, for a brief overview of two new courses offered: Science of Technology and Medical Detectives. MWJH students, Monica Devine and Marlee Lawhon presented a brief video depicting several of their experiments in both chemistry and nanotechnology. They demonstrated for the Board an experiment with the smart metal, nitinol, and their simple machine using wheel and axle, screw, lever, pulley, and incline plane.
3. Superintendent's Reports:
 - November enrollment of 3,281 was slightly below the targeted 3,300 but, in comparison to previous years, we are keeping pace. The average attendance rate is 95.64%. Five of six campuses were above the 95% rate, with Houston at 97.96%.
 - Fall Semester Technology Report was presented by David Oestreicher, Technology Director.
 - Dyslexia Update was presented by Natalie Griffin, Executive Director of Special Programs.
 - Advanced Academics Update handouts were made available to the Board by Carey Carter, Executive Director of Curriculum. Ms. Carter was unable to attend the meeting to present the update.
4. David Oestreicher, Director of Technology, presented information regarding the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). MWISD receives E-rate funding and, in accordance with E-rate requirements, Mineral Wells ISD internet access is filtered and in compliance with CIPA.
5. The Board received calendars for December and January.

Next Regular Meeting will be on January 14, 2019