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Woodsboro ISD - March 11, 2019

SCHOOL SAFETY: BATS

This week bats were discovered in the school cafeteria. The principals have acted quickly moving students and staff to new, safer locations for instruction and meal service. Please avoid contact with bats and stray animals!

We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

If you see something--say something!



NEW CHEERLEADERS AND MASCOT

Candidates for varsity cheerleader and mascot participated in tryouts March 11.

Here are the new cheerleaders for 2019-20: Hannah Rifenburg, Captain; Alyssa Holst, Co-Captain; Erin Nelson, Holley Nelson, Navaeh Esparza, Bella Coscetti, Aysha Rodriguez, Maddie Niemann, Christyana Tully, and Hannah Hubbard. Aaliyah Montoya is the mascot.

Summary of Board Meeting March 11, 2019

Reports

The WISD Board of Trustees heard reports on the following matters:

1. Employee Salary and Stipend Charts

As part of an annual review of salary charts and forecasts for the next year, Mrs. Sykora presented a chart that

compared how many employees in the exempt (teachers, counselors and nurse) and non-exempt (paraprofessionals, maintenance, custodial and cafeteria) job categories were on the step for 2018-19 and compared it to everyone moving up a step on the salary charts for 2019-20. To calculate the increase for next year, we added annual salaries for all exempt employees and found it will be \$53,191.42. Then we calculated the increase for all non-exempt employees which totals to \$24,220.38. By adding the proposed step increases for exempt and nonexempt employees, the proposed cost for next year's salaries is \$77,411.80.

The Board did not act on any changes to the salary or stipend charts at this time. When the Texas legislature adjourns in June, we will learn more about the state funding plan for public education. In July we should receive a tabulation from the Refugio County Tax Appraiser which shows our property tax collection estimate. The fiscal year for the school budget ends August 31 and begins September 1.

2. Principal Reports

Mrs. Garza and Mrs. Piwetz reported on attendance, academic progress, tutorials, safety, and special events. Elementary enrollment is 260 students with 97.49% attendance. Secondary enrollment is 191 students, grades 7-12, with an average attendance rate of 94.0 to 94.97%.

3. Wind Farm Application

WISD received a letter from the Texas Comptroller that the application is complete for the Cranell Wind Farm,

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LLC. More detailed financial information will be given later.

4. Legislative Update

Mrs. Sykora prepared a synopsis of topics capturing legislative attention. She discussed options with security personnel, the importance of mental health, and the proposed availability of Telemedicine. The legislators have heard complaints about the readability level on the STAAR test and the stress caused by the A to F accountability system.

5. ESC3 Board of Directors

The board briefly reviewed a letter from Education Service Center, Region 3, Victoria, stating that their two board incumbents were unopposed. They declared that no election would be held this year. Place 4, Dwight Mutschler continues to represent Calhoun and Refugio County schools. Place 5, Reggie Brisco will represent Colorado and Jackson Counties.



Board Meeting Action

The WISD Board of Trustees approved of the following items:

1. **May 4 Board Election:** The Board approved cancellation of the school Board election since the two incumbents were unopposed. The following two Board members will continue:

- Place 6 - Mandy Nixon
- Place 7 - Robbie Blaschke

2. **Insurance:** The Board approved contracting for student insurance with the Monarch Management Corporation. This supplemental insurance covers accidents for students participating in supervised, scheduled and approved practice and games. It covers football players, band members, cheerleaders, gym classes, coaches, managers, and UIL non-sport extracurricular activity participants.

3. **Personnel:** Approved term contracts for certified personnel and the nurse as recommended by campus principals and the superintendent.

The Board read resignation letters from Alejandro (Alex) Bayarena and Arturo Arguijo.

The Board approved of a probationary contract for Weldon Rainey, certified Ag-Science teacher, to finish out the year for Alex Bayarena's CTE classes.

We welcome Tina Truitt who has been hired as a life skills special education paraprofessional. She began March 4.



HAPPY SPRING BREAK!

March 18 to 22

Note: This WISD publication is an overview of some of the items on the regular board meeting agenda. This recap does not include every item on the agenda. Official meeting minutes will be made available on www.wisd.net following approval at the next regular board meeting.