

DUMAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees

Date: Monday, December 14, 2015
Meeting: Regular Meeting
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Central Administration Building
421 W. 4th, Dumas, Texas

Members Present: Joe Ballard, Board President
Kirk Pope, Board Vice President
Patty Willis, Board Secretary
Brent Clark, Board Member (arrived @ 8:10 p.m.)
Brandon Skipworth, Board Member
Joe Rammage, Board Member
Kevin Weatherford, Board Member
Monty Hysinger, Superintendent
Phil Guerra, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel
Kelly Legg, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum
Greg Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Members Absent: None

Guests: Kelly Carrell, Principal - Sunset
Meredith Laurent- News*Press
James Bussard, Director of Special Services
David Swinford, Potential Wind Farm Development
Jennifer Mills, Reading Recovery Teacher - Sunset
Diana Loya, Reading Recovery Teacher - Sunset
Anabel Nunez, Parent
Francisco Nunez, Student
Blass Guerrero - DHS Band President
Yezmy Rivero, Parent
Yahel Rivero, Student

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Joe Ballard.

2. INVOCATION

An invocation was given by Kirk Pope.

3. RECOGNIZE GUESTS

Mr. Ballard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Izela Alvarez, Jr., libero, was named to the All State Volleyball Team for the 2nd year in a row. Named to All Region Band were Chase Brady – Symphonic Band, 1st chair Tenor Saxophone and 2nd chair Alto Sax and he qualifies to go to the Area Contest in January in Abilene on Tenor Sax. Josh Fullerton, Cristian Ramirez, and Hannah Smart, are All-Region Concert Band, Clarinet Section.

INFORMATION ITEM

5. Potential Wind Farm Development Presentation

David Swinford gave a presentation on the potential Wind Farm Development project he has been working on diligently for several years.

6. Presentation - Sunset Elementary Reading Recovery “Literacy Nest”

Jennifer Mills and Diana Loya, Reading Recovery teachers at Sunset, along with students Francisco Nunez and Yahel Rivero, presented a reading recovery lesson. They also explained how they work with the students after they leave the program.

7. Rachel’s Challenge

Brett Beesley, Dumas High School Principal, told the board about Rachel’s Challenge. This is a program that will be presented to DHS on January 11, 2016.

ACTION ITEMS

8. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Brandon Skipworth, seconded by Kevin Weatherford and carried with a 6-0 vote to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A. Minutes of the November 9, 2015 Regular Meeting
- B. The Golf Boosters gave \$1550.00 for supplies for the golf program. A gift of \$2400.00 was given by The Friends of the Library for books for the elementary school libraries. The Demonette Softball Boosters gave \$10,000 for improvements at the softball field.

9. Consider Financial Audit Engagement Letter

A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Brandon Skipworth, and carried with a 6-0 board vote to accept the audit engagement letter from Coy Barton, C.P.A. for 2016, 2017, and 2018.

10. Policy Update 103 Affecting Local Policies

Patty Willis made a motion, seconded by Kirk Pope to add, revise, and delete local policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service according to the Instructions Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 103. The motion carried with a 6-0 board vote.

11. Fund Balance Transfer

A motion was made by Kirk Pope and seconded by Joe Rammage to transfer the remaining amount from the Restricted Fund Balance for Capital Acquisition in the Construction Fund to the Unassigned Fund Balance in the General Operating Fund. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. Targeted Improvement Plan

Kelly Legg and James Bussard addressed the Targeted Improvement Plans for Bilingual/ESL and Special Education.

13. Highly Qualified (NCLB) Teacher Report

Phil Guerra addressed the LEA Public Reporting of Progress in Meeting Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements.

14. Board Member Continuing Education Report

Monty Hysinger reported on the continuing education hours each board member has obtained to date.

15. Financial Report for November 30, 2015

A summary of the full financial report from July 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015 was presented for review.

16. Check Register as of November 30, 2015

The check register for November 2015 was presented for review.

17. Enrollment Report

The enrollment report showed a student count of 4,523 as compared to 4,538 this time last year.

18. Superintendent's Report

Monty Hysinger, DISD Superintendent, presented items of interest to the board.

ACTION ITEMS

19. Personnel

At 8:50 p.m., Board President Joe Ballard called the meeting into closed session. The meeting returned to regular session at 9:30 p.m. with Mr. Ballard stating that no action had taken place during closed session.

A motion was made by Brent Clark, seconded by Brandon Skipworth and carried with a 7-0 board vote to approve the following appointments. Resignations and retirements do not require board approval.

Appointments: Melissa Espino – Dyslexia Teacher for the District
Ryan Pannell – Special Education – Dumas High School
Amber Johnson – Special Education – Morningside
Brooke McMurry – Social Studies – Dumas Intermediate

Resignations: None

Retirements: Jo Stroebel, Dyslexia Teacher for the District
Sharon Billenwillims, 6th grade Social Studies - Dumas Intermediate

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next scheduled board meeting is January 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at Central Administration Office.

Approved: _____

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