

Summary of the February 8, 2016 School Board Meeting

The school board met on Monday, February 8, 2016, at Central Administration Building.
Members Present: Joe Ballard, President; Kirk Pope, Vice President; Joe Rammage, Kevin Weatherford, and Brent Clark.

Administration Present: Monty Hysinger, Superintendent; Greg Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Kelly Legg, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, and Phil Guerra, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel.

Members Absent: Patty Willis and Brandon Skipworth

Guests: Meredith Laurent, News Press
Wanda Brooks, News Press
Sally Heaton, Curriculum Director 7-12
James Bussard, Special Ed Director
Phillip Rhodes, Principal - DIS
Caynon Strickland, Asst. Principal - DIS
Kathy Bybee, Math Teacher - DIS
Allison Nevarez, Student - DIS
Saaith Gallegos, Student - DIS
Fabian Gonzalez, Student - DIS
Jocelyn Hays, Student - DIS
Carla Milbern, Teacher - DIS
Thelma Gonzalez, Parent - DIS
Stan Williams, Teacher - DIS
Andrea Messick, Teacher - Cactus
Alexis Rodriquez, Student - DIS
Lilly Anne Hays, Student
Silver Hays, Parent
Nancy Angeles, Art Teacher - DIS
Abraham Ornelas, Student - DIS
Jason Hays – Parent
Ubaldo Estrada – Student – DIS
Priscilla Nevarez – Parent
Alaa Radi – Parent
Mike Barr

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Joe Ballard, with the board addressing the following agenda items.

An invocation was given by Brent Clark.

Joe Ballard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Special Recognition

Mr. Hysinger shared with the board many good things going on in the Dumas schools: Dumas Junior High Wrestling Team District Champions, Dumas High School Wrestling Team District Champions, Dumas High School Band received 53 medals at Solo & Ensemble Contest - 39

gold, 10 silver and 4 bronze. Congratulations to the band as they will be taking 31 to the State Solo & Ensemble Contest. Dumas FFA represented Dumas very well in the Fort Worth stock show. The Demonette Basketball Team will be going to the playoffs for the first time since 1998-1999.

On behalf of the board, Mr. Ballard complimented all of these young people on their accomplishments and wished them continued success as they continue on.

INFORMATION ITEM

Presentation – Dumas Intermediate School

Nancy Angeles, DIS art teacher, shared several of her student's outstanding art projects. Kathy Bybee, DIS math teacher, discussed the new math intervention program that helps bring math-challenged students up to grade-level with Real-World applications. Carla Milbern, DIS reading intervention teacher along with two of her students, demonstrated decoding and comprehension, two skills crucial for readers in grades 3 and up who are one or more years behind.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Joe Rammage, seconded by Brent Clark and carried with a 5-0 board vote to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A. Minutes of the January 18, 2016 Regular Meeting
- B. The Demonette Soccer Boosters gave \$2,559.44 for travel in both the girls and boys soccer program.

Consideration of the passage of an order authorizing the issuance and sale of Dumas Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, appointing a pricing officer and delegating to the pricing officer the authority to approve on behalf of the District the selection of bonds to be refunded, the sale of the bonds, the terms of the bonds and the offering documents for the bonds; establishing certain parameters for the approval of such matters by the pricing officer; providing for the approval by the pricing officer of the form of a paying agent/registrar agreement; levying a tax and providing for the security and payment of the bonds; providing for the approval by the pricing officer of the official statement and purchase contract; and enacting other provisions relating thereto

Andrew Friedman with SAMCO Capital Markets presented a bond refunding plan to the Board which would provide an estimated \$597,000 in debt service savings over the next nine years. Mr. Freidman pointed out that the bond sale proposed was called a "parameter sale" in which the Board delegates its authority to complete the actual sale to Mr. Hysinger and Mr. Lewis as Pricing Officers who are required to complete the sale within certain parameters as set out in the bond order. This will allow the sale to occur when the interest rates are most advantageous to the district without waiting to hold another board meeting. Following Mr. Freidman's description of the plan, a motion was made by Kirk Pope to approve the Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$8,415,000 Dumas Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016. The motion was seconded by Joe Rammage and board approved with a 5-0 vote.

Order Trustee Election for May 7, 2016

A motion was made by Kevin Weatherford, seconded by Brent Clark and carried with a 5-0 board vote for the adoption of the Order of Election for the May 7, 2016 Trustee Election.

Appoint Election Officials

Kirk Pope made a motion, seconded by Kevin Weatherford to appoint the election officials as listed below.

Early Voting:

Clerk – Jan Floyd

Deputy Clerk – Janet Lewis

Deputy Clerk – Denise Lechner

Deputy Clerk – Erika Balderrama

Ballot Board Presiding Judge – John Haltom

The motion carried with a 5-0 board vote.

INFORMATION ITEM

Regulation Revision – Alternative Methods for Earning Credit: College Course Work/Dual Credit (EHDD-R)

Kelly Legg presented the Alternative Methods for Earning Credit: College Course Work/Dual Credit. Regulation (EHDD-R) has been revised to combine what was in the previous regulation with the practices outlined in the DHS Student Handbook and the Dual Credit Information Packet given to students. The practices of operating our Dual Credit program have not changed, but we wanted all the information to be located in one place for reference when questions arise. The high school is also working on revising their Student Handbook and Dual Credit Information Packet to make sure they reflect the same information.

ACTION ITEM

Approve 2016-2017 School Calendar

Brent Clark made a motion, seconded by Joe Rammage to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented. The motion carried with a 5-0 board vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Check Register as of January 2016

The check register as of January 31, 2016 was presented for review.

Financial Report

The financial report as of January 31, 2016 was presented for review.

Enrollment Report

The enrollment report showed a student count of 4,497 as compared to 4,520 this time last year.

ACTION ITEMS

Personnel

Appointments: None

Resignations: None

Retirements: Cathy Tennison, ESL- High School

Contract Considerations:

Greg Lewis – Assistant Superintendent for Business
Kelly Legg – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum
Phil Guerra – Assistant Superintendent for Personnel
Brett Beesley – High School Principal
Carl Clements – NPOC Principal
Kurt Baxter – Junior High School Principal
Philip Rhodes – Intermediate School Principal
T.J. Funderburg – Cactus Elementary Principal
Stephanie Schilling – Hillcrest Elementary Principal
Stan Stroebel – Morningside Elementary Principal
Kelly Carrell - Sunset Elementary Principal
Brian Heaton – Director of Athletics
Chad Dunnam – Assistant Director of Athletics
Sally Heaton – Director of Secondary Curriculum
Lisa Hatley - Director of Elementary Curriculum
Eddie Crossland – Director of Operations
Patty Woods – Director of Food Services
Michael Keough – Director of Information Technology
James Bussard – Director of Special Education
Larry Payne – Chief of Police
Cindy Rhoades – PEIMS Coordinator

Board President Joe Ballard called the meeting into closed session at 8:12 p.m., in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act stating that “no action would take place during that time.” The meeting returned to open session at 8:58 p.m., with Mr. Ballard stating again that no action was taken during the closed session.

Upon return to open session, a motion was made by Kirk Pope and seconded by Joe Rammage to approve the Superintendent’s recommendations for contract extensions as presented. The motion passed with a 5-0 board vote.

Superintendent’s Report

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Dumas ISD School Board will be Monday, March 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Elementary.