

## **Summary of the March 7, 2016 School Board Meeting**

The school board met on Monday, March 7, 2016, at Hillcrest Elementary.

Members Present: Joe Ballard, President; Kirk Pope, Vice President; Patty Willis, Secretary; Joe Rammage, Brandon Skipworth, 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: Kevin Weatherford

Guests: James Bussard, Special Ed Director  
Phillip Rhodes, Principal – Dumas Intermediate  
Jennetta Baxter, Parent  
Kurt Baxter, Principal – Dumas Jr. High  
Brett Beesley, Principal – Dumas High School  
Carl Clements, Principal – NPOC  
Kelly D. Carrell, Principal – Sunset Elementary  
Sharla Wilson, Principal – Green Acres Elementary  
Stephanie Schilling, Principal – Hillcrest Elementary  
T.J. Funderburg, Principal – Cactus Elementary  
Stan Stroebel, Principal – Morningside Elementary  
Michael Ramirez – Parent  
Melissa Ramirez - Parent  
Katie McOmer, Teacher – 100 Mile Club Sponsor @ Hillcrest

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 recognized the DHS Choir Students State Bound in Solo and Ensemble. Dumas FFA was recognized for their huge success at the San Antonio Stock Show. Jack Wilson was inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame for his great success as a Dumas Volleyball Coach. The Demonette Basketball Team was in the playoffs for the 1<sup>st</sup> time since 1998-99. The Wrestling Team took 8 wrestlers to the State Tournament in Houston with 6 of them bringing home medals. The Art Department will be representing Dumas in San Antonio in April with 2 students and their art projects. On behalf of the board, Mr. Ballard complimented all of these young people, coaches, and teachers on their accomplishments and wished them continued success as they continue on.

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

#### **Presentation – Hillcrest Elementary School**

Stephanie Schilling and Katie McOmer, along with several students, presented information about the 100 Mile Club. The 100 Mile Club addresses the issue of childhood obesity and inactivity using a safe, fun, and consistent program that can be modified to fit the needs of all

children. This program is a simple, innovative, and sustainable answer to the current health crisis in our youth: daily physical activity in a nonthreatening, supportive, inclusive environment. There is a considerable amount of research on the impacts and benefits of physical activity on children and youth and schools have been identified as important settings for promotion of physical activity among children.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Minutes of the February 8, 2016 Regular Meeting
- B. No gifts that required board approval.

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

#### **Targeted Improvement Plans (Quarter 2 Reports)**

Kelly Legg and James Bussard, along with each campus principal, reported on the progress and any adjustments that may need to be made to stay on target with the improvement plans for Quarter 2.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Class Size Waiver for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at Sunset Elementary**

Kirk Pope made a motion, seconded by Joe Rammage, to request a class size waiver for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Sunset Elementary. The motion carried with a 6-0 board vote.

#### **2016 Property Tax Exemptions**

Patty Willis made a motion, seconded by Brent Clark and carried with a 6-0 vote, to continue the optional homestead exemption of 5% for the 2016 tax year.

#### **Order to Cancel Trustee Election for May 7, 2016**

A motion was made by Brent Clark, seconded by Kirk Pope and carried with a 6-0 board vote, for the adoption to cancel the Order of Election for the May 7, 2016 Trustee Election.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **Financial Report**

The financial report as of February 29, 2016 was presented for review.

#### **Check Register as of February 2016**

The check register as of February 29, 2016 was presented for review.

#### **Enrollment Report**

The enrollment report showed a student count of 4,494 as compared to 4,476 this time last year.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **Personnel**

**Appointments:** None

**Resignations:** None

**Retirements:** None

Board President Joe Ballard called the meeting into closed session at 8:02 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 8:30 p.m., with Mr. Ballard stating again that no action was taken during the closed session.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **Superintendent’s Report**

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

#### **Board Tour of Hillcrest Elementary Facilities**

The Board took a tour of Hillcrest facilities.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **Adjourn**

Joe Rammage made a motion to adjourn at 8:45p.m., seconded by Patty Willis. The motion carried with a 6-0 board vote. The next scheduled meeting of the Dumas ISD School Board will be Monday, April 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at Dumas High School.