

## Dumas ISD

# District Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

## Minutes

### 1. Welcome (Monty Hysinger)

Mr. Hysinger called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. He welcomed members present and thanked them for their time and service to Dumas ISD.

- Members Present:

Brian Heaton	Elyse Newland	Karena Tyler
Shawn Mason	Holi Boggs Eric	Karen McDade
Kylene Thomas	Clark Nikki	Nicole Armendariz
Stacy Murphy	Ames Kim	Vonda Fry
Gloria Mason	Salinas	David Sanchez
Kelly Carrell (Andrea C.)	Stan Stroebe	Toni Crawford
Cassie Blanton	Marsha Griffin	Jason McDonald
Danielle Turner	Jacqueline Beesley	Carol Ledbetter
Monty Hysinger	Greg Lewis	Sally Heaton
Kelly Legg	Lisa Hatley	James Bussard
Cindy Rhoades	Phil Guerra	Michael Keough

- Member Absent:

Brenda Hart	Polly Higley	Jenny Davis
Angie Borrón	Kurt Baxter	Naomi Angeles
Sherry Krebbs	Jay Davis	Sara Bishop
James Allen	Lawrence Bussard	Kathy Speck
Geneva Saenz	Brandon Cox	

## **2. Accountability Ratings Report (Kelly Legg)**

Mrs. Legg reviewed the 2016 Accountability Summaries for the district and each campus.

- Dumas ISD saw improvement across all campuses and several campuses received gold star recognitions for their performance gains
- For the first time in five years all Campuses and Districts were all rated Met Standard
- We believe our instructional focus and efforts are paying off and will continue to work towards improved outcomes for our students

## **3. TEA Early Release Waiver**

Mr. Hysinger reported on two waivers that were submitted to TEA on behalf of Dumas ISD and have been approved:

- Expedited Early Release Waiver
  - Six days each school year
  - 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019
- Class Size Reduction Waiver
  - Hillcrest Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - all sections
  - 2016-2017 school year only

## **4. Instructional Coaches – Update (Sally Heaton & Lisa Hatley)**

Sally Heaton and Lisa Hatley reported on the instructional initiatives taking place across the district:

- Instructional coaches are having a very positive impact on teacher preparation and instructional practices.
- First and second year teacher academies continue to provide instructional support for staff members. The participation at these trainings has been tremendous.

## **5. Technology Initiatives – Update (Michael Keough)**

Mr. Keough reported on several technology initiatives for the 2016-2017 school year:

- District Wide Technology Training Day took place on August 12, 2016. We had many teachers and staff members present to their colleagues throughout the

day. Michael was very pleased with the comments and success of the day. They will work to make this even bigger and better for 2017.

- Chromebook implementation initiative at Dumas High School. We began the implementation with our Junior and Senior students. Our goal is to have a full Chromebook One to One take home implementation at the High School by the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Future expansion to other campuses will hinge upon the success of the High School One to One Program and funding availability.

## **6. Financial Report Dumas ISD (Greg Lewis)**

Mr. Lewis reported on the district financial position.

The 2015-2016 school year ended on a positive note and we were able to complete several facility improvement projects this summer.

- For the 2016-2017 school year:
  - A balanced budget was adopted
  - Employees received a 1.5% salary increase
    - Even with the salary increase many employees experienced less net take home pay. This is due to significant factors beyond Dumas ISD control (Health Insurance Premium Increases and TRS Member Contribution Increases)
  - Financial Outlook Moving Forward:
    - ASATAR is scheduled to go away in 2017. This means a minimum decrease in funding of \$1.5 million.
    - The Local Optional Homestead is still being debated at the state level. We will continue to monitor this issue to determine the ultimate effect upon Dumas ISD.
    - We have a legislative session beginning in January 2017. We will watch closely and advocate on behalf of or students and district.
    - Please do all you can to support public education in the state of Texas

## **7. District Improvement Plan (Kelly Legg)**

Mrs. Kelly Legg reviewed and discussed the proposed District Improvement Plan for the 2016-2017 school year.

- The plan presented to the committee will be submitted to the Dumas ISD School Board for acknowledgement on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

- Key components of the plan were identified and discussed (example: Goals, Objectives, Strategies, and Funding)
- Federal and State program requirements and expenditures have been identified in the plan
- We participate in the Region 16 Migrant SSA Program. These goals, strategies, and expenditures have also been identified

Hearing no objections or concerns the proposed plan was approved by the Council for presentation to the Board.

## **8. Other Business/Member Topics (Monty Hysinger)**

Abstinence Based Sex Education Program:

- A committee is being formed to review our current abstinence based sex education program
- The committee will be charged with making recommendations to the Dumas ISD School Board for future updates and revisions
- The committee will meet two to three times this fall and hopefully have a recommendation for the Dumas ISD School Board by the December or January Board meeting

## **9. Adjourn**

Mr. Hysinger adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM