

Summary of the January 16, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting

The school board met on Monday, January 16, 2017 at DISD Central Administration Office.

Members Present: Brent Clark, President; Joe Rammage, Vice President; Patty Willis, Secretary; Joe Ballard, Brandon Skipworth, Jay Davis, and Kirk Pope.

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: None

Administration Absent: None

Guests: Haylee Swinford, Brett Beesley, Carl Clements, Karena Tyler, Ruth Ann Grice, Nicole Hutcherson, Nikole Foote, Cassandra Morales, Kyla Clark, Brianna Mendoza, Matalee Fangman, Gloria Mason, Amber Crook, Airy Vera, Kevin Kelley, Daniel West, Chris Johnson, Russell Fangman, Brandon Putman and Sally Heaton.

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

An invocation was given by Kirk Pope.

Brent Clark welcomed everyone to the meeting.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

January marks the observance of School Board Appreciation Month in Texas. Mr. Hysinger expressed appreciation on behalf of the staff and students of Dumas ISD. A big "Thank You" goes out to our board members for the many, many hours they dedicate to the district. These community service positions not only come without a paycheck, but they also require an election in order to serve a three-year term. The service of our trustees is greatly appreciated by the students, parents, staff, and community of Dumas ISD!

ACTION ITEM

Consider Candidate for Appointment to Fill Unexpired Term of the Board of Trustees

Board President Brent Clark called the meeting into closed session at 7:05 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 7:19 p.m., with Mr. Clark 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 Ballard to fill the vacated position on the board and to appoint Jay Davis to that position. The motion passed with a 6-0 board vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Presentation Dumas High School "Hall of Fame Committee"

Karena Tyler along with the DHS students serving on the Hall of Fame Committee gave a presentation on the Hall of Fame.

Presentation Hillcrest Elementary School “Plickers”

Gloria Mason and Amber Crook, Hillcrest Elementary 4th grade teachers, presented information about Plickers. Plickers is a simple tool that lets teachers collect real-time formative assessment data without the need for student devices. Each student is given a card with a unique visual code. The code has 4 sides, each lettered A, B, C, and D. The student holds the card so that the letter they choose to answer the question with is at the top of their card. The teacher uses the iOS or Android app on their smartphone to slowly scan the room. The app recognizes the cards, records who the teacher assigned them to, and captures the answer that the student chose.

Dumas ISD Vanguard Teacher Academy

Sally Heaton, Secondary Curriculum Director along with Secondary Instructional Coaches Nikole Foote, Ruth Ann Grice, and Nicole Hutcherson, presented information regarding the new Dumas ISD Vanguard Teacher Academy the curriculum department would like to pilot during the 2017-2018 school year.

Vocational Agriculture Program Report

Kevin Kelley, DHS Ag Teacher, shared with the board some of this year’s accomplishments from his students. He also talked about where the Ag program is presently and his vision for the program.

PUBLIC HEARING

Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)

A Public Hearing was conducted to review the Texas Academic Performance Report. This report pulls together a wide range of information on the performance of students in each school and district in Texas every year, and was formerly called the Academic Excellence Indicator Systems (AEIS) Report. Kelly Legg reviewed the report comparing our district and students to those across the state. This report will be available for review at Central Office, each campus, and on our homepage.

ACTION ITEM

District of Innovation – Board Resolution

Brandon Skipworth made a motion at 9:05 p.m. to approve the Resolution to initiate the District of Innovation Plan development process. The motion was seconded by Kirk Pope and passed with a 7-0 board vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

District of Innovation

As part of Dumas ISD’s consideration of becoming a District of Innovation, the district held a public hearing beginning at 9:07 p.m. during the Board Meeting on Monday, January 16, 2017. During this hearing Kelly Legg provided a brief overview of the District of Innovation process.

ACTION ITEM

Consider Appointment of Committee to Develop District of Innovation Plan

At 9:11 p.m., the conclusion of the public hearing, Patty Willis made a motion to approve a District of Innovation Plan Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Kirk Pope and passed with a 7-0 vote. This committee is comprised of the District Leadership Team and a teacher from each campus in the District.

INFORMATION ITEM

PEIMS Disaggregation Report

Kelly Legg reported and compared the 2016-17 Disaggregation of PEIMS Student Data Fall Collection.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Patty Willis and seconded by Joe Ballard, to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion passed with a 7-0 board vote.

A. Minutes of the December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting

B. Gifts - The Dumas Basketball Association gave \$2,079.40 for travel in the program.

The Demonette Basketball Booster Club gave \$1,070.00 for travel in the program.

The Dumas Baseball Booster Club gave \$3,214.14 for supplies in the program.

Consider Amendments to Audit Engagement Letter with Coy Barton CPA

Joe Rammage made a motion seconded by Jay Davis to amend the audit engagement letter with Coy Barton, C.P.A. The motion passed 7-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Financial Report as of December 31, 2016

A summary of the full financial report for all funds through December 31, 2016 was provided.

Check Register for December 31, 2016

The check register for December 31, 2016 was presented for review.

ACTION ITEM

Class Size Waiver

Brandon Skipworth made a motion to approve a class size waiver for all four sections of kindergarten at Green Acres Elementary. The motion was seconded by Kirk Pope and passed 7-0.

INFORMATION ITEM

Enrollment Report

The enrollment report showed a student count of 4,520 as compared to 4,493 this time last year.

ACTION ITEM

Amend Budget

Joe Rammage made a motion, seconded by Joe Ballard to amend the budget to increase function 11 in the general fund by \$10,000 for the purchase of the items as discussed. The motion passed 7-0.

INFORMATION ITEM

Superintendent Report

DISD Superintendent Monty Hysinger presented items of interest and dates of upcoming events to the board.

Personnel

At 10:00 p.m., Board President Brent Clark called the meeting into closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act stating "no action would be taken at this time." The meeting returned to regular session at 10:41 p.m. with Mr. Clark stating that no action had taken place during closed session. A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Brandon Skipworth, and approved with a 7-0 board vote to approve the following appointments.

Appointments: Daniel West – Chief Financial Officer - Central
Brandon Putnam – Director of Information Technology - Central
Lara Cotten – Diagnostician - Central
Cristi Trammell – Speech Pathologist Asst. - Morningside

Evan Roberson – Health/Science – Dumas Intermediate School

Resignation: Michael Keough – Director of Information Technology
Cody Strickland – Asst. Principal - Dumas High School
Sunny Strickland – Health/Science – Dumas Intermediate School

Retirements: None

ACTION ITEM

Superintendent Evaluation & Contract Considerations

Board President Brent Clark called the meeting into closed session at 10:50 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 11:55 p.m., with Mr. Clark stating again that no action was taken during the closed session. Upon return to open session, a motion was made by Joe Ballard and seconded by Joe Rammage to approve Superintendent Monty Hysinger’s contract extension and benefits package as agreed upon by the board. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Dumas ISD School Board will be Monday, February 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Administration Office.

ACTION ITEM

Adjourn

Patty Willis made a motion to adjourn at 11:59 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Dumas ISD School Board will be Monday, February 13, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at Central Administration Office.