

Summary of February 13, 2012 School Board Meeting

The school board met Monday evening to address the following agenda items.

Special Recognitions

Sunset teachers Collette Shanks and David Sanchez were in attendance with some of their students to demonstrate the “Ready Bodies, Learning Minds” program. The children demonstrated activities that were used to help with eye/hand coordination, retraining reflexes and concentration.

Other items of special interest throughout the district were also noted by the board. Lots of good news on our kids!

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Patty Willis and approved by a 6-0 board vote to accept the consent agenda as presented and to amend the budget as necessary in order to spend funds as requested. (Brent Clark was unable to attend the meeting.)

- A. Minutes of the January 9, 2012 Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes of the January 21, 2012 Board Planning Retreat
- B. Gifts
 - The Demon Baseball Booster Club gave \$3,900 for travel and \$2,600 for supplies for the baseball program.
 - The Dumas Tennis Association gave \$2,000 for travel for the tennis program.
 - Diamond Shamrock Refinery gave \$1,000 for supplies in the baseball program.

Funding Lawsuit

Four separate lawsuits have been filed by school districts against the State of Texas over the funding for public schools. In light of the recent cuts to the education budget in Texas, the importance of supporting this cause has increased. A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Kevin Weatherford and carried with a 6-0 board vote to adopt a resolution to join the lawsuit supporting adequacy of student funding and to authorize the superintendent to sign the letter of engagement for Thompson and Horton, LLP.

Board Policy EIC (Local) – Class Rank – 3rd Reading

This policy was returned for its third reading. A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Joe Ballard and carried with a 6-0 board vote. The revised policy, which will be posted online, concerns class ranking.

Staff Development Waiver

A motion was made by Johnny Schmucker, seconded by Patty Willis and carried with a 6-0 board vote to approve submission of an Expedited Waiver for Staff Development for the 2012-2013 school year. The waiver is a request for two days for general staff development in lieu of student instruction.

2012-2013 Calendar Consideration

A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Kirk Pope and approved with a 6-0 board vote to approve the 2012-2013 School Calendar as presented.

Consideration to Discontinue Participation with XIT-AEP

A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Kevin Weatherford and approved 6-0 by the board to dissolve the shared service agreement between Dumas I.S.D. and Dalhart I.S.D. for an Alternative Education Program (AEP).

Consideration in Creating a DISD-AEP

In light of dissolving the district's participation with Dalhart ISD's Alternative Education Program, a motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Johnny Schmucker and carried 6-0 by the board to create a local Alternative Education Program for Dumas ISD.

Property Acquisition

The board went into closed session to discuss this item. No recommendation was given by the administration and no action was taken by the board.

Personnel

The board also addressed this item in closed session.

Upon returning to open session, a motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Joe Ballard and carried with a 6-0 board vote to approve the appointments and contracts considerations as presented. Resignations and retirements do not require board approval.

- A. Appointments: Carly Garza, 2nd Grade Teacher at Morningside
- B. Resignations: None
- C. Retirements: Jacqueline Beesley, 7th Grade Reading Teacher at Junior High
Carol Gadbois, Special Education Teacher at High School
Paula Lewis, Head Nurse for DISD
Patsy Potter, 7th Grade Math Teacher at Junior High
Suzanne Sims, Literacy Coordinator/Reading Recovery at Hillcrest
- D. Contract Considerations:
Greg Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Central Office
Stephanie Schilling, Principal, Hillcrest Elementary
Stan Stroebel, Principal, Morningside Elementary
Sharla Wilson, Principal, Green Acres Elementary
Brian Heaton, Athletic Director
Sally Heaton, Secondary Curriculum Director/Assessment, Central Office
Frances Whitson, Elementary Curriculum Director, Central Office
Majhaunta Edgmon, Special Education Director, Central Office
Rhonda Artho, Instructional Technology Coordinator
Marion Wynne, Director of Food Services, Central Office

Consideration of Street Lamps at Dumas Intermediate

A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Joe Ballard and carried by a 6-0 board vote to approve paying one half of the cost of installing street lamps on Texas Street near Dumas Intermediate School.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Election Calendar

The election calendar for the 2012 School Board Election was presented.

February 6	First day to apply for a place on the ballot
March 5	Last day to apply for a place on the ballot
April 12	Last day to register to vote in the election
April 30	First day of early voting by personal appearance
May 8	Last day of early voting by personal appearance
May 12	ELECTION DAY
May 15	First day to conduct canvass of election results
May 23	Last day to conduct canvass

Purchasing Report

The award for fuel purchases was made to Jack Oldham Fuel.

Enrollment Report

Current enrollment was 4,574 as opposed to 4,585 last week and 4,539 this time last year.

Check Register for December 2011

The check register for the month of December 2011 was presented to the board for information.

Financial Report for December 2011

The summary of the full financial report covering the period from July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for all funds was presented to the board.

Construction Update

A construction update on current projects throughout the district was presented to the board.

The next meeting of the school board will be Monday, February 27th, 7:00 p.m. at the DISD Administration Office.