

## **Summary of the March 9, 2015 School Board Meeting**

The school board met on Monday, March 9, 2015.

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

Members Absent: Kevin Weatherford

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

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

The Dumas High School Wrestling team was well represented at the meeting by their Regional and State qualifiers. Coach Clint Chamblin highlighted each of the wrestler's seasons and spoke highly of the team. The Demons ended their season with two individual state championships, as well as claiming one 3<sup>rd</sup> and one 6<sup>th</sup> place individual state honor. As a team, they placed fourth at the state tournament. Congratulations were expressed to the boys by the board.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Brent Clark and carried with a 6-0 vote to approve the consent agenda as presented, accepting gifts and amending the budget in order to spend the gifts as requested.

- A. Minutes of the February 23, 2015 Regular Meeting
- B. Gifts – The Dumas Tennis Association gave \$2,164.51 for travel in the tennis program.

#### **Instructional Materials Adoption**

Rhonda Artho presented information on instructional materials for adoption. A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Joe Rammage and carried 6-0 by the board to adopt all titles.

#### **RFP for Wide Area Network**

The district's five-year agreement with Windstream for wide area network, or WAN, expires this year. After reviewing proposals from Windstream and Sky rider, a motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Brandon Skipworth and carried 6-0 to award a new contract for WAN to Windstream.

#### **RFP for Wireless Network and Switch Upgrades**

A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Joe Rammage and carried 6-0 to award the contract for Wireless Networking and Switches to Synetra at the proposed price contingent upon approval of E-Rate funding for the project.

#### **Bus Purchases**

A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Brandon Skipworth and carried 6-0 by the board to purchase one new activity bus with vinyl reclining seats and a tv monitor system and to authorize administration to sell the district's two Prevost busses. If both units sell, administration will purchase an additional bus.

#### **Interlocal Participation Agreement**

With a motion made by Patty Willis, seconded by Brent Clark and carried 6-0, the board approved participation in the West Texas Public Schools Employee Benefits Cooperative as presented. This coop administers the cafeteria plan and other employee benefits such as cancer insurance, disability insurance, etc.

### **2015 Property Tax Exemptions**

Patty Willis made a motion, seconded by Joe Rammage and carried 6-0, to continue the optional homestead exemption of 20% for the 2015 tax year.

### **Approve 2015-2016 School Calendar**

A motion was made by Joe Rammage, seconded by Brent Clark and carried with a 6-0 vote to approve the 2015-2016 School Year Calendar as presented. The calendar is posted on the district's website.

### **Order to Cancel Trustee Election for May 9, 2015**

With a motion by Joe Rammage, seconded by Patty Willis and carried 6-0, the board adopted the Order of Cancellation for the May 9, 2015 Trustee Election. Incumbents Kirk Pope, Brent Clark and Brandon Skipworth were unopposed for re-election to three year terms.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **October 2014 TAKS and December 2014 STAAR EOC Results**

The results of state testing from the 2014 October TAKS Exit Level and 2014 December STAAR EOC assessments were presented to the board.

#### **SchoolWay App**

The district is using SchoolWay, a free app provided by Jostens. Kelly Legg demonstrated the features to the board.

#### **Check Register for February 2015**

The check register for February 2015 was presented for review.

#### **Financial Report for February 2015**

A summary of the full financial report, covering the period from July 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 for all funds was presented to the board.

#### **Enrollment Report**

The enrollment report showed a student count of 4,476, as compared to 4,505 last week and 4,511 this time last year.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Personnel**

At 9:20 p.m., Board President Joe Ballard announced they would convene in a closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and that no action would be taken during that time. At the end of the closed session, Mr. Ballard announced the session ended at 9:40 p.m. and that no action was taken during closed session.

Upon return to open session, a motion was made by Brent Clark, seconded by Patty Willis and carried with a 6-0 board vote to approve the following appointment. Resignations and retirements to not require board approval.

Appointments:           Bluejeans Reeves, Green Acres Kindergarten Teacher

Resignations:           Tara Kubena, High School English Teacher

Retirements:           Mike Mueller, Information Technology Director  
                              Frances Whitson, Elementary Curriculum Director

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Superintendent's Report**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Dumas ISD School Board will be on Monday, April 13, 2105, 7:00 p.m. at Central Office.