

Summary of March 26, 2012 School Board Meeting

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

Special Recognitions

The Dumas Demon Powerlifters, along with Coach Anthony Mandani, were in attendance with awards won during their season. They had several athletes participate at regionals, including Katy Estrada who will be traveling to State! Congratulations!

The Campus Character Council at Morningside recognizes and involves students who demonstrate positive character traits. Sponsor Kyla Crossland and Assistant Principal T.J. Funderburg explained how this council benefits their students and school. There were six of the members in attendance, and these students told board members what the council meant to them and why they enjoyed serving. They were very impressive and enjoyable kids!

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Joe Ballard 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. (Jordan Mills was unable to attend the meeting.)

- A. Minutes of the February 7, 2012 Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes of the March 9, 2012 Called Meeting
- B. Gifts
 - Pioneer Natural Resources gave \$7,000 for 20 electronic tablets for the science department at Junior High.

Textbook Adoption

Districts are required to certify annually to the State Board of Education and the Commissioner that for each subject in the required curriculum, students have access to the instructional materials that cover all of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.

A motion was made by Joe Ballard, seconded by Patty Willis and carried with a 6-0 board vote to approve the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification for 2012-2013.

2012 Property Tax Value Exemptions

A motion was made by Johnny Schmucker, seconded by Brent Clark, and carried with a 6-0 board vote to continue the optional homestead exemption of 20% for the 2012 tax year for taxpayers.

School Name for New Dumas Alternative Education Program

A motion was made by Joe Ballard, seconded by Kevin Weatherford and carried 6-0 to approve the name "North Plains Opportunity Center" for the new Alternative Education Program (AEP) in Dumas.

Select Purchase Method of Construction of School Facilities

Texas Government Code 2267.056(a) requires the board to choose a method of purchasing that provides the best value to the district before advertising for a construction bid.

A motion was made by Joe Ballard, seconded by Patty Willis and carried with a 6-0 board vote to approve a resolution determining that use of a Construction Manager at Risk is the best value for the District on the remodel of the alternative education building.

15% Grade Deferral

As part of the new State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) program, Education Code 39.023(c) requires districts to have local board policy stating that an end-of-course (EOC) assessment score count as 15 percent of a student's final course grade. In implementing the 15 percent requirement, the district revised EIA(LOCAL) addressing grading and retakes for EOC assessments.

A motion was made by Johnny Schmucker, seconded by Joe Ballard and carried with a 6-0 board vote to approve the Resolution of the Board to Suspend Portions of EIA(Local) for the 2011-12 School Year Only.

Personnel

The following personnel items were presented to the board. A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Joe Ballard and approved with a 6-0 board vote to approve the appointment. Resignations and retirements do not require board approval.

- A. Appointments: Rudy Sanchez, Head Band Director, Dumas High School

- B. Resignations: Lori Britton, Junior High Math Teacher
Krystal Flores, Cactus ESL Teacher
Paul Hartman, High School Social Studies Teacher/Coach
Reese Talley, Intermediate Social Studies Teacher
Alan Trayler, Intermediate P.E. Teacher
Deonna Wade, Sunset Kindergarten Teacher
Charlynn Wilhelm, Morningside Kindergarten Teacher

- C. Retirements: Lynda Mowery, High School Counselor
Brenda Newton, Intermediate Social Studies Teacher

DISCUSSION ITEM

Architectural Floor Plan Drawings of Dumas AEP

BGR Architects proposed floor plan drawings for the Dumas Alternative Education Program campus for the boards review, with discussion following.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Enrollment Report

Current enrollment was 4,559 as opposed to 4,556 last week and 4,527 this time last year.

Check Register for February, 2012

The check register for the month of February, 2012 was presented to the board for information.

Financial Report for February, 2012

The summary of the full financial report covering the period from July 1, 2011 through February 29, 2012 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, April 9, 7:00 p.m. at the DISD Administration Office.