

Summary of the April 13, 2015 School Board Meeting

The school board met on Monday, April 13, 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

Items of special recognition in the handbook were noted 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.

- A. Minutes of the March 9, 2015 Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes of the March 28, 2015 Board Retreat
- C. Gifts – There were no gifts to approve

INFORMATION ITEMS

Financial Report for March 31, 2015

A summary of the full financial report, covering the period from July 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 for all funds was presented to the board.

Check Register for March 2015

The check register for March 2015 was presented for review.

Enrollment Report

The enrollment report showed a student count of 4,436, as compared to 4,438 last week and 4,503 this time last year.

Update on Campus Targeted Improvement Plans

Principals from each of the campuses were in attendance to review with the board the quarterly evaluations of their Targeted Improvement Plans, which were developed to address the two to five critical needs at their campus.

Bilingual Exception Waiver

The district has operated for many years under a Bilingual Exception due to the lack of Bilingual teachers in our district. In place of the program, we have offered ESL classes. DISD's exception request submitted for the 2014-2015 school year was approved by TEA with the expectation that the district will continue to try to meet or exceed the state average limited English student performance or meet the goals set forth in the approved action plan.

ACTION ITEMS

Band and Choir Trip 2016

Rudy Sanchez, DHS Band Director, and Jerelyn Atchison, DHS Choir Director, were in attendance to visit with the board about the band and choir bi-annual student trip.

A motion was made by Joe Rammage, seconded by Kirk Pope and carried with a 6-0 board vote to allow the DHS choir and band to use the district's instruments on their bi-annual student trip to either Disneyworld or Branson, Missouri during Spring Break 2016.

Resolution Extending Depository Contract with Happy State Bank

The laws that govern depository agreements for schools allow the district to extend a current contract for two additional two year periods without bidding. A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Brent Clark and carried 6-0 by the board to adopt the resolution extending the depository contract with Happy State Bank.

Authorize Staff and Consultants to Move Forward with Refunding of Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2008

In 2008, we issued bonds for the construction of Dumas Intermediate School and other improvements. A portion of those bonds totaling \$16,805,000 are callable in 2018, which means we can pay them off at that time. Because interest rates have decreased since those bonds were issued, we can now issue refunding bonds at a lower interest rate to pay off the old high rate bonds and save interest over the next 13 years.

A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Brandon Skipworth and carried 6-0 by the board to authorize the administration and SAMCO Capital Markets to take the necessary action to move forward with a refunding of the Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2008.

Tax Collection Contract with Moore County

A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Brent Clark and carried with a 6-0 board vote to approve the Contract for Assessment and Collection Services with Moore County for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Consider Revisions to Board Operating Procedures

An updated version of the Board Operating Procedures was presented for approval by the board. Motion to do so was made by Brandon Skipworth, seconded by Brent Clark and approved with a 6-0 board vote.

Personnel

At 9:00 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 9:50 p.m. and that no action was taken during closed session.

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

Appointments: Lisa Hatley, Elementary Curriculum Director, Central Office
Felisha Montez, Green Acres Third Grade Math Teacher

Resignations: Tara Kubena, High School English Teacher

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

Resignations: Kalley Ames, Cactus 2nd Grade Teacher
Lori Glasgow, Hillcrest 3rd Grade Teacher
Jan Heiskell, Cactus Literacy Coordinator
Lilia Jimenez, Junior High ELA Academy
Jennifer Montebianco, Cactus Music Teacher
Jordan Nokes, JH/HS PE Teacher/Coach
Radna Running, Green Acres 2nd Grade Teacher
Nora Rush, Intermediate School Band Director
Raquel San Miguel, Cactus ESL Teacher
Julie Shields, High School English Teacher

Retirements: Melanie Howerton, JH Spanish Teacher
Sue Mueller, Sunset Librarian

Instructional Coach Considerations:
Lily Sykes, Cactus
Traci Guerra, Green Acres
Christy Caldwell, Hillcrest
Ronni Powers, Morningside
Cindy Quirk, Sunset
Nicole Hutcherson, Intermediate School
Ruth Ann Grice, Junior High

Superintendent's Report

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Dumas ISD School Board will be on Monday, May 11, 2105, 7:00 p.m. at Central Office.