

Summary of the May 11, 2015 School Board Meeting

The school board met on Monday, May 11, 2015.

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

Members Absent: None

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

Martha Ames, Superintendent's Secretary, administered the Oath of Office and Statement of Officer to Brent Clark, Kirk Pope, and Brandon Skipworth. These three board members began their new three-year term.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Dumas High School Family Consumer Sciences teacher Connie Burton was in attendance with some of her students who qualified for State 4-H Roundup. They shared their Fashion Storyboards and projects. Students participating in the "Trashion" Show created clothing from "trash", such as a skirt crocheted from plastic sacks. We have very talented students who can think outside the box!

Jerelyn Atchison and Rhonda Swanson presented the Chamber Choir, which performed two pieces from their recent competition. The group received an "Excellent" rating on these pieces, which were enjoyed by all in attendance at the board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Brent Clark and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A. Minutes of the April 13, 2015 Regular Meeting
- B. Gifts – The Morningside PTO gave \$2,000 to be used in the Spring Fling.
The Green Acres PTO gave \$15,000 to buy tablets at their campus.

Consideration of and action on the passage of an order authorizing the issuance and sale of Dumas Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, levying a tax and providing for the security and payment of the bonds; and enacting other provision relating thereto.

A motion was made by Joe Rammage, seconded by Brandon Skipworth and carried 7-0 by the board to adopt the order as presented to secure a more favorable interest rate on existing debt.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Financial Report for April 30, 2015

A summary of the full financial report, covering the period from July 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015 for all funds was presented to the board.

Check Register for April 2015

The check register for April 2015 was presented for review.

Enrollment Report

The enrollment report showed a student count of 4,429, as compared to 4,425 last week and 4,476 this time last year.

Update on School Health Advisory Committee

James Bussard, Director of Special Services, presented the 2014-2015 annual report for the Dumas ISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC).

Summer Athletic Campus

Brian Heaton, Athletic Director, shared information on summer athletic camps for students.

ACTION ITEMS

Consider Changes and/or Deletions to Board Policy

A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Kevin Weatherford and carried 7-0 by the board to adopt changes to local policies DB, DFBB and DMA as presented.

Policy DB (LOCAL) was changed to identify positions which require a staff member to live in the district. Changes to DFBB (LOCAL) and DMA (LOCAL) both remove the requirement of staff members attending Abydos Summer Institute.

Resolution Concerning Immediate Implementation of SB 149

Senate Bill 149 has passed both the House and the Senate and is awaiting the governor's signature, non-action or veto. A resolution allowing the District to implement the new law even though our current policy does not reflect the changes to the TEC enacted by SB 149 was approved with a motion made by Brandon Skipworth, seconded by Brent Clark and carried 7-0 by the board.

Facility Maintenance and Improvement Projects

A list of maintenance projects and requests for capital outlay items was presented to the board for consideration. A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Patty Willis and carried 7-0 by the board to authorize administration to spend up to \$500,000, with projects selected being up to their discretion.

DISCUSSION

2015-2016 Budget

Greg Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Business, presented a proposed budget for the 2015-2016 school year.

ACTION ITEMS

2015-2016 Pay System

A motion was made by Brent Clark, seconded by Brandon Skipworth and carried with a 7-0 board vote to adopt the 2015-2016 Pay System as presented, which included a 1.5% raise for staff based on the midpoint.

Consideration of Engagement Letter for Fiscal Years 2015, 2016 and 2017

Kevin Weatherford made a motion, seconded by Brent Clark, to accept an audit engagement letter from Coy Barton, C.P.A. Motion carried 7-0.

ESC 16 Contracts for 2015-2016

A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Brandon Skipworth and carried with a 7-0 board vote to approve the proposed Region 16 contracts as listed for the 2015-2016 school year.

Reorganization of the Board

Reorganization of the board for the 2015-2016 school year was opened up for nominations. Brent Clark made a motion to re-elect the current slate of officers. Motion was seconded by Kirk Pope and carried 7-0 by the board. Officers re-elected are Joe Ballard, President, Kirk Pope, Vice President and Patty Willis, Secretary.

Personnel

At 9:53 p.m., Board President Joe Ballard announced they would convene into 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 10:02 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 Kevin Weatherford and carried with a 7-0 board vote to approve the following appointments and contract considerations. Resignations and retirements to not require board approval.

Appointments: Jolie Asher, Cactus 3rd Grade Teacher
Jacqueline Collom, High School Speech/Theater Teacher
Tonie Crawford, Elementary School Counselor
Amber Crook, Hillcrest 3rd Grade Teacher
Kyla Crossland, High School English Teacher
Michael Keough, Director of Information Technology
Jacy Lawler, Green Acres 4th Grade Teacher
Carla Orcutt, Sunset Music Teacher
Zach Sedlacek, Intermediate School Band Director
Erica Welch, High School English Teacher/Coach

Resignations: Tara Aistrup, Cactus 3rd Grade Teacher
Brent Biles, High School Speech/Theater Teacher
Keafer Clegg, Junior High History Teacher/Coach
Lori Hall, High School Special Education Teacher
Janelle Jolly, Junior High Social Studies Teacher
Tara Kuker, Sunset Kindergarten Teacher
Guyon Prince, Junior High 7th Grade ELAR Teacher
Evan Robertson, Intermediate School 5th Grade Teacher
David Smirl, High School Social Studies Teacher/ Head Softball Coach
Kim Walker, Green Acres Kindergarten Teacher

Retirements: Collette Shanks, Sunset Music Teacher

Contract Considerations:
Educator Contracts as Presented

Superintendent's Report

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Dumas ISD School Board will be on Monday, June 8, 2105, 7:00 p.m. at Central Office.