

Summary of July 25, 2011 School Board Meeting

The school board met Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. to address the following items:

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Joe Ballard and carried with a 6-0 board vote to accept the consent agenda as presented. There were no gifts to accept. (Kevin Weatherford was unable to be at the meeting.)

- A. Minutes of June 20, 2011 Regular Meeting
- B. Gifts - None

Board Policy CE(Local) – Fund Balance – 2nd Reading

This policy was presented at the previous meeting for first reading and returned as an action item. Policy CE(Local) addresses fund balance accounting.

Policy Update 90 – 2nd Reading

TASB Policy Update 90 was presented at the previous meeting and returned as an action item. A motion was made by Patty Willis to add, revise and delete local policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service, including additional changes to FD(Local). Policies and regulations can be accessed on the district's website. Motion was seconded by Kirk Pope and carried 6-0.

Reading Recovery i3 Grant

Frances Whitson was in attendance to present information on the Reading Recovery i3 Grant, which is provided through TWU and reimburses the district for training Reading Recovery teachers. This year, the grant will also reimburse the district for training a Reading Recovery teacher-leader. A motion was made by Joe Ballard, seconded by Patty Willis and carried 6-0 by the board to approve training a teacher-leader this year.

Aramark Contract Consideration

With a mutual agreement made between the district and Aramark, a motion was made by Joe Ballard and seconded by Kirk Pope for the district to opt out of their food service contract. Motion carried with a 6-0 board vote. A director for DISD's food service program will be hired by the district.

Interlocal Agreement with West Texas Food Service Co-op

With the cancellation of the Aramark food service contract, a motion was made by Patty Willis and seconded by Johnny Schmucker to approve the interlocal agreement with West Texas Food Service Cooperative. This coop will allow the district to purchase food products at bid prices. The board vote was carried 6-0.

Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System Waiver

According to Texas Education Code, the district must provide teachers access to student assessment data through a data portal system. The state has created an assessment data portal within the Texas Assessment Management System. Districts interested in participating must apply for an expedited waiver from the Texas Education Agency. A motion to do so was made by Patty Willis and seconded by Brent Clark. Motion carried 6-0. This system will replace the district's use of Edusoft.

Personnel

The following personnel items were presented to the board for approval.

- A. Appointments: Brett Barber, High School Ag Science Teacher
Jamie Barnard, Intermediate School 6th Grade Band Director
Jill Best, High School Science Teacher
Que Brittain, High School World Geography Teacher
Darby Cantu, Cactus 1st Grade Teacher
Kara Garcia, Intermediate School 6th Grade Reading Teacher
Alan Perkins, Junior High Band Director
Elyse Power, Morningside 4th Grade ESL Teacher
Sarah Redus, Intermediate School 6th Grade Reading Teacher
Tara Teetor, Sunset Pre-K Teacher
Patti Trainham, Cactus 3rd Grade Math Teacher
Alan Trayler, Intermediate School P.E. Teacher
Nicole White, Cactus 1st Grade Teacher
Marion Wynn, Dumas ISD Food Service Director
- B. Retirements: None
- C. Resignations: Rebecca Carter, Junior High Band Director
Greg Glover, High School Ag Teacher
Vanda Glover, Intermediate School Reading Teacher
Nathanael Holmes, Intermediate School Band Director
Kim Mares, Cactus ESL Teacher
Keyann Strickland, Hillcrest 2nd Grade Teacher
Brandon Stroebel, High School Teacher/Coach
Kara Thompson, Intermediate School 6th Grade Reading Teacher

A motion was made by Joe Ballard, seconded by Johnny Schmucker and approved with a 5-0 board vote to accept the appointments as presented. Resignations and retirements do not require board approval. (Patty Willis had to leave the meeting early and was not included in the vote.)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board Policy – BBG and DEE (Local) – 1st Reading

Policies BBG and DEE (Local) were presented to the board for 1st reading. Changes in these policies were brought due to procedures in place by airlines regarding credit on unused tickets. Because these credits cannot be used by anyone other than the person for whom the ticket was purchased, employees and board members who are unable to use an airline ticket purchased by the district shall pay the district the amount of the unused ticket and in return shall receive the credit for their use on personal travel. This policy will return at the next meeting as an action item.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Regulation CO-R – Acceptable Use Policy

The Technology Acceptable Use Policy has been revised to reflect improvements in technology and also to clarify guidelines for ease of use.

Financial Report for June 2011

A summary of the full financial report covering the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for all funds was presented for review by the board.

Check Register

The June 2011 check register was reviewed by the board.

Purchasing Report

Recent purchases in accordance with Policy CH(Local) were presented to the board.

- Milk – Bid awarded to Gandy's Dairies
- Instructional Supplies – Primary bid awarded to School Specialty with a secondary bid awarded to all other bidders to allow for the widest selection of supplies.
- Building Supplies – Bid awarded to Bartlett's Lumber and Dumas Lumber in order to allow maximum savings on various items.
- Science Supplies – Bid awarded to all vendors who bid to give teachers a wide variety of quality and price to choose from.
- Athletic Supplies – Primary bid awarded to Buck's Sporting Goods with a secondary bid awarded to all other bidders.
- Electrical Supplies – Marsh Electric Supply
- Office Supplies – Primary bid awarded to Quill and Officewise with a secondary bid to SPC in order to allow maximum savings on various items.

Construction Update

The board was updated on current construction projects at district campuses.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8th, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Dumas ISD Central Office.