

Summary of August 8, 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. Minutes of July 25, 2011 Regular Meeting

B. 2011-2012 Credit By Exam Dates

A student in any grade may take an examination for acceleration to be advanced one grade level or to gain credit for a course he or she has not formally taken for credit.

Dates for those exams are:

August 27, 2011	May 30, 2012
September 24, 2011	May 31, 2012
October 8, 2011	June 31, 2012

For further information regarding credit by examination, students may contact their campus principal or counselor.

C. 2011-2012 Tuition Rates

Rates for non-resident transfer students who wish to attend Dumas ISD were set at \$4,592 for 2011-2012 school year.

D. 2011-2012 Appraisal Calendar and Certified Appraisers

A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Brent Clark and approved with a 5-0 board vote to accept the consent agenda as presented, with a change made to the list of certified appraisers to replace Robin Kehoe with Andrea Cox. (Jordan Mills and Johnny Schmucker were unable to be at the meeting.)

Board Policy BBG (Local) and DEE (Local) – 2nd Reading

A motion was made by Joe Ballard, seconded by Patty Willis and approved with a board vote of 5-0 to approve policies BBG (Local) and DEE (Local). Changes in these policies were brought due to procedures in place by airlines regarding credit on unused tickets. Because 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.

2011-2012 Sick Leave Bank

A motion was made by Joe Ballard, seconded by Kevin Weatherford and carried 5-0 to approve continued membership for existing members in the sick leave bank without any additional contribution for the 2011-2012 school year.

2011-2012

The Student Code of Conduct for the 2011-2012 school year was approved as presented with a motion made by Brent Clark, seconded by Kevin Weatherford and approved 5-0.

Personnel

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

- A. Appointments: None
- B. Resignations: Allen Perkins, Junior High Band Director

No action was taken by the board, as resignations do not require board approval.

INFORMATION ITEMS

School Safety Audit Report

A safety audit report as prepared by Edwards Risk Management was presented to the board.

Board Policy Revision EIA(Local) Academic Achievement – First Reading

For several years, the district has been providing a six week grade report for students in grades 3-12 and a 9 week grade report for students in grades PK-2. To have consistency throughout the district, the board heard information on changing policy EIA (Local) to require a six weeks report for all students from PK-12. This item will return at the next meeting as an action item.

District Regulation EIA-R: Grading Practices

Recommendations for changes in Regulation EIA-R were made to report letter grades of A, B, C, or F in math and reading for grades K-2 as opposed to using indicators.

2011-2012 Student Handbooks and Athletic Guidelines

The board was presented the student and athletic handbooks for the 2011-2012 with a highlight of information that had been changed from last year.

2011 State Accountability Ratings

Information on the 2011 State Accountability Ratings was presented. Green Acres received a rating of Recognized, with all other campuses being rated Acceptable. The district also received a Recognized rating.

Reading Recovery Report

Reading Recovery is a short-term literacy intervention designed for first graders having difficulty learning to read and write. Over the last 18 years, the district has served a total of 1,943 children with 40 teachers having been trained. A report over the history and success of the program was presented to the board.

Capital Improvement Update

The completion status of 2010-2011 Capital Improvement projects was presented.

Construction Update

An update of current construction projects in the district was received by the board.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 22nd, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Dumas ISD Central Office.