

## Summary of the August 26, 2013 School Board Meeting

The school board met on Monday, August 26, 2013 to discuss the following agenda items.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Minutes of August 12, 2013 Regular Meeting
- B. Gifts – There were no gifts to report.

#### **Chapter 41 - Agreement to Purchase Attendance Credits**

A motion was made by Joe Ballard, seconded by Patty Willis and carried with a 7-0 board vote to approve and execute the Agreement to Purchase Attendance Credits for the 2013-2014 school year. As a Chapter 41 district, this is a formality we go through each year of signing an agreement with TEA to purchase attendance credits from the state in order to lower our tax wealth to the amount required by law. This method was approved by voters in October 2006.

#### **Budget Amendments**

The board approved a budget amendment to spend remaining funds for projects that were not completed before the end of the fiscal year in this fiscal year. Motion was made by Brent Clark, seconded by Kevin Weatherford and carried 7-0 by the board.

#### **Resolution Regarding Hazardous Traffic Conditions**

Board Policy Update 97 requires we annually approve a resolution designating any hazardous bus routes in our district. A hazardous bus route serves an area that is within the 2 mile exclusion for bus service but includes a hazardous condition for students that would normally walk to school. In our district, the only hazardous area we have is at Cactus and Etter. The students who live west of 287 have to cross a busy four lane road to get to Cactus Elementary, so the district runs four routes to pick up those students and deliver them safely to school. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Joe Ballard, seconded by Patty Willis and approved with a 7-0 board vote.

#### **Personnel**

The following personnel items were presented to the board.

Appointments: Braden Frye, Junior High 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher/Coach  
Troy Hollis, Morningside 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher  
Charlie Nelson, High School World Geography Teacher/Coach

Resignations: None

Retirements: None

A motion was made by Johnny Schmucker, seconded by Joe Ballard and carried with a 7-0 board vote to approve appointments as presented. Resignations and retirements do not require board approval.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Revise Board Policy EIE (Local) – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Revisions to Policy EIE (Local) reflecting current practices in our district are:

- First and Second grades are using a numeric grading system for reading and math.
- For grades 1-9, the requirement to pass all state mandated assessments has been deleted to reflect new testing requirements.
- The credits needed for promotion for grades 9-12 have been revised to reflect current practice.

### **2012-2013 Accountability Ratings**

State Accountability Ratings for the 2012-2013 school year were as follows:

- Cactus Elementary – Improvement Required
- Green Acres Elementary – Met Standard
- Hillcrest Elementary – Met Standard
- Morningside Elementary – Met Standard
- Sunset Elementary – Met Standard
- Dumas Intermediate – Met Standard
- Dumas Junior High – Met Standard
- North Plains Opportunity Center – Improvement Required
- Dumas High School – Met Standard, Distinction Earned for Academic Achievement in Mathematics
- Dumas ISD – Met Standard

Kelly Legg presented new testing results to the board, explaining the Performance Index Report in greater detail.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Check Register for July 2013**

The check register for July 2013 was presented to the board for review.

### **Financial Report for July 31, 2013**

A summary of the full financial report for July 2013 for all funds was viewed by the board.

### **Facility Improvements**

The board reviewed work projects as reported by the operations department.

The next meeting of the Dumas ISD School Board will be on Monday, September 9, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at Central Office.