

Summary of the October 28, 2013 School Board Meeting

The school board met on Monday, October 28, 2013 to discuss the following agenda items.

Special Recognitions

Hillcrest teachers Kiki Pauwels, Shannon Henderson, Denia Brinkman and Connie Mikla were in attendance with several of their students to share what they had learned on their recent trip to the pumpkin patch. The students reported facts of how corn is used in our food and other products. They also reported information they had learned on pumpkins.

PUBLIC HEARING

The district's F.I.R.S.T. Report was presented in open session. Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas reviews the district's financial management. DISD received a Superior Achievement for the 9th year in a row with a score of 68 out of a possible 70 points on the scale.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Minutes of September 23, 2013 – Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes of October 7, 2013 – Called Meeting
- C. Gifts – Pioneer Natural Resources gave \$6,900 for the purchase of Android tablets for the Junior High Math Department.

Audit Report 2012-2013

Coy Barton, of Barton, Brandon and Company, reported the results of their audit of the district's 2012-2013 school year financial records. He also answered questions from the board. The district is pleased to report that there are no reportable conditions for the year's audit and that the district is financially strong. Mark Stroebel thanked Mr. Barton for the thorough job they do for DISD. A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Kevin Weatherford and carried with a 7-0 board vote to approve the 2012-2013 audit report.

Engagement of Audit Firm for 2014-2016

A motion was made by Joe Ballard, seconded by Johnny Schmucker and carried with a 7-0 board vote to accept an audit engagement letter for the 2014-2016 school years from Barton, Brandon and Company.

Budget Amendment

A motion was made by Brent Clark, seconded by Joe Rammage and carried by a 7-0 board vote to approve the 2013-2014 amended budget. This action was to post actual salary amounts to their proper accounting functions and to take care of other budgeting changes.

District and Campus Improvement Plans

According to Texas Education Code, the board is required to ensure that a district improvement plan and improvement plans for each campus are developed, reviewed and revised annually for the purpose of improving the performance of all students. Kelly Legg presented information on

the district's improvement plan. Principals from each campus were in attendance to present their campus improvement plan, and if applicable, their Targeted Improvement Plans.

A motion to approve the 2013-2014 District and Campus Improvement Plans, Goals and Objectives and the Targeted Improvement Plans for Cactus Elementary and North Plains Opportunity Center was made by Joe Ballard, seconded by Patty Willis and carried with a 7-0 board vote.

Class Size Waiver

Currently, Green Acres third grade sections are 22-22-23-23. A motion was made by Kevin Weatherford, seconded by Brent Clark and carried with a 7-0 board vote to approve the 22-1 Class Size Waiver Request for Green Acres third grade.

Nominate Directors for MCAD Board - Resolution

A motion was made by Joe Ballard, seconded by Patty Willis and carried with a 7-0 board vote to adopt the resolution nominating current directors Chris Johnson, Scott Peebles, Deana Houlette, Leighton Stovall and Mike Burnett for new two year terms on the Moore County Appraisal District Board.

Resolution to Allow the 4H Organization to be Sanctioned as an Extracurricular Activity

The State Board of Education passed an amendment to 19 TAC§ 129.21 (k)(1), allowing public school students to be considered "in attendance" when participating in off-campus activities with an adjunct staff member of the school district. This amendment provides local school boards the opportunity to recognize County Extension Agents as adjunct staff members and to count students participating in 4H/Extension educational activities "in attendance" for Foundation School Program purposes. A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Kevin Weatherford and carried with a 7-0 board vote to approve adjunct faculty staff member status for Marcel Fischbacher and Carolyn Sue Owens.

TASB Policy Review – 2nd Reading

The district contracted with TASB to review local board policies to ensure they are current and in line with actual practices. A review of recommended changes was presented to the board at the last meeting.

A motion was made by Brent Clark, seconded by Kevin Weatherford and carried with a 7-0 board vote to add, revise and delete local policies as recommended by TASB Policy Review.

Personnel

The following personnel items were presented to the board.

Appointments: Ann Marie Yohn, Green Acres Pre-School Teacher

Resignations: None

Retirements: None

A motion was made by Joe Ballard, seconded by Patty Willis and approved with a 7-0 board vote to accept the personnel items as presented.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

Financial Report as of September 30, 2013

A summary of the financial report from July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013 for all funds was presented to the board.

Check Register for September 2013

The check register for September 2013 was presented for review by the board.

Enrollment Report

Current enrollment is 4,598 as compared to 4,596 last week and 4,669 this time last year.

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, November 11, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at Central Office.