



Midlothian ISD Board Briefs

March 29, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Duke Burge, Jim Mentzel, Tom Moore, Jay Roberts, Phil Seay, Wayne Shuffield and Cindy Williams

WOW PRESENTATION

Rhonda Byler's 5th grade students from Baxter Elementary explained their "Statistics Olympics" events: Cheerio Depositing, Penny Stacking, and Cup Spinning as they used the data gathered from these events to calculate median, mode, and range. Students incorporated the assistance of Board members to illustrate their findings and knowledge.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

RECOGNITION

On March 12th the MISD Education Foundation (MEF) Star Patrol surprised Irvin Elementary teachers by awarding them an innovative teaching grant for \$5,000.00. Irvin Elementary coach, Ryan Timm, explained that the grant would be utilized in the formation of an elementary "running club".

PRESENTATION

The Midlothian Education Foundation wanted to honor a commitment to grow programs specifically for MISD staff. Thus, the MEF Board agreed and donated \$8,000 to The Dolores McClatchey Teacher Scholarship program for 2010 to aid teachers in furthering their education.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION ITEMS

Approved Consent Agenda Items

- Minutes
 - February 15, 2010 - Board Candidate Workshop
 - February 15, 2010 - Regular Meeting
 - March 3, 2010 - Special Meeting of the Growth Management Committee
 - March 8, 2010 - Special Called Meeting - Budget Workshop
 - March 22, 2010 - Special Called Meeting
- Bids/Requests for Proposals/Purchase Orders
 - Baxter and Irvin Elementary PA Upgrades
- Budget Amendment
- Approval of Gifts and/or Donations
- Demographer Contract
- Personnel Allocations for 2010-2011
- Elementary and Secondary Textbook Adoption

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- **Technology Bids**

The Board approved the technology bids as presented.

 - Elementary Presentation Stations

- Replacing of Obsolete Computers
- **Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property, Texas Government Code Section 551.072**
The Board went into Closed Session to discuss topics related to the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.
- **Consideration of Personnel, Texas Government Codes 551.074**
The Board approved the personnel report as presented including resignations, employment, leaves of absences and personnel issues.
- **Safety and Security Update**
Rhonda Welch and Lt. Garland Wolf, Midlothian Police Department, provided an overview of the recent Full Scale Exercise and information received from the event. In addition, Rhonda outlined safety practices addressed during the 2009 – 2010 school year and the focus for the upcoming year.
- **Alternative Education Program and Facility**
Dr. Al Hemmle reported on a nontraditional academic approach to expedite the progress of many students toward performing at grade level and high school completion through a true Alternative Education Program. This program would hopefully minimize the number of drop outs for Midlothian High School.
- **Construction Reports**
 - **Baseball Improvement**
The new outfield fencing and wind screen has been completed and seems to be performing well.
 - **Disposition of Irvin Gymnasium**
The Board has instructed administration to evaluate the cost of restoring the Irvin Gym.
 - **Stadium Parking Update**
Construction of the additional parking spaces is underway. The date of completion is on schedule and should be completed prior to graduation.
 - **Additional Stands at the Multi-purpose Stadium**
The Board requested cost projections for adding an additional 400 seats to the home side of the stadium to accommodate the required seating needs.
- **North Texas Area Assoc. of School Board Meeting hosted by M.I.S.D. Apr. 21, 2010**
Midlothian ISD school board will be hosting the NTAASB meeting on April 21, 2010 at Walnut Grove Middle School.
- **Selection of Committee Members to Evaluate MISD Board Scholarship and Servant Leader Submissions**
Board members volunteered to serve on the following committees to evaluate student scholarship applications and Servant Leader applications for the 2009 - 2010 school year.

Student Scholarship: Cindy Williams, Jay Robert, and one member of administration
Servant Leader Submissions: Phil Seay and Jay Roberts

- **Midlothian Education Foundation Appointment of 2010-2011 MISD Board Representative**

Phil Seay agreed to be the representative on the MEF Board for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

- **TASB Grassroots Meeting**
Cindy Williams provided an update to the Board regarding her recent attendance at the Grassroots meetings. Mrs. Williams has also been elected to serve on the Legislative Advisory Council. The Board unanimously approved to support the expenditures of Mrs. Williams travel as she serves on the council and represents our district.
- **Technology Issues Dealing with Inappropriate Communication**
Administration provided a report on measures being taken to address inappropriate text messages, pictures, or video on student cell phones.
- **Superintendent's Report and Announcements**
Specific dates and times of upcoming conferences and board meetings were noted and provided for review.
- Next scheduled Regular Board meeting will be April 19, 2010.