

Board Brief for December 16, 2014

The Board of Trustees

Dayton Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Dayton Independent School District was held Tuesday, December 16, 2014, beginning at 7:00 PM in the WILL O. MOORE, JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BOARD ROOM - 100 CHERRY CREEK ROAD, DAYTON, TEXAS.

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION - DHS FFA Officers- the FFA Officers gave out Christmas “goodie” bags and thanked the Board for all of their continued support.

PRESENTATION - DHS Choir- The Concert Choir, under the direction of Ms. Anne Smesny, sang two songs for the crowd. They did an amazing job and are so talented.

CELEBRATIONS included:

- SFA’s PTO Pancakes with Santa was a huge success.
- SFA teacher, Ms. Raquel Steed’s class was highlighted and one of her special needs student (gift of speaking and reading a book).
- SFA- Musical Frozen performances were highlighted. (Great job Ms. Wagenseller!)
- Richter’s Students with PRIDE were honored.
- Richter’s 2nd grade production of their Christmas Program OK Corral was pictured. (Wonderful job Ms. Harrison!)
- KMB’s staff enjoyed the “ugly Christmas sweater” day.
- Nottingham’s recycling efforts and program was highlighted.
- Nottingham’s Math Ornament contest was highlighted. This is the 15th year for the contest- thanks goes out to Ms. Smesny and the math department.
- Nottingham’s students attended The Nutcracker at the Julie Rogers Theater in Beaumont. The students were recognized for their amazing behavior and the staff expressed their appreciation of allowing the students to have the opportunity to experience such programs.
- WWJH’s has another DAR Essay contest winner. This year’s winner is Paeton Bargas.
- DHS Debate teams attended the Warren Debate Tournament. Congratulations to Ian Nichols (3rd Lincoln Douglass) and Vanessa Rangel/ Jamison Month (6th Cross Examination)
- Both the Girls and Boys Basketball teams are doing really well. Congratulations to both coaches and their teams.
- WWJH’s girls Basketball team celebrated their win over “the Hill”!
- Band All-Region Winners were highlighted: BAND –DHS Taryn Affeld, Martin Gonzalez, Veneriza Guiwa , Chris Tumlimson WWJH- Brucarius Zone and Anna Brothers
- The Choir All-Region Winners were highlighted: DHS- Justus Alvarez, Aaron Baker, John Barte, Meraris Candelaria, Alyssa Cast, Johnathan Hill, Essence Stevenson, Jonah Tyler, Victoria Weir, Asacia Wiley, Dakota Burris WWJH- Olivia Nieto, Matthew Stutz, Rosendo Rodriguez, Abigail Hernandez, Katlyn Pope
- FFA Fall Banquet was discussed.
- All the various toy and food drives were discussed. Dr. Johnson explained to the Board that we are trying to not only teach our students academics but also to give back and community service. The Dazzlers and Boys Football group was highlighted.
- Christmas Carolers (DISD students) have been spreading Christmas cheer all around the community and district.
- Pancake Breakfast for the Transportation Dept.

- Mr. Gene Tennison was introduced as the new Transportation Director which will be taking on new responsibilities due to the passing of the Bond. Ms. Melanie Owens will be working as the “day-to-day” operations while Mr. Tennison will work on administrative reports, demographic studies, enrollment projections etc. Welcome and Congratulations to both Mr. Tennison and Ms. Owens.
- Mystery Intruder project was highlighted. All campuses are doing so much better!

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (None)

Public Hearing on Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) - Peter Griffiths gave the TEA required report (formerly known as the AEIS) over the school district’s report card. Mr. Painter and Mr. Young also discussed some district and high school initiatives to continue to improve the Advanced Academic portion of the report along with the impact of the implementation of HB5 and the new graduation endorsements.

Public Hearing on Nottingham School Improvement Plan- Ms. Benicia Bendele gave the required report over the Improvement Plan and discussed with the Board various new programs and ways they are working to improve academics on the campus. Many of the Nottingham Staff were in attendance to support Ms. Bendele.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:

- Approved the Nottingham Middle School Improvement Plans as per required by the State.
- Approved of the Consent Agenda
 - Minutes
 - Disbursements
 - Budget Amendments
- Approved the Purchase over \$10,000 - iPad Air Devices- Ms. Suzanne Chachere discussed with the Board that we were invited to participate in Region 4’s bid to obtain a grant with the USDA’s Rural Utilities Service Telecommunications Program. Previously, KMB qualified and now all other schools have qualified and will require some matching funds for iPads and Otterbox cases.
- Approved a 2014-2017 Construction Fund Bank Account- Ms. Tami Pierce gave the Board information over the first sale of the Bonds which requires the district to create a new depository account.
- Approved the recommendation for the Dissolution of the Gulf Coast Education Consortium (GCEC) - Dr. Johnson discussed this was the first step that all of the districts are required to take according to the MOU for the dissolution of the GCEC.
- Approved the New Member to the School Health Education Advisory Council (SHAC)- Ms. Mary Ellen Conner presented Mrs. Kathy Wood Pierce, Mr. Trent Holloway and Rev. Ken Davis for approval.
- Approved the Schematic Design Presentation for the two new Dayton ISD elementary schools. Dr. Johnson and Mr. Ron Bailey presented and discussed the schematic design for the two new elementary schools.

ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION: *(Items for information may become action items.)

- Superintendent's Report
 - Bilingual Program Evaluation - Abigail Cumbie gave a detailed and TEA required report. She covered the growing numbers of ELL students over the past several years with this year’s number of ELL (877 district-wide). Ms. Cumbie also reported the TELPAS scores and discussed the Bilingual/ESL programs.
 - Report on Substitute Pay - Mary Conner presented a spreadsheet of other local areas schools and how they compare to DISD’s substitute pay. It was discussed that the last time this was

addressed and changed was in 2006.

3. DAEP/AAEP Update - Stacie Lott gave an informative report over the changes she and her staff have made to better service our students including having monthly guest speakers. Ms. Lott is also looking at the possibility of implementing a PBSI system next semester. On the AAEP side, she reported that we have graduated 10 students since the start of school. Ms. Lott also bragged on her staff and talked about the plans for next school year as the GCEC closes and DISD will open up an elementary DAEP.
4. Bond Update - Ron Bailey showed some drafts of schematic designs for the DHS and WWJH campuses that have been in design team discussions. He talked and bragged about the DISD staff members who he is working with and the excitement and great ideas that they are presenting. Mr. Bailey also discussed the January design team schedules/timelines.
5. Report on Dayton ISD School Board Training Hours for 2014-2015- Dr. Johnson reported that all Board members had met or exceeded their required amount of training hours.

B. Assistant Superintendent Pierce's Report

1. Financial/Budget Statements
2. Check Register from Activity Funds
3. Tax Collector's Report

. EXECUTIVE SESSION *(9:45 p.m. Items discussed may become action items in open session.)

- A. 551.074 - Personnel - Substitute Teacher List
- B. 551.074 - Personnel
- C. 551.072 - Property

Came out of Executive Session at 10:50 p.m.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

- A. Approved the Substitute Teacher List
- B. Approved Personnel as Recommended Hiring (Kathy Chadwick- 1st grade, Jamie Douglass Noel- 3rd grade and Cameron Flanery-DHS Ag) and Resignation (Barney Payne- retired from Richter).
- C. Consider Property - Resale of Foreclosed Property (Approved PIDN: 52468 and rejected PIDN: 120036, 101131, 120013, 101132)

OFFICIAL ADJOURNMENT (10:55 p.m.)