

## Board Briefs- August 15, 2017

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Prayer

#### I. Roll Call

#### Executive Session – \*(Items for information may become action items.) (6:04 p.m.)

551.082 – Level III Appeal – Student / Parent Complaint

**(Came out of Executive Session 7:27 p.m.)**

#### II. Action Items

- A. Upheld the Level I and Level II the ruling on the Student / Parent Complaint.

#### III. Celebrations:

- Camp Colbert wrapped up July 31<sup>st</sup> at Pirate’s Bay Waterpark. The kids (and staff) really enjoyed this summer’s camp. Colbert started Campus Wide book study over the book, *The Energy Bus*. Way to go Colbert staff!
- Teachers and staff have been hard at work preparing for students to come back and building our teams at all campuses! It was a wonderful start to the new school year.
- KMB is thrilled to be able to feature items that Jo Riley, granddaughter of Kimmie M. Brown, used in the display case. Items including paintings, newspaper clippings, a photograph and several books that Mrs. Brown used in her classroom. Thank you Mrs. Ott for working with Mrs. Riley. KMB proudly hosted the teachers from KMB, Richter and SFA with the Lead4ward training. In this training they learned how to approach planning in a different way to ensure students are engaged in rigorous learning. KMB staff members learned about campus policies and procedures, toured the building, and set up their copier access during a team building scavenger hunt on their 1<sup>st</sup> day back. Who says going over handbooks is boring? Great job KMB!
- SFA office staff worked diligently to register, process, enter and place approximately 140 new students. All completed with smiles on their faces. Thirteen new teachers joined the returning SFA staff for team building and lunch catered by Los Compadres. Looking forward to a great year with great staff. Thank you to Mrs. Linda Harris for setting up the SFA display. It looks great.
- Richer began its new school year listening to baseball songs, eating baseball food and feeling an atmosphere of teamwork.
- Richter has a theme of “Teamwork makes the Dream Work” and that teamwork was evident. Everyone enjoyed their new jerseys that they wore to convocation. Richter is tackling literacy head on this year. Their slogan is Richter Reads. Teachers learned how to do a 6 word book talk so that they can teach students this skill. This will help the students identify the main idea, summary and theme. Also, the ERR staff members have signs outside their classrooms showing what they are reading.
- WWJH Staff are developing a shared vision and focusing on professional growth. WWJH Campus administrators presented several sessions for the staff including, Instructional Delivery, Model writing TEKS Based Learning Objectives, RTI, and Classroom Management.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation at PAC was a huge success. Mr. Hadnot did a great job with Mr. McCracken assisting.
- Lady volleyball got off to a great start as they beat Liberty last weekend.
- Dr. Johnson welcomed back DISD faculty and staff at convocation. The focus was on Customer Service, Consistency, Change, Connections and Commitment. Mrs. Damek spoke about courage/crucial conversations appropriate for children. Flyte Three (McNair Family) from Nashville Tennessee entertained with songs.
- DISD Health Fair this past Friday showed us what our community has to offer with local businesses attending. Thank you to Nurse Stratman and all of the nursing ladies! Wonderful job.
- Team Building in the Special Ed. Department with a Spaghetti Tower Challenge was a huge success. Great job SpEd!
- Some of our teachers attended the Title III Symposium, Suzanne Hicks, Kelly Hicks, Laura Vazquez, Paola Pineda and Abigail Cumbie. Paola and Suzanne presented at the symposium. Way to go ladies.

- IV. **Adopt a Resolution Levying an Ad Valorem Tax for 2017-** Mrs. Pierce recommended to the Board a **3.17 cent decrease** on the I&S side which will bring the citizen’s total tax rate from \$1.42 per \$100 to \$1.39 per \$100. She also reminded the Board that the district had lowered last year’s tax rate by a little over a penny. The Board was very pleased with this news and thanked Mrs. Pierce and her staff.

**V. Communications from the Public-** There were not any communications from the public.

**VI. Items for Board Action:**

- A. The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.
- B. The Board unanimously approved purchased over \$10,000 for SchoolStatus Program. The new Federal ESSA regulations and T-TESS have placed a larger emphasis on parental engagement. This software allows a layer of documentation to ensure professional communication is a priority. SchoolStatus works in conjunction with existing programs such as Eduphoria, Skyward, Ellevation, and eSpEd. Through nightly updates, students' information will be easily accessed in a 'one-stop-shop' place that will be user friendly format to allow educators to have a student's information efficiently. This software will allow reports to be easily created such as how many parent contacts were made, how long the conversation was, and even has the capability of having transcripts of the phone conversations.
- C. The Board unanimously approved an agreement between Dayton Athletics and Methodist Hospital. The Methodist Hospital will partner with DISD to provide services, equipment, medical staff for game coverage and surgical and rehabilitation facilities for all for the DISD athletes.
- D. The Board unanimously approved contracted services with Sunbelt Staffing for a licensed specialist in School Psychology for psychological services and special education evaluations.
- E. The Board unanimously approved contracted services with Therapy.com for a licensed specialist in School Psychology for counseling services.
- F. The Board unanimously approved a proposal for Unemployment Compensation Insurance provided by TASB Risk Management Fund Unemployment Compensation Program for the 2017-2018 school year at the contribution of \$25,249. This is a slight decrease from last year (\$1,329)
- G. The Board unanimously approved Texas Mutual Insurance Company for Workers Compensation Insurance for the October 1, 2017 policy term at a premium of \$372,829. Again, this is a slight decrease from the previous year (\$3,503)
- H. The Board unanimously approved a resolution stating review of investment policy and investment strategies and designation of investment officers for the Dayton ISD. Again, the Board named Associate Superintendent of Business Services Tami Pierce and Director of Business Services, Melissa Van Deventer as the investment officers for the district.
- I. The Board unanimously approved a resolution approving independent sources of investment officer training.
- J. The Board unanimously approved local distributor, John J. Hebert, to supply diesel fuel, unleaded fuel, motor oil, transmission fluid, and antifreeze to Dayton ISD for the 2017-2018 school year and approve Thomas Bus Gulf Coast, to supply DEF Diesel Emission Fluid to Dayton ISD for the 2017-2018 school year.
- K. The Board unanimously approved the Student Code of Conduct for the 2017-2018 school year. Changes were due to new laws, mandates, and recommendations from TASB.
- L. The Board unanimously approved the expenditure of approximately \$17,100 for Writing Training and labs provided by Your Education Solutions. This will support the district's efforts to increase student writing performance through on-going training and 14 elementary writing labs and 2 WWJH writing labs.
- M. The Board unanimously approved an agreement with Neighbors Health.
- N. The Board unanimously approved purchased over \$10,000 for Stephen F. Austin and Richter elementary classrooms. This will give these classrooms bulletin board strips to accommodate anchor charts and word walls.

**V. Items for Board Information :\*( Items for information may become action items.)**

1. Superintendents' Report
  - Update Employee Handbook for 2017-2018 school year – Mary Ellen Conner went over the updated portions of the TASB model Employee Handbook. Most of the updated changes are to clean up the TASB errors and changing of some updated wording.
2. Associate Superintendent Pierce's Report
  - What are Title Funds? Tami Pierce and Michael Dyer presented to the Board a brief presentation of the different Title funds, the amounts, the timelines, the allowables, and other factors that are associated with the Federal Title money.
  - Quarterly Investment Report
  - Financial/Budget Statement

- Check Register from Activity Funds
- Tax Collector's Report

3. Assistant Superintendent Painter's Report

- Advanced Academics – Allen Painter and Shanna McCracken reported over the district's advanced academics both at the elementary and secondary levels. They covered G/T training, the cost of the programs, how they students are being served, and reported on the 5 AP students who just received AP Scholar Awards.

4. Assistant Superintendent Herrera's Report

- Construction Update – Mr. Herrera gave his monthly update including pictures of the new Support Service Center.

**VI. Executive Session: \*(Items for information may become action items.) (9:12 p.m.)**

551.074 - Personnel

551.074 – Personnel – Substitute List

**(Came out of Executive Session 9:47 p.m.)**

**VII. Items for Board Action:**

- A. The Board unanimously approved personnel resignations and recommendations.
- B. The Board unanimously approved the substitute teachers list.

**VIII. Official Adjournment (9:50 p.m.)**