

## **Summary of November 14, 2011 School Board Meeting**

The school board met Monday evening to address the following agenda items.

### **Special Recognitions**

Brett Barber, FFA instructor, was in attendance with several of his students. They recently competed at the District Leadership Contests in Borger, with the Senior Chapter Conducting Team earning 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Gifted and Talented Program teachers Nicole Clark and Misty Stroebel, along with PEGS representative Danielle Turner, were also in attendance and showcased a new project they have implemented with the help of a DEF grant. Activity boxes of educational puzzles and games were purchased for students to access when they complete their regular classroom assignments.

Other items of special recognition in the school district were noted by the board.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Brent Clark and approved by a 6-0 board vote to accept the consent agenda as presented and to amend the budget as necessary in order to spend the funds as requested. (Kevin Weatherford was unable to attend the meeting.)

A. Minutes of the October 24, 2011 Regular Meeting

B. Gifts

- \$2,900 from the Demonette Softball Booster Club for uniforms and a batting cage for the program.

#### **2010-2011 Audit Report**

Coy Barton, who heads the audit team from Keeney, Hembree and Company, presented the district's 2010-2011 financial audit to the board.

A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Joe Ballard and carried with a 6-0 board vote to approve the 2010-2011 audit report.

#### **Cast Ballot for MCAD Board of Directors**

A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Johnny Schmucker and carried with a 6-0 board vote to adopt the resolution casting 626 votes each for Chris Johnson, Scott Peeples, Deana Houlette, Leighton Stovall and Mike Burnett as directors for the Moore County Appraisal District.

#### **Resolution to Allow the 4-H 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 Joe Ballard, seconded by Kirk Pope and carried with a 6-0 board vote to approve adjunct faculty staff member status for Marcel Fischbacher, Carolyn Sue Owens and Jennifer Johnson.

### **Resolution to Continue Taxing Goods-in-Transit**

The state legislature changed the law regarding what is classified as goods-in-transit that can be exempted from property tax by a taxing unit.

A motion was made by Johnny Schmucker, seconded by Patty Willis and carried 6-0 by the board to approve a resolution continuing to tax goods-in-transit.

### **Policy DEC(Local) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

After presentation for 1<sup>st</sup> reading on October 24, this item was returned for action. A motion was made by Kirk Pope, seconded by Brent Clark, and carried 6-0 to approve the revisions to Policy DEC(Local) as presented.

### **Payment for Employees with Incentive Leave**

If the Board decides to discontinue the Incentive Leave program as recommended by administration, it will create a need to decide what to do about the incentive leave balances accumulated by employees under the program.

A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Johnny Schmucker and carried 6-0 by the board to approve the payout of incentive leave as presented.

### **Personnel**

The following personnel items were presented to the board for approval.

- A. Appointments:       None
- B. Resignations:       None
- C. Retirements:       None

No action was necessary by the board.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **Abydos Report**

Abydos Learning, formerly known as the New Jersey Writing Project in Texas (NJWPT) has been implemented in the Dumas schools since 1996. Pam Fox and Dianne Phillips, trainers in Dumas for the past 15 years, were in attendance to report on their summer writing institute. This training is presented to all grades 3-12 ELA, reading and language arts teachers by the end of their second summer of employment with the District. Congratulations were expressed to Fox and Phillips, as they are currently completing requirements to receive their diamond-level recertification this spring. This is the highest level a trainer can achieve.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Policy DED (Local) Vacations and Holidays – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Discussion was held on Policy DED (Local), which can be accessed on the webpage. Information has been added to describe how vacation time for exempt personnel who work 12 months is accounted, used and recorded. There is also a clarification that unused vacation shall be forfeited without pay if the employee leaves the district, but the days can be used in determining the award under the retirement program.

This item will be returned at the next meeting for its second reading.

### **Policy GKD (Local) Nonschool use of Facilities – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

The board discussed rental fees for use of facilities by nonschool organizations. These fees are to cover the district's expenses for utilities, personnel, etc.

The board will address this item as a second reading at the next meeting.

### **Policy Update #91 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

TASB has produced Update #91, which covers a number of subjects and includes changes as a result of legislative action in the 82<sup>nd</sup> session and judicial decisions. The first reading was for discussion only and the policies will be on the next agenda for second reading and adoption.

### **PEIMS Disaggregation Report**

Comparison figures between 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 PEIMS Student Data was presented to the board for information.

### **Enrollment Report**

Current enrollment was 4,650 as opposed to 4,647 last week and 4,516 this time last year.

### **Check Register for October 2011**

The check register for October 2011 was presented.

### **Financial Report for September 2011**

A summary of the full financial report covering the period from July 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011 for all funds was presented.

### **Construction Update**

A construction update on current projects throughout the district was presented to the board.

The next meeting of the DISD School Board is scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.