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DO YOU KNOW THIS?

TALKING TO THE BOARD ONE ON ONE

Within a week of the Board election we met friendly board members and discussed the issues you had concerns about. As the school year goes on, we will continue to keep the Board informed.

July 29, 2013 Special Board Meeting

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. (after closed session).

The new principal at Perez is Laura Crouse; at Brown, Alfredo Gutierrez, Jr.; at Travis, Stanley Crouse. The new Assistant Principal at Morris is Stephanie Friedlein and at Mchi, Cynthia Olivares. The new Elementary Social Studies Coordinator is Myra Burns.

Other agenda items are as follows: The Board approved a National Institute for Excellence in

Teacher appraisal system for Travis Middle School. As a recipient of the Texas Title Priority Schools Grant (TIPS), campuses are required to create a locally developed appraisal system were required by TEA to take part in a PDAS Pilot Program.

Travis did not adopt a locally developed appraisal system thus the need to take part in the Pilot Program. Travis Middle School participated in this Pilot Program in 2012-13 school year. Thus, again this year Travis will participate in the NIET appraisal system.

The next agenda item concerned purchase of new police vehicles.

Two Ford Utility vehicles will be purchased from Caldwell Country Chevrolet, Caldwell, Texas at a cost of \$53,758. The TASB Buy-board fee is \$400 for each purchase. This was an information only as the funds had already been approved in the General Fund.

The next item regarded the MISD Student Code of Conduct for 2013-14 school year. It specifies the circumstances under which a student may be removed from a classroom, campus, or to a disciplinary alternative education



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program and outlines conditions in which a student may/shall be suspended, removed, or expelled. Changes for the 2013-2014 Student Code of Conduct are reflected as per TASB recommendations.

Next item was the discipline strategies. In order to comply with the requirements of Section 37.011 of the Texas Education Code, a memorandum of understanding must be signed on a yearly basis with the County of Hidalgo concerning the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program. The memorandum of understanding details the agreement with JJAEP for this 2013-14 school year. Funds are available from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 was \$6,478 for a total of 8 students being served at JJAEP. The anticipated expenditures for the term of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 is \$10,000, as per diem rate is \$86 per day. The Board approved the MOU.

In accordance with the Texas Education Agency recommendations the district has developed a long-term facility plan for managing capital projects. Administration sent the Request for Qualifications to 177 firms for the comprehensive facilities assessment. Five (5) firms responded. Administration recommended the Board approve the Request for Quali-

cations and authorized staff to negotiate an agreement with the highest ranked firm. The Board approved.

The Board also approved the expenses that the Superintendent is required to submit for travel in advance (when practical). The Superintendent is planning to attend the following call meetings for 2013-14 school year:

All 2013-14 travel associated with Edgewood ISD, et.al. v. Scott Commissioner of Education, et. Al. in District Court/ Travis County (Austin) Texas 250th Judicial District and all 2013-14 travel associated with Texas High Performance Schools Consortium. This is funded out of the Superintendent's Budget in the General Fund.

**Meet the Teacher
for all Elementary
Schools will be held on:
Thursday, August 22,
2013
From 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

**New Teacher Orientation
Date: August 5, 2013
8 a.m. sign—in 8-12—
assigned campus; 1 p.m. sign
in—1-4—assigned campus**

**New Teacher Orientation
for all new MISD teach-
ers (District)**

**Date: August 6-7, 2013
Sign in 7:30-8 a.m.—8
a.m. to 4 p.m. at De Leon
Middle School**

**Proactive and Positive
Approach to Classroom
Management (2 Days).
All new MISD Elementary
Teachers (0-3 years of
teaching experience)**

**Date: August 8-9, 2013
Sign in 7:30-8 a.m. 8-4
p.m. Staff Development
Center—Texas our Texas
—1009 N. 10th**

**New MISD Middle School
Teachers (0-3 Years
teaching experience)**

**Date: August 8-9, 2013
Sign in 7:30 a.m. 8-4 p.m.
Staff Development—
Bluebonnet Room (1009
N. 10th).**

**New MISD High School
Teachers (0-3 years of
teaching experience)**

**Date: August 8-9, 2013
Sign in 7:30 a.m. 8-4 p.m.
Staff Development—Lone
Star (1009 N. 10th).**