



Midlothian ISD Board Briefs

August 17, 2009
6:30 p.m.

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

There was a Public Meeting to discuss the Budget and Proposed Tax Rate.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION ITEMS

Approved Consent Agenda Items

- Designation of Acute Shortage Areas in English, Math, Science, Foreign Language (Spanish), Bilingual/ESL and Special Education
- PDAS Appraiser List and Calendar
- District Administrative Representatives for ARD Meetings
- Budget Amendment(s)
- Inter-local Cooperation Contract Between Ellis County and MISD
- Purchase Orders for Dell Marketing for \$55,812.82 and Document Cameras for \$33,164.00
- Appointment of Cindy Williams as the 2009 - 2010 Federal Relations Delegate for Midlothian ISD
- Joint Participation with City for Solar Powered School Zone Lights for an amount not to exceed \$33,000.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- **Adoption of Tax Rates**
The Board unanimously approved the adoption of an Maintenance & Operation (M&O) tax rate of \$1.04 and an Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate of \$0.3575 per \$100 of taxable value. This is a total tax rate of \$1.3975, which is a \$0.01 tax rate reduction from last year. The M&O provides the operational expenses and I&S pays for bond indebtedness.
- **Athletic Advertising Contracts and Renewals**
Advertising contracts for the Multi-Purpose Stadium were approved by the Board.
- **Policy Changes**
The Board discussed the Attendance Compulsory Attendance Policy and the Administration recommended to the Board to not make any changes to FEA (LOCAL) at this time but monitor the absences at the campuses for the 2009-2010 school year.
- **Student Recognition Dates**
The dates for Student Recognition were set as follows:
 - December 14th at 6:30 p.m. (Fall Activities)
 - May 10th at 6:30 p.m. (Spring Activities)
- **Dates for Joint Meetings**
 - City Council - The date for the Joint School Board and City Council meeting was set for October 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Meadows Library.
 - Student Council - The dates for a Joint Student Council and School Board Meeting will be determined at a later time.

- **Designation of Official Voting Delegate and Alternate to TASB Delegate Assembly**
Cindy Williams was designated as the official Midlothian ISD representative and Phil Seay was chosen as the alternate for the TASB Delegate.
- **Dallas Best Places to Work**
Midlothian ISD has been selected as one of the top 25 Best Places to Work for the *Dallas Business Journal*. The rankings will be announced on September 17th.
- **Salary Increases**
The Board discussed various options presented regarding the mandated legislative pay raises and raises for additional personnel.

The Board unanimously approved a state mandated \$958 increase for all teachers, nurses, librarians, counselors and speech therapists. This pay raise is in addition to the 2% raise of the midpoint that was approved by the school board for all employees for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. No action was taken by the Board to raise the pay of non-state mandated employee positions.

- **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.
- **Superintendent's Report and Announcements**
 - Texas Education Agency Appeal Report
The Board received a report regarding the appeal of the Academic Rating that was submitted to TEA on August 11, 2009. The results of the appeal will not be available until mid-October.
 - Construction Reports
Also, the Board received a report regarding the construction of the Ag Science Facility and other summer remodeling projects. Visit the MISD Construction page for pictures and updates.
- Next scheduled Regular Board Meeting will be September 21, 2009.