BOARD ACTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approved minutes:
   1. February 19, 2014 Intergovernmental Meeting Summary Notes
   2. April 16, 2014 Intergovernmental Meeting Summary Notes
   3. August 20, 2014 Intergovernmental Meeting Summary Notes
   4. October 9, 2014 Board of Trustees Training
   5. October 16, 2014 Workshop
   6. October 23, 2014 Business Meeting

B. Approved 2014-2015 budget amendments:

   #013 Fine Arts Department – reallocated $13,400 from staff development, instructional leadership and extracurricular non-payroll expenditures to instruction for band equipment.

   #014 Debt Service – Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds – Series 2014 – recorded the issuance of $9,737,680 in bonds with the refunding of $9,735,364 2014 series bonds within the Debt Service fund.

   Fiscal implications:

   Amendment #014 increase fund balance of the Debt Service Fund by $2,316.00. The remaining amendment has no effect on Fund Balance.

C. Approved bid award for iPad service agreement to iTurity.

D. Approved bid award for library media supplies and equipment, part two, including an additional 26 vendors to a list of vendors to supply library media supplies and equipment.

E. Approved, through ratification, the contract with Apple, Inc., for the Apple ConnectED program grants for J.H. Hines Elementary, Bell’s Hill Elementary, Kendrick Elementary, and Provident Heights Elementary

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A brief moment of silence was observed.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Indian Spring Middle students Tamra Lee Richie and Sebastian Barragan (both eighth-grade) led The Pledge of Allegiance. John Jenkins is the Principal.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Cross Country Success

Dr. Bonny Cain, Superintendent of Schools, recognized the boys and girls cross country teams from University High and Waco High for their accomplishments this season. Waco ISD earned gold medals in both the boys and girls divisions; three Waco ISD teams from both Waco High and University High advanced to the regional meet, and one runner qualified for the state meet for the first time in more than two decades.

University High Cross Country

Dr. Cain recognized the University High Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams for their success and
schools.

F. Designated miscellaneous technology, furniture and equipment as surplus property

G. Approved revisions to policy DCE (LOCAL), beyond Update 100, as recommended by the Texas Association of School Board (TASB) Policy Services.

H. Approved the following campus plans/waivers

1. Approved the class size waivers for submission to Texas Education Agency:
   - Crestview Elementary (3) for reason of financial hardship;
   - Hillcrest PDS (1) for reason of financial hardship;
   - Mountainview Elementary (3) for reason of financial hardship;
   - West Avenue Elementary (3) for reason of financial hardship.

2. Accepted the Improvement Plans for the “Improvement Required” campuses, as required by the Texas Education Agency for the following schools that did not meet the established targets for all four Index measures on the 2014 Accountability system:
   - Alta Vista Elementary
   - Brook Avenue Elementary
   - Cedar Ridge Elementary
   - Hillcrest PDS Elementary
   - J.H. Hines Elementary
   - Lake Air Montessori Magnet School Elementary
   - South Waco Elementary
   - G.W. Carver Middle School
   - Cesar Chavez Middle School
   - Indian Spring Middle School


I. Adopted the priority list of legislative and community issues that were presented on November 18, 2014, at a joint meeting of the governing bodies of McLennan County, Waco ISD, McLennan Community College and the City of Waco. The priority list will be presented to the Governor’s Office and many Texas Senators and House Representatives.

J. Approved the following program coordinator stipends for the 2014-2015 school year, with $18,200 funded by the “Suspend Kids to School” Grant and $2,000 funded by the General Local Fund:

   - “Suspend Kids to School” Grant Program
     - Safe School Ambassador Coordinator stipend - $1,150
     - Peer Mediation Coordinator stipend - $1,1150
     - Student Court Coordinator stipend - $2,000

introduced the regional qualifiers on the boys and girls teams.

Waco High Cross Country

Dr. Cain recognized the Waco High Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams for their success and introduced the regional qualifiers on the boys and girls teams. She also introduced the boys District 17-5A Champion, Regional qualifier, Top Ten finisher, and State qualifier.

University High Volleyball

Dr. Bonny Cain recognized the University High Volleyball team for winning the District 17-5A Championship, and also recognized Head Coach Jeffrey Cornell for being named District 17-5A Coach of the Year.

Partners of the Month

Waco ISD is fortunate to have more than 200 Adopt-A-School partners. These partnerships enhance the education of students by providing tutoring, resources and special activities that otherwise would not be possible.

   - H-E-B, Parkdale Elementary
   - Highland Baptist Church, Dean Highland Elementary
   - World Hunger Relief, JH Hines Elementary
   - Voice, Waco High

AUDIENCE FOR GUESTS

   - There were no audience members for guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bonny Cain, Superintendent of Schools, made the following announcements:

   - The annual Food for Families food drive con-
- Mock Trial
  • Increase the stipend amount from $2,530 to $3,000 per year
- Speech and Debate
  • Speech stipend - $2,530, with the following areas included:
    • Poetry Interpretation
    • Prose Interpretation
    • Extemporaneous Informative Speaking
    • Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking
  • Debate stipend - $2,530, with the following areas included:
    • Cross Examination Debate
    • Lincoln-Douglas Debate
    • Public Forum Debate

K. Approved the proposed termination of Rebecca Ruby Gonzales’ (teacher) probationary contract for cause.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Accepted gifts and grants to Waco ISD

Gifts:

1. Wal-Mart – Hewitt Drive donated school supplies to Dean Highland Elementary, a gift worth approximately $5,000.
2. Popeye’s Restaurant donated 750 kid’s meals as Certificates of Achievement for Kendrick Elementary Pre-K through fifth-grade students.
3. The total amount in gifts (cash, items, and service) in the District for October 2014 was $19,621.50.
4. The quarterly gifts for the third-quarter months of July, August, and September were $20,052.19.

Grants:

1. The District received $150,808 from the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division in support of the “Suspend Kids to School” program.
2. There was an increase of $150,808 in grant funding to Waco ISD.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Public report on progress in meeting Highly Qualified Teacher requirements

Elaine Botello, Executive Director of Human Resources, presented a report on the District’s progress in meeting Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) requires each

includes this weekend. Many students are helping KWTX with this food drive.

• The Ninth Annual Turkey Trot Fun Run and 5k will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014 in Cameron Park. Race sponsor Altrusa will donate part of the proceeds, which will go to the Waco ISD Homeless Outreach program.

• A meeting to get input on a proposed feeder pattern change for some Carver Middle School students to feed into University High School will be held at J. H. Hines Elementary on December 2, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

• The 2014-15 Outstanding Teacher reception will be held at the Richfield Performing Arts Center, Waco High School, on December 4th at 6:30 p.m.

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local education agency (LEA) to publicly report its progress and that of its campuses toward meeting the highly qualified (HQ) teacher requirements. A teacher meets NCLB HQ definition if the teacher has—Full State Certification (a license to teach in the state), and a Bachelor’s Degree (or higher), and has Demonstrated Competency in core subject areas (English, Reading or Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Foreign Languages, Civic and Government, Economics, Arts, History, and Geography). Ms. Botello’s report, the 2014 Fall Snapshot District Report, indicates that 100 percent of Waco ISD classes are taught by HQ teachers; 100 percent of Waco ISD classes are taught by HQ teachers at high poverty schools; 100 percent of the District’s teachers are HQ; and, 100 percent of the District’s teachers are receiving HQ professional development. Ms. Botello explained the significance of the District being 100 percent compliant with the Highly Qualified requirements.

B. Behavior Intervention Aide overview (High School)

Ed Love, principal of Waco High School, and Dr. Bill Shepard, principal of University High School, gave the Board a brief overview on how the behavior interventionists are used on their respective campuses. Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, all Waco ISD campuses were allocated behavioral intervention aides. Both high school principals indicated that referrals had decreased due to being proactive by intervening with attendance, academic, and discipline issues.

C. Rezoning of Carver Middle School with public input

Dr. Bonny Cain, Superintendent of Schools, presented information regarding the proposed rezoning of G.W. Carver Middle School. At the October Board Workshop, the Board indicated its desire to gather input from those interested in sharing their thoughts about the proposed rezoning. Information relating to that proposal was included in the written report. Dr. Cain stated that the public would have seven opportunities to voice their opinions regarding the proposed rezoning of Carver Middle School commencing with the Nov. 13, 2014, workshop through the Jan. 22, 2015, business meeting, with an additional public forum at J.H. Hines Elementary on Dec. 2, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.