

# MIDWAY

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board Notes December 19, 2012 Board Meetings (7 p.m. regular meeting & 5:30 p.m. special called meeting)

### Recognitions



**School of the Month:** Woodway Elementary Principal Aaron Peña introduced students leading a special performance of the pledge of allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner: 1st grader- Clayton Castle, 2nd grader- Abigail Blanton, 3rd grader- Gabriella Peña, and 4th grader- Cole Bowling

**Holiday Card Artists:** Midway has a tradition of inviting our students to submit designs for our holiday cards from the Board to the MISD staff. This year we had exceptional artwork to choose from, thanks to Midway Middle School's advanced art classes. Eighth graders in Ronda Reiman's class created linoleum

block style prints by hand carving designs into stamps. Kylie McKenzie created a gingerbread man that is colored by hand with colored pencil. Sam Efferson's design required two stamps—a foreground snowflake and the background. He had to align the registration of the two colors. Garrison Sheffield created a snowman stamped on to dyed paper in order to have a design that can be aligned horizontally for a scene of snowmen. Alex Rosas's Christmas tree was actually cut out, then placed on a black background to emphasize the depth of the cutout design. Don Deleon's hand carved the Midway "M" with a Santa hat on the back of the card. In addition to providing art for these district-wide cards, the middle school art department contributed to the new Midway Gallery in the Administration Building. We thank Midway Middle School, Dr. Cox, Mrs. Reiman and these talented student artists for sharing their artwork with our entire Midway staff this season.



**Midway Education Foundation Partner:** The Board of Trustees recognized Leah Jackson and family for their generous contributions and support to the Midway Education Foundation.

**Certified Fund Raising Executive Certification:** Suzi Pagel has been awarded the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) certification. The CFRE is the only professional certification available to fundraising professionals and is a standard that is recognized around the world. This signifies commitment to ethical fund raising and ongoing professional development. Congratulations to Mrs. Pagel for this admirable achievement.



### Presentation/Discussion Items

**Annual Financial Audit Report** - Pattillo Brown & Hill presented a clean letter of opinion in the annual MISD audit.

**Financial Report** - Karl Kacir, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, reported that property tax revenues continue to be slow. The year-to-date percent of levy collected is 5.2% compared to the prior year 9.0%. State aid revenues are down due to the adjustment for prior year overpayments. Cash flow has suffered due to the slow property tax collections and the state aid adjustment, but the District has more than adequate cash balances and is not adversely affected. Expenditures are consistent with the prior year. The administration has a goal of increasing the use of purchase orders. Purchase orders have the effect of recording known commitments and are beneficial in budget planning.

**Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) reports** – Dr. Brent Merritt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) reports for each campus and the district. [AEIS reports are available for viewing on the MISD and TEA websites.](#)

### **Consideration Items**

**Consent Agenda** was approved, including: Minutes of the November 18, 2012 Special Called Board Meeting; Minutes of the November 18, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting; Budget Amendment B-13-3; 2013-2014 Midway ISD School Calendar; Resolution authorizing Superintendent to notify Comptroller of District's authority to exercise power of eminent domain, as required by Government Code section 2206.101(b); Revisions to GKD(LOCAL) Community Relations – Nonschool Use of School Facilities; Policy Update 95, affecting (LOCAL) policies: AB(LOCAL) District Name; DFBB(LOCAL) Term Contracts – Nonrenewal; DFE(LOCAL) Termination of Employment – Resignation; DGBA(LOCAL) Personnel-Management Relations – Employee Complaints/Grievances; EIE(LOCAL) Academic Achievement – Retention and Promotion, FNG(LOCAL) Student Rights and Responsibilities – Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances; and GF(LOCAL) Public Complaints; Early Graduation Requests; Addition of New Student Clubs at Woodgate Intermediate School: Friends of Rachel Club, Fellowship of Christian Students Club, Girl STRONG Club, and Moonsung Writing Club; Addition of New Student Clubs at Midway High School: Optimist Club, Paintball Club, and Water Polo Club; and Statement of Impact Amendment for Cedars International Academy Charter School.

**Midway ISD Education Foundation Grant Awards** – The Midway Education Foundation awarded \$23,170 during the round 23 grant cycle. This funding will allow for seven more grant programs to be implemented at five campuses: Woodgate, Hewitt, MMS, MHS and Woodway.

**Board Member Continuing Education Training Requirements** – All MISD Board Members have met or exceeded the required number of continuing education training hours.

### **Consideration of Personnel**

#### Professional Hires:

Shawn P. Horan – teacher – High School

#### Professional Separations:

Pamela H. Bouche - teacher – High School - effective December 31, 2012

Elizabeth Walker – teacher – High School – effective December 21, 2012

Tina J. Robinson – teacher – River Valley Intermediate – December 21, 2012

#### Paraprofessional Hires:

Tiffany Jackson – Computer Lab Assistant – River Valley Intermediate

#### Paraprofessional Transfers:

Sondra Johnson- from Computer Lab Assistant at River Valley Intermediate to Behavior Specialist at Castleman Creek

### **Superintendent's Communication**

Dr. George Kazanas advised of an opportunity for School Board Advocacy at Baylor University. The Board reviewed the forms for evaluating the superintendent. The Board discussed rescheduling the January 15, 2013 board meeting date, but chose not to reschedule.

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## **Special Called Board Workshop – December 18, 2012**

The Board reviewed information presented at last month's planning workshop regarding future needs of the district. Superintendent Kazanas provided more accurate cost estimates for the various projects being considered. The Board was charged with scoring the possible projects, matching against district goals and priorities, and will meet in January to analyze the scores. The Board will also suggest names to serve as members for a community advisory committee.