Recognitions

School of the Month: South Bosque Elementary students in a cub scout troop presented the colors and led the pledge of allegiance.

Midway High School Camerata and Philharmonic Orchestras: Midway High School’s Camerata has been invited to perform at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago later this school year. The invitation is a prestigious opportunity extended to select musicians internationally. The Midway Camerata includes: Anthony Allman, Ancha, Niru Ancha, David Dao, Tiffany Doan, Wendy Hua, Nathan Jang, Maya Johnson, Ian McLean, Veronica Morgan, Linda Ren, Lyle Sherman, Joyce So, Natalie Belew, Hannah Burnett, Elizabeth Goodnight, Allison Overpeck, Erin Tang, Sarah Tang, William Bennett, Kristen Jones, Nic Key, Katie McNaughton, Brendan Carillo and Chase Wolf.


The Midway High School orchestras are under the direction of Dr. Beau Benson.

2012-2013 Misd Teachers of the Year: The Board of Trustees recognized and honored this year’s teachers of the year.
- Castleman Creek Elementary - Ruthanne Morris
- Hewitt Elementary - Arash Abnoussi (Elementary Teacher of the Year)
- South Bosque Elementary - Brenda Schaefer
- Speegleville Elementary - Peggy Kilgo
- Spring Valley Elementary - Thelma Collinsworth
- Woodway Elementary - Kappy Edwards
- River Valley Intermediate - Wendi Kimmel
- Woodgate Intermediate - Jennifer Stanley
- Midway Middle School - Dana McMahan
- Midway High School - Cindy Ledbetter and Wes Evans (Secondary Teacher of the Year)

Midway Education Foundation Partners: Brent and Kim Neuhaus were honored for their generous contributions and support of the Midway Education Foundation.

Financial Report

Mr. Karl Kacir, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, reported enrollment and average daily attendance is up over projections used for budget. The Finance Department is estimating an increase of 160 in refined average daily attendance, which increases projected state aid of $381,930 over the budgeted amount. Mr. Kacir also reported a significant increase in SHARS/MAC revenues.

District Enrollment Update
Dr. George Kazanas, Superintendent of Schools, presented current student enrollment numbers. Beginning of year enrollment for the district is 7,340 compared to last year’s end of the year enrollment of 7,094 reflecting a 3.4% growth. Campuses showing more than average increases in enrollment were Midway Middle School and South Bosque Elementary Schools.

Federal Program Update
Mrs. Tamara Roznos, Coordinator for Federal Programs, highlighted the following programs in which Midway ISD participates: Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Education Agencies; Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund; and Title III, Part A – English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement and Academic Achievement.

Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI) Annual Report
Mrs. Ginger Rowe, Coordinator for Elementary GT and ELA, presented the TPRI annual report. TPRI provides a comprehensive picture of a student’s reading development. TPRI is given to Midway ISD students in grades kindergarten through third grade three times a year.

Adequate Yearly Progress Report
Dr. Brent Merritt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, reviewed the preliminary results from the federal government concerning the district’s 2011-2012 Adequate Yearly Progress status. The results revealed that MISD did not meet AYP in the following three categories: African American Mathematics, Special Education Mathematics, and Special Education English Language Arts/Reading. Individually, seven of our campuses met AYP requirements and three campuses did not meet the requirements of AYP. Dr. Merritt advised MISD administrators have already met multiple times to identify specific areas of concerns and discuss strategies to improve the areas of weakness.

Dr. Merritt also highlighted the AYP strengths of Midway ISD:
• Overall 95% of MISD passed Reading/ELA
• Overall 91% of MISD passed Mathematics
• Overall 97% of MISD graduated High School in 4 years
• All Sub-pops met the AYP graduation requirement
• MISD participation rates were 98% - 100% for all sub-pops
• Hispanic scores increased in several areas
• Economically Disadvantaged scores increased in several areas

Revisions to TASB Local Policies

- EHBB(LOCAL) Special Programs – Gifted and Talented Students
  The proposed change to policy will allow MISD the flexibility to review the previous testing/qualification records, academic records, and observe classroom performance before making a final decision as to whether or not a student who enrolls, or transfers into the district, is accepted into our Gifted & Talented Program.

- EHDB(LOCAL) Alternative Methods for Earning Credit – Credit by Examination with Prior Instruction
  The proposed change of adding Grades 6 - 12 to this policy will bring MISD local policy in alignment with legal policy.

- EIC(LOCAL) Academic Achievement – Class Ranking: Addition of Project Lead the Way Courses to “Advanced” Designation in Regard to Grade Point Average and Class Rank
  The proposed policy change would allow the PLTW courses offered at Midway High School to be categorized as Advanced courses; therefore allowing them to receive weighted grades.

- FDB(LOCAL) Admissions – Intradistrict Transfers and Classroom Assignments
  Revisions include: 1) adding the word “designee” to allow the Office of Administrative Services to review these types of requests; and 2) remove August 1st deadline for applying for an intradistrict transfer.

Consideration Items
Consent Agenda was approved, including: Minutes of the August 21, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting; 2012-2013 Employee Handbook; Revisions to DNA(LOCAL) Performance Appraisal – Evaluation of Teachers.

Delegate and Alternate for the 2012 TASB Delegate Assembly
Ivan Green was elected as the TASB delegate and Pete Rusek as the alternate representative.

Consideration of Personnel
Professional Recommendations:
• Kathleen McDonald – teacher – Woodway Elementary
Paraprofessional Hires:
- Lance Harris – IBIS Assistant – Woodgate Intermediate
- Janis Haverkamp – PPCD Assistant – Woodway Elementary
- Missy Fisher – Content Mastery Assistant – River Valley

Separations:
- Deborah R. Eubank – ADC Assistant – High School

Superintendent’s Communication

- TASA/TASB Convention Details
  Superintendent George Kazanas reviewed details of the upcoming TASA/TASB Convention with the Board of Trustees.

- Schedule Special Called Board Meeting:
  A special called board meeting will be scheduled for the Board to meet with the district’s new financial advisor on October 16, 2012 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

- Team-Building Workshop
  The superintendent suggested a team-building workshop be scheduled on October 9, 2012.

For full board minutes, please visit BoardBook. Please note that minutes are not posted until they are approved by the board at the subsequent meeting.