

Agenda of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Mineral Wells ISD

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mineral Wells ISD will be held Wednesday, March 27, 2024, beginning at 12:00 PM in the District Services Complex | Board Room.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. **Call to Order/Establish Quorum**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Closed Session - Texas Government Code 551.074, Texas Government Code 551.076, Texas Government Code 551.082 and Texas Government Code 551.072**
 - A. Texas Government Code 551.074
4. **Open Session**
5. **Discuss, Consider, and Take Any Necessary Action Regarding a Resolution Authorizing Initiation of Proceedings for Sale of Real Property for the Following Described Real Property, Located and Situated in the City of Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas** **2**
6. **Discuss, Consider, and Take Any Necessary Action Regarding a Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent to Adjust the Campus Arrangements and Grade Alignments of Mineral Wells ISD in that Way that Best Positions Mineral Wells ISD to Fare as Well as Possible on the State's STAAR-Test-Based Accountability System and Avoids Disadvantaging the Community of Mineral Wells and Mineral Wells ISD on Said Accountability System as Compared to Schools with Other Types of Arrangements and Alignments** **7**
7. **Vote on Closed Session Items**
8. **Adjournment**



BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Agenda Item

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BOARD GOALS (check all that apply)

Academic Goals <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Competitiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Literacy (HB3) <input type="checkbox"/> Early Math (HB3) <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Career Certifications (HB3)	Operational Goals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promote Community/School Partnerships <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Responsibility <input type="checkbox"/> Safe and Secure Schools
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TITLE: Discuss, Consider, and Take Any Necessary Action Regarding Approval of Resolution Authorizing Initiation of Proceedings for Sale of Real Property for the Following Described Real Property, Located and Situated in the City of Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the Resolution Authorizing Initiation of Proceedings for Sale of Real Property commonly known as the Old Fannin High School, located at 602 West Hubbard, in Mineral Wells, Texas 76067, be approved as presented

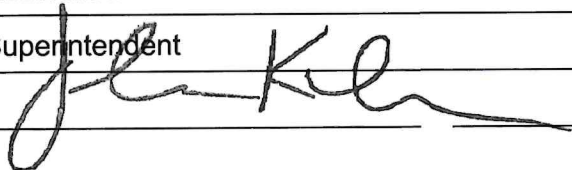
BOARD POLICY/STATE REGULATION/LAW REFERENCE (if applicable): Board Policy CDB(LOCAL)

OVERVIEW:
Legal Description Provided in Resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT: _____

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution _____

DEPARTMENT(S) SUBMITTING FORM: Superintendent _____

DEPARTMENT SIGNATURE/APPROVAL:  _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INITIATION OF
PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, THE Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Mineral Wells Independent School District (the “District”) is authorized by Texas Education Code §11.151 to govern and oversee the management of the public schools in the District; and

WHEREAS, under Texas Education Code §11.151(c), all rights and titles to the real property of the District are vested in the Board and their successors in office; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Education Code §11.151(c) and 11.154(a), the Board may dispose of property that is no longer necessary for the operation of the District and may, by resolution, authorize the sale of such property; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the property commonly known as the Old Fannin High School, located at 602 West Hubbard, in Mineral Wells, Texas 76067 (the “Property”), more specifically described in Exhibit A, is no longer needed for the educational purposes and operation of the District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MINERAL WELLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

RESOLVED, the Board finds that the Property is no longer needed for educational purposes and operation of the District, but is still an important symbol of the District’s history and community; and

RESOLVED, the Board authorizes and directs the Superintendent or designee to initiate the proceedings for a sale of the Property, pursuant to the notice and bid provisions of Local Government Code § 272.001, to advertise the property for sale and to enlist the services of a licensed appraiser, and a licensed real estate broker or salesperson, should the Superintendent or designee determine that such services will aid in obtaining the best price for the Property.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2024
by the Board of Trustees for the Mineral Wells Independent School District.

By: _____
Sunny Lee, Board President

Attest: _____
Donna Henderson, Board Secretary

EXHIBIT A
Legal Description of Property

Of a 0.861 acre tract of land out of Section No. 39, T. & P. **R.R.** Co. Survey, Block "A", E.O.B., Abstract No. 718, and including all of Lot 1 and part of Lot 2, Block 1, College Addition to the City of Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas; according to the plat recorded in Volume 2, Page 46 of the Plat Records of Palo Pinto County, Texas; and being part of a certain 1.333 acres tract described in Volume 2050, Page 177 of the Official Public Records of Palo Pinto County, Texas; and being further described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a found "X" on concrete at the northwest intersection of Northwest 5th Avenue and West Hubbard Street and at the southeast corner of said Lot 1 and said 1.333 acres tract for the southeast and beginning corner of this tract.

Thence N. 89 deg. 51 min. 42 sec. W. 199.99 feet to a found 3/8" iron rod in the north right of way line of said West Hubbard Street, at the southwest corner of Subdivision "A" of said Lot 2, Block 1 for the southwest corner of this and said 1.333 acres tract.

Thence N. 00 deg. 18 min. 51 sec. E. 187.54 feet to a found 1/2" iron rod with cap (PRICE SURVEYING) in the west line of said 1.333 acres tract and at the southwest corner of a certain 0.472 acre tract described in Volume 2053, Page 232 of said Official Public Records for the northwest corner of this tract.

Thence S. 89 deg. 40 min. 40 sec. E. 198.30 feet to a found "MAG" nail on the east edge of a rock wall, in the east line of said 1.333 acres tract and in the west line of said Northwest 5th Avenue at the southeast corner of said 0.472 acre tract for the northeast corner of this tract. Thence S. 00 deg. 12 min. 06 sec. W. 189.14 feet to the place of beginning.

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BOARD POLICY/STATE REGULATION/LAW REFERENCE (if applicable):

OVERVIEW:

See Resolution attached.

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RESOLUTION

MINERAL WELLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS the Texas Education Agency has established an academic accountability system that grades campuses and districts on an A-F grading scale, and

WHEREAS past and current accountability systems used to rank and label Texas public schools have utilized convoluted and unpredictable mechanisms that are not easily understood and lend themselves to sudden and unpredictable grading swings due to arbitrary alterations to weights and standards hidden deep within the black box of the system and shielded from the public by the sheer immensity and convoluted nature of the system, and

WHEREAS a poor A-F grade assigned to a campus or district has a deleterious impact on the desirability of an entire community, thereby negatively impacting the economic vitality and growth prospects of said community, and

WHEREAS the current academic accountability system is designed to create falling A-F grades for campuses and districts even when there are dramatic improvements of student performance on the state-designed standardized tests that purport to measure the effectiveness of teaching practices, and

WHEREAS Mineral Wells ISD is currently a party in a lawsuit filed against TEA Commissioner Mike Morath related in part to the unreliability and capriciousness of this accountability system as it is being implemented and arbitrarily adjusted, and

WHEREAS the accountability system will generate dramatically different public grades for campuses and districts depending on how those campuses and districts are aligned, and

WHEREAS by virtue of being Independent School Districts, local public school systems in Texas have the right to make decisions that are in the best interests of their students, taxpayers, employees, parents, and other stakeholders, and

WHEREAS this right includes the prerogative to organize grade levels and align campuses in the way that best serves local needs, and

WHEREAS any accountability system that ranks and sorts school systems based on scores attained by students on assessments is a de facto game generating winners and losers and governed by a complex set of rules, and

WHEREAS performing well on the state's highly consequential A-F game could provide numerous tangible benefits to the students, taxpayers, property owners, parents, and staff members of Mineral Wells ISD, including rising property values, rising school enrollment, the avoidance of a state takeover of the local school system based on poor A-F results, and increasing tax revenues, among other benefits,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Mineral Wells Independent School District authorizes district officials to investigate all possible grade level arrangements and alignments and to make any decisions and take any necessary actions regarding changing such alignments that will be reasonably anticipated to prove advantageous to the district and campuses of Mineral Wells ISD attaining the very best A-F accountability rating possible, to the shared benefit of the community, the ISD, students, and all local stakeholders.

MINERAL WELLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Name: Sunny Lee
Title: President, Board of Trustees
Date: _____

By: _____
Name: Donna Henderson
Title: Secretary, Board of Trustees
Date: _____



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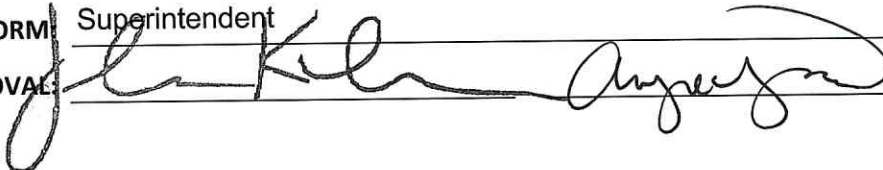
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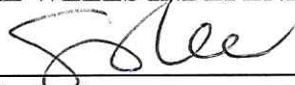
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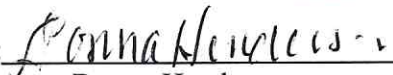
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