

- 1. DRIVER EDUCATION: IS A CRITICAL NEED IN BRACKETTVILLE. OUR YOUNG STUDENTS ARE LEARNING TO DRIVE, IN MY OPINION, IN A WAY THAT IS DIFFICULT FOR BOTH STUDENTS AND PARENTS. CURRENTLY: PARENTS TEACH THEM TO DRIVE. I PREFER THAT STUDENTS TAKE THE COURSE ON LINE, AND THEN HAVE A CERTIFIED DRIVER TRAINER INSTRUCTOR TRAIN THEM TO DRIVE IN A CAR DESIGNED FOR TEACHING DRIVER EDUCATION.**

**I HAVE FOUND A COURSE:**

**Keith Russell Regional Director for Driver Education.com has been involved with driver education for 28 years. Web site driversed.com is the only nationally approved driver education program. All coursework is done on line. THEN, Driving is taught by a certified teacher in a car identified as being for DRIVER ED.**

**COST \$370 LESS 15% FOR DISTRICT OR \$355.15. MUST BE 14 TO TAKE THE ON LINE COURSE. MUST BE 15 FOR DRIVER INSTRUCTION.**

**I RECOMMEND: OFFERING THIS COURSE TO 40 STUDENTS AT BHS THIS YEAR. Students would pay \$150 or \$100 (OUR CHOICE) ...district picks up the rest of the cost. Sign up in principal's office on First come first served basis...start with older students 18 years old....then to 17 ...then to 16 etc. until we reach our quota of 40.**

**We pay \$205; student pays \$150 cost to district \$8200**

**We pay \$255; student pays \$100 cost to district \$9400**

**We pay \$355 student pays 0 cost to district \$14,200**

**CONTRACT REQUIRED; IF STUDENT DROPS OUT BEFORE COMPETITION, THE STUDENT /PARENT MUST REFUND DISTRICT'S MONEY.**

**I RECOMMEND THIS PROGRAM TO THE SCHOOL BOARD, AND WOULD LIKE TO KICK OFF THIS PROGRAM NOVEMBER 1. MANY OF THE SMALLER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE GETTING ON BOARD WITH THIS PROGRAM.**

- 2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: UIL RECLASSIFICATION & REALIGNMENT INFORMATION: ENROLLMENT FIGURES FOR BRACKETT HIGH SCHOOL ARE TO BE SUBMITTED AS OF OCTOBER 25. UIL HAS SET A RELEASE DATE FOR 2014-16 RECLASSIFICATION AND REALIGNMENT FOR FEB. 3, 2014.**

**For the next two years, Class A will be six man football; Class AA (former Class A, etc.). Class AAA (former Class AA); Class AAAA (former Class AAA); Class AAAAA (Former Class AAAA); Class AAAAAA (former Class AAAAA)**

**SO, WE WILL DEFINITELY BE IN AA OR AAA NEXT YEAR; ONLY HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS CONSIDERED IN THIS REALIGNMENT.**

### **3. ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM NEEDS: BUILDING PROJECT**

**All secondary classrooms are completely full. We have no more classrooms in the high school, annex or junior high. I will be submitting a plan to you that outlines a building to provide additional classrooms, and a plan for paying for the building. It looks as if the new classrooms will be for high school. If we build 6 classrooms; possibly move 4 teachers from the ANNEX to the new high school. At the present time, Annex classrooms:**

- 1. Liz Frerich English**
- 2. Coach Richardson Art**
- 3. Justin Morris History**
- 4. Conoly Theatre Arts**
- 5. M. Hibbits Science**
- 6. M. Rose Computer Science**
- 7. J. Abbey Learning Center**

**There is a HS lab and the science lab used for junior high.**

**I suspect that the two science labs would continue to be used in the Annex along with the Theatre Arts Classes and the Learning Center .....moving 4 teachers to the new addition; and having 2 classrooms in the new addition for growth.**

**That would make available 4 classrooms (Frerich, Richardson, Morris, Rose classrooms) for junior high or high school growth.**

**THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF CLASSROOMS TO BE BUILT HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED; SUBJECT TO NEEDS, BUDGET, AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW.**

**THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM ONLY....TO LET THE BOARD KNOW THAT I AM STUDYING THIS ISSUE, HAVE ASKED THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL FOR INPUT, AND WILL CONVENE A BUILDING COMMITTEE AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED TO MAKE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD.**

**4. SAFETY DRILLS: WE CALL THEM CODE RED:** same as a lockdown  
all campuses had a simulated CODE RED: Doors are locked, all staff away from windows into safe area. We will have a tornado drill soon. Also, district will have a second session with safety leader from DPS.

**Safety:** Administrative, Maintenance and Transportation Staff listened to a presentation from Mayra DE Hoyas, Region 20. We will begin to implement the concepts soon.

**5. SUPERINTENDENT'S EXPECTATIONS OF CAMPUS PRINCIPALS;** This year, I expect principals to spend more time out of the office in classrooms. They indicated that this was being done. This is the basis of School administration.....student learning. Observing it, fulfills the reason that the "principals" position was created years ago.

**I have asked for a report on the following:**

- a. performance level of new staff.**
- b. Teachers who will move from probationary to term contract for next school year.**
- c. Expected Retirees or staff who will move from the district at the end of the year.**

**Our principals look at reports to parents on student achievement every 3 weeks. The school counselor and principal are expected to review the reports, and to follow up with students, teachers and parents when necessary.**

**THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEETS EACH WEEK SO THAT WE ALL STAY ON THE SAME PAGE IN ADMINISTERING CAMPUSES.**

**6. A TECHNOLOGY SURVEY: PROMULGATED BY REGION 20:** Collaborative survey of Region 20 school districts by Clarity3.Bright-Bytes. It's a questionnaire for parents, students, and teachers on the use of technology. Survey takes about 10 to 12 minutes, and data is uploaded to the BrightBytes Team for analysis. Data is done over a 2 week period....will be done approximately November 1. Results should help the district in planning professional development, enrichment of the curriculum and technology support.

**7. Student Behavior/Conduct;** I continue to be impressed with the way BISD students behave. This is the best that I have seen in my many years in public administration. Courteous, exemplary behavior. I can't say enough about this aspect of education at Brackett ISD.

**8. Koontz Memorial Scholarship Fund:**

**Established as a scholarship fund in memory of the Koontz Family. Application has been made through IRS for a 501C3 designation qualifying donations to the fund to be used for federal tax deductions. It's a slow process, but even slower now with the government shutdown.**

**A Board was appointed that includes:**

**Superintendent of Schools (Position)**

**High School Principal (Position)**

**Mrs. Christie Palmer**

**Business Manager (Position)**

**Mike Humble, Family representative, attorney**

**CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$103,769.33**

**FROM DONATIONS**

**The Board, working with the Koontz family, will determine number of scholarships, length of scholarship –1 to 4 years, amount of scholarship, and criteria for selection of scholarships. The Board also selects awardees.**