BRYAN ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Bryan ISD Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on July 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Boardroom of the Bryan ISD Administration Building, located at 801 South Ennis Street, Bryan, TX 77803.

Board members present:

- Dr. Julie Harlin (President)
- Felicia Benford (Vice President)
- David Stasny (Secretary)
- Mark McCall
- Ruthie Waller
- Leo Gonzalez, II
- Joel Bryan

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Board President Dr. Julie Harlin called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and extended a hearty welcome to all attendees.

Pledges of Allegiance

A pre-recording of student lead pledges from students attending Henderson Elementary's summer program was played for the American and Texas flags.

Spotlight

Auxiliary Employees of the Month

The agenda item was tabled. Mr. Clifton Benford, lead custodian at SFA Middle School, will be recognized at the August 19, 2024, meeting as the July Auxiliary Employee of the Month.

Essential Eight Community Award - La Voz

Director of Community Affairs, Dr. Hugo Ibarra, presented an Essential Eight Community Award to La Voz. La Voz Aggieland has existed for over 29 years and has been instrumental in getting the word out to Spanish-speaking families. La Voz has been pivotal in sharing all the beautiful things with the Spanish community. Bryan ISD is grateful for the continued support and collaboration with La Voz.

Superintendent Update - Student and Staff Celebrations and the Bryan ISD Website's Back to School Hub

Superintendent Ginger Carrabine stated that summer programs were going well. The 26th Annual Hispanic Gala was a huge success. The organizers awarded over $175,000.00 in scholarships to graduating seniors. At this year's event, Becky Ryberg, Principal of Sam Rayburn, was named the Educator of the Year. The Back to School Hub has been launched and will provide all-inclusive access for grades PreK-12. The district will again offer complimentary breakfast and lunch for all students in grades pre-k through 12 for the 2024-25 school year.

Standing Committee Meetings

Teaching and Learning Committee - Academic Planning for 2024-2025

Trustee Joel Bryan reported that the committee met on July 11. The committee received a high-level overview of the STAAR redesign and the accountability system that began in the 2022-2023 school year. The administration will bring the district and campus improvement plans to an upcoming meeting for Board consideration. The staff is currently reviewing student performance results and developing plans of action to support students.

City School Committee Update - City of Bryan Status Report on Community Attractions Related to Midtown Park and Bryan ISD Status of Community Affairs Efforts

Trustee David Stasny stated that the committee met with City officials. The city provided an update on various projects at Midtown Park, Legends Event Center, and Schulman's movie theater. The district provided an overview of its budget and marketing campaign. As the district plans to open school for the 24-25 school year, the administration will also showcase its marketing campaign with all the opportunities that the district has to offer.

Information Items

Assessment Redesign & Accountability Refresh

Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Barbara Ybarra provided a historical review of the State Assessments and Accountability Systems. Additionally, information regarding the STAAR redesign and Accountability system refresh was provided. The administration anticipates the official rating for public schools under the new accountability system to be released in August 2024.

Citizens' Comments

Fabi Payton - Thank you to the district that grew her courage.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OR ACTION / CONSENT AGENDA

A **motion** was made by Felicia Benford and seconded by Mark McCall to approve the items listed on the consent agenda. *The motion passed unanimously.*

- Meeting Minutes June 3, 2024
- Meeting Minutes June 17, 2024
- Purchasing Report for June 2024
- Purchase Over $50,00 for Special Education Contract Services
- Resolution Setting the Payment Parameters for the Closing of the District on July 8, 2024, Due to Inclement Weather

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OR ACTION / REGULAR AGENDA

Business Services

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SCHOOL UNIT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRYAN ISD AND THE CITY OF BRYAN PERTAINING TO THE PROVISIONS OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Assistant Director of Safety & Security Rich Himmel reported on Bryan ISD's successful contracts with the Bryan Police Department for School Resource Officers. These contracts have led to a safe and secure learning environment, with 1 Sargent and 10 SROs supporting the elementary, intermediate, and secondary campuses. The estimated annual cost for Bryan ISD for the 2024-2025 school year had risen by less than 1% from the previous school year. The administration strongly recommends approval of the proposed interlocal agreement for the 2024-2025 school year with the City of Bryan.

A **motion** was made by Joel Bryan and seconded by Felicia Benford to approve the resolution authorizing the District to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Bryan regarding the provision of School Resource Officers. *The motion passed unanimously.*

School Leadership

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Executive Director of School Leadership Dr. Brian Merrell presented the Student Code of Conduct for the 2024-25 school year. The document outlined the standard for student conduct and general conduct infractions as recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).

A **motion** was made by Leo Gonzalez, II, and seconded by Ruthie Waller for the approval of the Student Code of Conduct for the 2024-2025 School Year as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Closed Session

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

President Dr. Julie Harlin called for a closed session on the subjects allowed at 7:02 p.m., as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapters 551.074, 551.0821, and 551.089.

DISCUSS ISSUES PERTAINING TO APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE - TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.074

The agenda item was discussed in a session closed to the public.

PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.0821, DELIBERATION CONCERNING A PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT WHEREIN PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION WILL NECESSARILY BE REVEALED

The agenda item was discussed in a session closed to the public.

DISCUSS ISSUES PERTAINING TO NETWORK SECURITY ASSESSMENTS AND INFORMATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE/SECURITY DEVICES - TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.089

The agenda item was discussed in a session closed to the public.

Reconvene in Open Session

The Board reconvened in an open session at 7:53 p.m. The Board took no action during the closed session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

President

Secretary