BRYAN ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
December 2, 2024

The Bryan ISD Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 12:00 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)
- Ruthie Waller
- Leo Gonzalez, II
- Joel Bryan
- David R. Stennis

CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC HEARING

Board President Dr. Julie Harlin called the public hearing to discuss the District's Annual FIRST Rating to order at 12:00 p.m. and extended a hearty welcome to all attendees.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL FIRST RATING

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Kevin Beesaw stated that each year gave a high-level overview of the budget that Texas School Districts must advertise and hold a public hearing to present their Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) rating. This rating system rates the district on various indicators, including financial competence, responsibility, and solvency, compared to acceptable ranges based on district size. Also included in the report is information on the Superintendent's contract and expenditures and expenditures related to the Board of Trustees, commonly referred to as FIRST—this method of assigning a uniform financial rating to public schools in Texas is based on 21 various documents. The School FIRST cycle begins with data from the 2022-2023 school year; the district has received the highest rating, A=Superior Achievement. since the inception of this rating system in 2021.

The District will continue to maximize the return on district funds, maintain a strong fund balance, and monitor the indicators for any changes. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) provides additional information regarding the criteria and requirements.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

There being no other business, the public hearing was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 12:18 p.m.

Information Items

Community Feedback Requested on Calendar Survey & Fall Survey

Director of Counseling Services Donna Willett emphasized the importance of community feedback in shaping the academic calendar for 2025-2026. The fall survey and the two calendar options released on November 19 were designed to gather community input. The Administration encourages families, students, and the community to complete the survey by December 10. The District's Educational Improvement Committee and the Calendar Committee will thoroughly review the feedback, ensuring that all perspectives are considered.

The calendar survey results and committee recommendation will be presented to the Board for consideration at the December 16 meeting. Once the calendar is approved, community agencies such as AlphaBest and the Boys and Girls Club will be notified to ensure adequate staffing numbers are available on the days the district is closed.

Citizens' Comment

No comment cards were presented.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OR ACTION / CONSENT AGENDA

A **motion** was made by Leo Gonzalez, II, and seconded by Ruthie Waller for the approval of the items listed on the consent agenda.

- Annual Purchasing Cooperative Report

The motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Board President Dr. Julie Harlin called for a closed session at 12:23 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551.074, 551.0821, 551.071, and 551.087 for the subjects allowed.

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

PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.087, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND FINANCIAL TERMS OF JETI TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

DELIBERATE SELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS - TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.074

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

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in an open session at 1:55 p.m. No action was taken in the closed session.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OFFICERS

A **motion** was made by Leo Gonzalez, II and seconded by Joel Bryan for the appointment of David Stasny as President, Felicia Benford as Vice President, and Joel Bryan as Secretary for the Bryan ISD Board of Trustees for 2024-2025, as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

President

Secretary