

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Brackett ISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brackett ISD was held November 12, 2007, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville.

Members Present: Mark Frerich, Henry Lutz, Tony Molinar, John Paul Schuster

Members Absent: Tony Ashley, Ronnie Hobbs, Sondra Meil

Administrators: Paula Renken, Frank Taylor, Alma Gutierrez

Guests: Susanna, Tommy and McKenzie Castillo, Brenda Perry, Karron Childress, Maxine Bonner, Lisa Conoly, Kay Sitgreaves, Marilyn Faulkner, Christy Price, Judy Burks, Chris Sweet, Martha, Luis and Selina Gerardo, Norma Sandoval, April Blake, Louisa Stone, Kandace LaMascus, Melanie Jones, Adam Sandoval, Aracelie Wiebush, Pam Melancon, Laurel Plunk, Candi Voyles, Allison Taylor, Dana Harris, Amanda Frerich, Leisha Ashley, Mirta Hernandez, Victor and Debbie Bonner, Kimberly Reed, John Graves

1. LEVEL III PARENT GRIEVANCE: LUIS GERARDO

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A level III parent grievance was conducted in an open session as requested in writing by Luis Gerardo, and in accordance board policy FNG (Local).

A motion was made by Henry Lutz as follows, "I move to grant in part and to deny in part the Level III grievance appeal concerning Luis Gerardo as follows: That any unexcused absences be removed and that Selina Gerardo be allowed to try out for cheerleader next year. All other parts of the grievance are denied." John Paul Schuster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m., with a quorum present. Following a moment of silence, John Paul Schuster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

No guests were present for open forum participation.

A short break was called for at 8:11 p.m., with the meeting reconvening at 8:14 p.m.

4. SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ

Kimberly Reed with the Uvalde National Bank thanked the district for participating in the Scholar of the Month program. September PK -4th Scholar of the Month is Benjamin Rodriguez. October 5th – 6th Scholar of the Month is McKenzie Castillo. Benjamin and McKenzie each received a T-shirt and a \$100 savings bond.

5. AWARD BIDS: CONCESSION STAND, PARKING

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ / JOHN GRAVES, JR.

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to allow the Superintendent and John Graves to negotiate with 90 West Paving and Pioneer Concepts, with the amount not to exceed \$465,000. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. LAPTOP PROGRAM UPDATE

Presenter: NOE MALDANADO

Mr. Maldonado gave the Board copies of the Parental Consent to Laptop Checkout and recommendation for laptop checkout forms that will be used by the high school teachers and students.

7. KINDERGARTEN REPORT

Presenter: APRIL BLAKE / LISA CONOLY / CHRISTY PRICE

The Kindergarten teachers gave an overview of the TPRI (Texas Primary Reading Inventory) results for the beginning of the year administration.

8. BHS/BJH CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN, 2007-2008

Presenter: FRANK TAYLOR

Mr. Taylor gave an overview of the Secondary Campus Improvement Plan for 2007-2008.

A motion was made by Tony Molinar to approve the BHS/BJH Campus Improvement Plan as presented. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

9. HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHER STATUS, 2006-07 & 2007-08

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Superintendent Paul Renken conducted a review of the Highly Qualified (HQ) Teachers Summary Report for school year 2006-2007. The report verified the district and each campus as %100 highly qualified.

10. MINUTES

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to approve minutes for the October 8, 2007, regular meeting as presented. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion passed with John Paul Schuster abstaining.

11. BUSINESS & FINANCE

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A. QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

B. RECAP OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A recap of revenue and expenditures for the month of October was reviewed by the board.

C. CHECK RUN

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

12. BALLOT: VOTE FOR KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATES

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Candidates nominated to serve on the Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors include incumbents Steve Crosby and Tim Ward. Two positions are open for the 2008-2010 term. Following discussion, the board agreed to split the district's 1,040 votes equally between the two incumbents.

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to divide the district's votes with 520 for Steve Crosby and 520 for Tim Ward. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

13. UPDATE 81, FIRST READING

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Paula Renken conducted a brief overview of Update 81 local policies. This was a first reading only. A second reading will follow at the December meeting.

14. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Enrollment, discipline reports, and current events.

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ / FRANK TAYLOR

Jones Elementary/Intermediate (Alma Gutierrez)

Enrollment: 320 Discipline: 10

Refer to written report.

Junior High/High School/Educational Academy (Frank Taylor)

Enrollment: 281 Discipline: 17

Refer to written report.

15. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Information & updates on projects and events.
Presenter: PAULA RENKEN
 - A. D.A.T.E.
Presenter: PAULA RENKEN
 - B. TEAM BUILDING MEETING
Presenter: PAULA RENKEN
 - C. SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION WORKSHOP
Presenter: PAULA RENKEN
Following discussion, all agreed to set November 19th for a Supt. evaluation workshop, after the scheduled team-building training.
 - D. SEX EDUCATION CURRICULUM
Presenter: PAULA RENKEN
Review of BIG DECISIONS Sexuality Curriculum provided by school Nurse Lisa Ostby.
 - E. SICK LEAVE POOL
Presenter: PAULA RENKEN
Review of proposed guideline changes to current employee sick leave pool to include "family" (spouse, parent and child) as defined by FMLA.

A closed session was called for at 9:47 p.m., pursuant to Gov't Code 551.074.

16. PERSONNEL
Pursuant to Gov't Code 551.074.
 - A. LETTER OF RETIREMENT: SECONDARY SCIENCE
TEACHER
Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The board reconvened into open session at 10:23 p.m., and took the following action:

A motion was made by Henry Lutz to accept a letter of retirement from Science Teacher Karen Crumley effective January 2008. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

17. OPEN FORUM
Presenter: HENRY LUTZ
No guests were present for open forum participation.
18. ADJOURN
With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Henry Lutz, Board President

Sondra Meil, Secretary

Date

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