BISD BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 18, 2024

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1. Meeting was called to order by President Sarah Buenger at 5:30pm with all in attendance.

2. Invocation was provided by Dr. Hancock, WE Principal

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. OPEN FORUM/COMMUNICATIONS
   There were no public comments made.

5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS
   A. Students from O'Bryant Primary presented a skit for the OBP campus spotlight.
   B. BJHS student Kaitlyn Bohack was recognized for her Best In Show Rodeo Artwork.
   C. Victor Quiroga with Specialized Public Finance presented an overview of the finance plan for the sale of the bonds passed in November of 2023 including history of interest rates, an overview of existing debt, the district's existing defeasance program to pay down existing debt resulting in interesting & principal savings of about $6.5 million, and explaining the district's credit ratings, and the timeline and options and process for bond sales including a fixed interest rate and negotiated sale. Next steps include locking in an interest rate on April 25, 2024.

6. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS
   A. GOAL 1: LEARNING report was presented by campus principals highlighting their instructional leadership focus following interim assessments and preparing to promote student success in the upcoming season of standardized testing. (See Board Agenda for individual campus reports.)
      - Dr. Hancock shared a focus on the two things we control: the work we put in front of students and the relationship we develop with them; Dr. Hancock also gave a shout-out to the team and leaders who have put impeccable and seamless procedures and systems in place for transportation;
      - Mr. Dristas shared key concepts teachers are diving into in each tested subject area and a team-approach to providing instructional support focused on identified concepts during the Flex period and gave a shout-out ot Ms. Barrera for joining high school ect's to facilitate data conversations; and sharing celebrations with Science Olympiad and Cory Richardson (power lifting) qualifying for state;
      - Ms. Nipp shared their "all hands on deck" and an "all kids are **our** kids" approach to preparing 3rd graders for their first STAAR tests and having everyone help with interventions to lower small group sizes with students leveled into groups based on their needs and hosting individual goal setting conversations with students; and noting concerns with student attendance;
      - Ms. Fishbeck noted that the OBI master schedule was designed to be able to have as much instructional support as possible all the time eliminating the "crunch feeling" during this season- interventions have happened all year with before and after school tutorials and small group interventions based on individual learners academic needs; and sharing the new approach taken for OBI's Open House in January to provide more specific information to parents regarding students' learning and academic goals and objectives; and giving a shout-out to the OBI staff for all that they do to pitch in to support students' success;
      - Ms. Jones shared the learning report on behalf of BJHS noting targeted tutorials within the school day for test prep during the Flex period in addition to after school tutorials for additional support and in-class re-teach for whole-group support and celebrating trends in data headed in the right direction.

B. GOAL 2: LEADERSHIP

1. Financial report was presented by Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Dennis Jurek noting an overview of the finance report with collections on the revenue side currently down as a result of compression and the pending state revenue payment to make up the deficit and a potential gap in the state's "hold harmless" calculations and local efforts to recoup the lost funding from TEA with this also being the case on the I&S side potentially reducing this year's defeasance payment but revenues received for this year's payment; also noting expenditures trending as projected for this point in the year; Mr. Jurek noted efforts and success to increase participation rates with food service;

   Mr. Jurek noted efforts from multiple team members to help recover from Friday's tornado and noted that we have an insurance assessor scheduled to come out this week to assess all damage but also noting that the deductible per event is a minimum of $500,000 or a 1.1% of the claim and noting that we have $1.6M set aside to cover emergency situations like this. Mr. Jurek noted that all vehicles on site have some level of damage with windshields to all white fleet vehicles (suburbans/trucks) and additional damage to buses including HVAC rooftop units, mirrors, and stop arms.

   Mr. G. Lischka noted Kirby Cannon's donation of equipment and 12 men to help with clean up which was a huge help for BISD.

2. A Capital Improvement Update was presented by Dr. Michael Coopersmith, Chief Operations Officer noting renovation drawings for West End Elementary for window replacements within code compliance and mitigation of asbestos and lead paint issues which restricts some of the options for renovation designs; Dr. Coopersmith presented the exterior renderings of the new BJHS campus; Dr. Coopersmith also noted the process and sequence for presentation of GMPs (Guaranteed Maximum Price) proposals for each project noting an estimation of six separate GMPs for multiple phases of multiple projects including one GMP for the civil plans and foundational plans for the new junior high campus followed by the whole-building (FFE, etc) GMP separately. Dr. Coopersmith also noted a lower than expected bid for the OBP roof and admin building roof replacement with a potential for offsetting costs with insurance adjustments resulting from recent damage as well.

3. A report on the Vision, Strategic Action Plan, BISD Learning Center, and Long-Range Facilities Plans was presented at the Agenda Review Meeting by Dr. Nicole Poenitzsch, Superintendent, noting work with the BJHS and West End Design Committees and the Texas Strategic Leadership Steering committee working toward defining priorities for a renewed 5-year strategic action plan; and noting estimates being sought for some projects on the LRFP that may need to be addressed in a more immediate time frame;

4. A report on the learner's experience aligned to the BISD Portrait of a Learner traits was shared by Student Board Member, Jeylen Tesch (See reported included in the Board Agenda) noting highlights from FFA/Ag performance at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, the large turn-out for the BHS 2024-2025 cheer tryouts, her experience with PALS and seeing students' reading growth, and the collaboration and support from teachers when students are absent;

C. GOAL 3: CULTURE -Dr. Poenitzsch, Superintendent provided a report including current openings and the plan for marketing and recruitment for known openings for the 2024-2025 school year;

D. GOAL 4: COMMUNITY-Dr. Poenitzsch Superintendent provided a report noting current enrollment, engagement opportunities with our Bellville Community for the month of February.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were approved with a motion by Kenneth Stein, seconded by Heather Novicke (Vote 7-0);

A. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on February 12, 2024
B. Minutes from the Board Workshop- Team of 8 Training on March 4, 2024
B. Budget Amendments and Donations noting that if there is a reduction in the budget amendment for the OBP roof as a result of insurance adjustments for the recent hail damage that would be put back into the budget from which the budget is being amended.
C. Amendments to the Declaration of surplus property and Auction List

8. ACTION ITEMS

The following items were approved:

A. The financing plan for the issuance of unlimited tax school building bond series 2024 with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Regina Gillum (Vote 7-0);
B. Vendors for maintenance and equipment on HVAC services and construction job order contractors with a motion by Kenneth Stein, seconded by Grant Lischka (Vote 7-0);
C. Vendors for maintenance and equipment on food services equipment with a motion by Heather Novicke, seconded by Regina Gillum (Vote 7-0)
D. Action on Budget Amendment for the OBP Roof Replacement was included in the Consent Agenda (See Above);
E. Admin roof replacement in the amount of $117,000 through JACO Roofing with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Jared Lischka (Vote 7-0);
F. Chromebook replacement quote and related budget amendment with funds in the amount of $187,880.72 from the District's fund balance with a motion by Heather Novicke, seconded by Kenneth Stein (Vote 7-0);
G. Updated polling locations for the May 4th school board election with a motion by Regina Gillum, seconded by Heather Novicke (Vote 7-0);
H. Resolution to nominate Dr. Poenitzsch, for Superintendent of the Year with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Kenneth Stein (Vote 7-0)

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board remained in open session.

10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

A. The Board took action to approve teacher's contracts as recommended by the Superintendent for the 2024-2025 school year with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Regina Gilum, (Vote 7-0);

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS: BOARD REPORT

- Leave open to all applicants but articulate priority for students serving in their 11th grade year;

12. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:10pm with a motion by Grant Lischka, seconded by Heather Novike (Vote 7-0).

BOARD APPROVED: APRIL 25, 2024