

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Brackett ISD

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A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brackett ISD was held September 18, 2006, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Central Office, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville.

Board Members: Henry Lutz, Mark Frerich, Tony Ashley, Sara Terrazas, Sondra Meil, John Paul Schuster, Ronnie Hobbs

Administrators: Paula Renken, Alma Gutierrez, Frank Taylor

Guests: Marla Madrid, Bill Haenn, Alison Carroll, Samantha Davis, Michael Stephenson, Ashley Stephenson, David Esparza, Maxine Bonner, Pam Melancon, HoneyBee Gomez, Christy Gomez, Gus Garcia, Carmen Rocha, Mary Jane Garcia, Mary Campos, Emily Valenzuela, Betty Guajardo, Carlos Guajardo, Susan Esparza

1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m., with a quorum present.

Following a moment of silence, Paula Renken led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: F.I.R.S.T. STATE FINANCIAL  
ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ / MARLA MADRID

The Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas, is the system used for financial management of Texas school districts. Twenty-one indicators were used to rate districts for 2004-2005. BISD received a rating "Above Standard Achievement."

3. RECOGNIZE 2005-2006 STAFF RETIREES

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Nurse Francine Collins and Band Director James DCamp were recognized for their years of service. Both retired in June 2006.

4. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Michael Stephenson (Student): Concerns with controversy over the fight song Jalisco. It is the same song, but a different arrangement, which now includes harmony. Michael Stephenson stated a compromise has been worked out with the students and Mr. Goodson.

Paula Renken (Supt.): Referred the students to the Band Director, and then the Principal for further discussion if needed.

5. MINUTES

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to approve minutes for the August 7, 2006, special meeting as presented. Sara Terrazas seconded. The motion carried with Sondra Meil abstaining.

A motion was made by Sara Terrazas to approve minutes for the August 14, 2006, monthly meeting as presented. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried with Tony Ashley abstaining.

6. BUSINESS & FINANCE

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A. MONTHLY RECAP OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

Recap is for the month of August. The district remains in good shape. Money is being spent as expected.

B. CHECK RUN

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Two checks listed for student athletic insurance, AIG (\$831.00) covers catastrophic events, UICI (\$44,732.00) for basic insurance needs.

Materials for the concession stand are being stored at the shop (Mike Bizzell, Inc.) and in San Antonio until needed. Architect John Graves is working on receiving bids for a septic system.

7. ADOPT TAX RATE

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The district is proposing a tax rate of 1.19, derived from our compressed rate of 1.15 plus .04 to optimize our Tier II state money. According to the state, next year we will have to go with 1.00.

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to adopt a tax rate of 1.19 as presented. Tony Ashley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. VEHICLES: AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASE

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Dean Atkission helped with the recent auctioning of several district vehicles. Paula Renken would like his help in purchasing other vehicles for the district at auction. She will need a blanket approval giving her authorization to purchase on the spot, beyond the \$25,000 limit.

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster authorizing the Superintendent to purchase district vehicles as needed. Sara Terrazas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

9. SURPLUS PROPERTY

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ / PAULA RENKEN

District surplus items include a Dodge truck and used phone equipment, multi-line phones, router box, etc. to be sold as a bundle.

A motion was made by Sondra Meil authorizing the Superintendent to accept sealed bids for the sale of a Dodge truck and used phone equipment. Henry Lutz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

10. REVISED POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS & SEMINAR  
SUMMARY

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

First reading. Revised policies and summary were prepared by TASB consultant Rachel Burrow. Changes include clarification, with some policies moved to administrative guidelines; i.e. student meals and Wednesday night extracurricular activities. Discussed revised local policy CNB; consider adding “and vehicles.” Concerns were voiced on prohibiting non-school use of buses.

A motion was made by Henry Lutz to adopt revised local policies as presented, with the exception of CNB which is to be pulled, reviewed by TASB and revised for adoption in October. The motion includes waiving a second reading. John Paul Schuster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Enrollment, discipline reports, and current events.

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ / FRANK TAYLOR

Jones Elementary/Intermediate (Alma Gutierrez)

Enrollment EE-6<sup>th</sup>: 336 Discipline: 5 First 6 weeks ends next week. See written report.

BJH/BHS (Frank Taylor)

Enrollment 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>: 299 Discipline: 11 JH faculty working on Texas Educators Excellence grant which will be used as incentive pay for teachers. A complete report will be available at the next board meeting.

Special Education (Melanie Jones)

Spec. Ed. numbers are down: 83 Speech only: 20

12. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

The district is holding \$1,000 on the warehouse. Several issues need to be addressed, leaks, install pre-cast blocks (cinder blocks broken), and close a gap on new door. The “old” door has been looked at and working on a resolution.

Twenty-eight employees emailed that they are interested in dental insurance. In the past not enough employees signed up for this benefit. Gracie Mata is looking into TRS options.

October 9<sup>th</sup> is a school holiday. Board agreed to move the monthly meeting to Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

Paula Renken will look into the street lights in front of the gym. The area is dark at night.

13. PUBLIC FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Pam Melancon (ATPE Rep./Teacher): Teachers in the district are evaluated yearly. Would like the board to consider waiving it for teachers who have been here for many years. She is working with Mrs. Renken and looking into districts that are doing this. If possible, would like the board to act on this issue in October.

HoneyBee Gomez (Parent): Would like the original fight song reinstated. In agreement: Christy Gomez, Gus Garcia, Carmen Rocha, and Carlos Guajardo. Not speaking, but in support of: Mary Jane Garcia, Mary Campos, and Emily Valenzuela.

Paula Renken (Supt.): Asked that all work together and start by meeting with the Band Director, next the Principal. Principal Frank Taylor was asked to get the groups together and work on a resolution.

Frank Taylor (Principal): Stated he believes in supporting the Band Director if he is doing a job well. Mr. Taylor will facilitate a meeting with Mr. Goodson and parents after school.

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. A team-building and goal setting workshop will follow the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Henry Lutz, Board President

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Sara Terrazas, Secretary

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