

# 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 November 13, 2006, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Central Office, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville.

Board Members Present: Sondra Meil, Henry Lutz, Mark Frerich, Tony Ashley

Members Absent: Sara Terrazas, Ronnie Hobbs, John Paul Schuster

Administrators: Paula Renken, Frank Taylor

Guests: Marla Madrid, Susan Esparza

### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., with a quorum present. Following a moment of silence, Mark Frerich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

No guests were present for open forum participation.

### MINUTES

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to accept the minutes for October 10, 2006, regular meeting as presented. Tony Ashley seconded. The motion carried with Mark Frerich abstaining.

### 4. BUSINESS & FINANCE

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN / MARLA MADRID

#### A. QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

Total Interest Earned for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter/Year to Date: \$59,635.54

The investment interest earned as of the close of business on September 30, 2006, with Del Rio Bank & Trust - \$3,077.63, Lone Star - \$45,974.93, and TexPool \$10,582.98.

#### B. RECAP: REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

State money has started to come in, some money from last year & this year. Spending has slowed down, but we continue to have a regular flow of purchase orders. The Literacy School Library grant money had to be expended by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Other grant money will be brought down in December.

C. CHECK RUN

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Final payment has been made to Pioneer Concept, LP, (\$1,000.00) for the storage facility. Twenty-two laptops were bought from M&A Technology (\$31,985.00). All teachers that wanted a laptop, have one. Half of tech money has been encumbered, but money can be pulled from other places if needed. The district did not receive a bill from Reliant Energy (\$31,470.40) for two months. When read by the city, our water meter was exactly what we had tracked.

5. NOMINATIONS: KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD, 2006-2008

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Four positions up, three for the 2007-2009 term and one for the 2007-2008 (Mike Holley) term. Incumbents who consent to serve are Tim Ward, J.E. Meil, and Lynn McCarson. Steve Crosby's term is not up. City Manager Bonnie Mayes notified Mrs. Renken by phone that city council was considering Matt Bland. Names considered include Lloyd Lee Davis, Zack Davis, and Jimmy Ballew.

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to submit nominee Zack Davis to the KCAD Board. Tony Ashley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tony Ashely to nominate incumbents Tim Ward, J.E. Meil, and Lynn McCarson to the KCAD Board. Henry Lutz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PLANS, 2006-2007

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ / FRANK TAYLOR

Campus Improvement Plan, GR PreK-6<sup>th</sup> (Alma Gutierrez)

With Alma Guteirrez attending a workshop, Paula Renken conducted the review. The plan is basically the same as last year and supports the campus goals, with the main emphasis 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade Math TAKS. Third grade is solid. Benchmarks will help meet the higher performance goals set for 4-6<sup>th</sup>.

Campus Improvement Plan, GR 7-12<sup>th</sup> (Frank Taylor)

Goals and strategies worked well for secondary planning last year. Audio recorded books will be used again, as students are showing marked improvements in English Language Arts. Benchmark exams and use of the *Study Island* for grades 7-8<sup>th</sup> are getting students ready to pass TAKS, along with individual student plans. Career Tech is looking at

offering Criminal Justice. Teachers are requesting information on special education students earlier. Facility improvements include a concession stand and ticket booth for the football field, expanding the present concrete area in front of the new high school and adding picnic tables, and built in storage for classrooms. The plan will address safety with the installation of security cameras/monitors, starting with a few and gradually adding to.

Teachers were given an accountability tool which lists federal, state, and PBMAS requirements, test options, etc.

A motion was made by Henry Lutz to adopt the 2006-2007 campus improvement plans as presented. Sondra Meil seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Enrollment, discipline reports, and current events.

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ / FRANK TAYLOR

Jones Elementary/Intermediate (Alma Gutierrez)

Enrollment: 333 Discipline: 23

Refer to written report. The Board commended Jones Elementary & Intermediate Schools for the community Veterans Day Program.

BJH/BHS (Frank Taylor)

Enrollment: 291 Discipline: 17 [Two “discipline” to Alternative today.]

Refer to written report. Playoff game plans have been set for Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., at New Braunfels Canyon High School. Opponent will be winner of the Shiner – Ben Bolt game this weekend.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A. HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS REPORT, 2005-2006

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

As of 2005-2006 all districts were required to have 100% Highly Qualified teachers on staff as part of the “No Child Left Behind” Act. An audit based on the last day of instruction found Jones Elementary meeting the requirement with 100% Highly Qualified, the Secondary schools had eight that did not meet HQ standards.

B. UPDATE: TRACK FIELD PROJECT

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Main concern with the track field project is water. Vibrawhirl is also concerned about the deadline date associated with the water issue. City still saying February before the tower will go in.

C. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

An email was sent to staff, four teachers responded. Through the Supt. Student Advisory Committee, the students also picked representatives. The committee will visit LaPryor to see firsthand their student laptop program.

D. NEW PROJECTS: COVERED PLAY AREA, FOOTBALL FIELD TICKET BOOTH & CONCESSION STAND

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Concerns with chipped paint falling in concession stand food Friday night. A new ticket booth is needed for safety. Need to determine the location for the booth and concession stand. With the board's permission, Mrs. Renken will get Mr. Graves started on planning. Will also address handicapped access and seating for visitors. Projected date of completion will be in time for 07-08 football season.

Mrs. Renken asked to also proceed with plans and cost estimate for a covered play area. The proposed site will be in back of the elementary by the backstop.

E. TEXAS EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE GRANT (TEEG)

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Information was given for the TEEG 2007-2008 cycle.

F. ELECTION, MAY 12, 2007

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

House Bill 1, requires the district to have a joint polling place on election day with the city. During a meeting with Bonnie Mayes, it was decided the district and city will each have a separate ballot, and its own team of clerks. One Judge will preside over all clerks, along with one alternate judge. The auditorium has been selected as the joint polling location. The district is no longer required to use voting machines.

Central Office will go back to hosting an Open House before the holidays. This year it will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Board members are welcome to help host.

**A short break was called for at 7:40 p.m., with the board convening into a closed session at 8:10 p.m.**

9. \*CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL

Pursuant to Gov't Code 551.074.

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A. CONSULTATION WITH SUPERINTENDENT

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

- B. DELIBERATION OF BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO FILE S.B.E.C. COMPLAINT FOR TEACHER ABANDONMENT OF CONTRACT  
Presenter: HENRY LUTZ
- C. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION / HIRE  
Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

**The board reconvened into open session at 9:01 p.m.**

10. OPEN SESSION: ACTION, IF ANY ON CLOSED SESSION SUBJECTS

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A. RESOLUTION

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The following motion was read by Henry Lutz, "I move that the following Resolution be approved by the Board to file a report with the State Board of Educator Certification seeking sanctions against Jason Gridley for abandoning his contract... [See: *Certified Resolution of Board of Trustees* read into record and attached to agenda]. Sondra Meil seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

B. POSSIBLE HIRING OF TEACHER

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A motion made by Henry Lutz to hire Teacher Tara Edwards, effective January 4, 2007. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

11. PUBLIC FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

No guests present for public participation.

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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Henry Lutz, Board President

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Sara Terrazas, Secretary

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