

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Brackett ISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brackett ISD was held January 22, 2007, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Central Office, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville.

Board Members Present: Tony Ashley, Mark Frerich, Sondra Meil, Sara Terrazas, Ronnie Hobbs, Henry Lutz, John Paul Schuster (here at 6:15 p.m.)

Administrators: Paula Renken, Alma Gutierrez, Frank Taylor

Guests: Marla Madrid, Martha Gerardo, Bill Haenn, Liz Frerich, Pam Melancon, Chris Siver, Susan Esparza

Students: Cesar Castillo, Jorge Villarreal, Nadia Rodriguez, Sarah Beckham, Regina Beckham, Vanerick Domenech, Kaleb Bowers, Selina Gerardo, Austin Pettett

1. BOARD PICTURE

Meet early at 5:45 p.m., to have a picture taken for the yearbook.

Wear shirts received from Greg Voyles.

Agenda item postponed until the arrival of John Paul Schuster.

2. RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Agenda item postponed until the arrival of John Paul Schuster.

3. 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, Ronnie Hobbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

No guests were present for open forum participation.

5. 2007 HISTORIC TAX EXEMPTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Presenter: KCHC CHAIRPERSON BILL HAENN

This is the second year of the actual assessment. Two properties were added, the Married Officers Quarters 8-9, and the Palisado Building, both located on Fort Clark. Of the twenty-four properties requesting exemptions, all passed the assessment except for one on Colony Row which suffered a fire in July. Two properties, the Patton House and Wainwright House, were recommended for a 30% exemption. The Montalvo House was recommended for a 50% exemption. Board policy was amended last year to allow a minimum of 25% on the assessed value. The list of properties provided by Bill Haenn was approved by the Commissioners Court last week.

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to approve the 2007 *passing* and *failing* historical tax exemptions as presented by Bill Haenn. Sondra Meil seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. MINUTES

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A motion was made by Sara Terrazas to approve the minutes for the December 11, 2006, regular meeting. Ronnie Hobbs seconded. The motion carried with Sondra Meil abstaining.

7. BUSINESS & FINANCE

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN / MARLA MADRID

A. RECAP: REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

The district received a large tax collection check from the Appraisal District in November. Federal money will show on the revenue side in the next report. The district is right where it should be.

B. CHECK RUN

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Reviewed list of district purchases over \$500.00. Kinney County Appraisal District received \$22,558.17, for quarterly appraisal. Six tables, which seat eight, were purchased from Barco (\$3,104.00) for use outside on campus. Plumbing supplies (\$1,759.96) for general maintenance. Trevino Electric (\$762.28) for installation of a meter loop for the ball machine on the tennis courts and shunt breaker in the cafeteria.

With the Board's permission, a break was called for at 6:17 p.m., allowing Jones Elementary and Intermediate Schools to thank and show their appreciation to the board.

The open meeting resumed at 6:25 p.m.

8. BUDGET AMENDMENT

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

Marla Madrid asked that the regular budget be amended to include money received in addition to what the district normally receives to help the discipline side of the Alternative school. [See amendment with agenda.]

A motion was made by Tony Ashley to approve the budget amendment as recommended. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

9. UPDATE 79, FIRST READING

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A first reading of Update 79 was conducted by the board. Policy overview:

- Clean up of policy "language"
- Policy clarifying Superintendent job description
- Superintendent appraisal can be adopted without going to campus based committees.

- Superintendent evaluation based on educational leadership, district management, board and community relations
- School FIRST annual district financial management report and Superintendent contract to be posted on website
- Single purchase above \$25,000 needs board approval.
- Recommends additional \$200 as a classroom benefit package, employees currently receive \$500.
- School start date can not be before August 27, 2007. No waivers allowed

A second reading with adoption of Update 79 will be included on the February agenda. The new Superintendent appraisal will be accepted with adoption of Update 79. Work on goals will be done in June during the Board and Superintendent team-building session.

A short break was called for at 6:40 p.m., to have a picture of the board taken in the gym. The open meeting resumed at 6:56 p.m.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Enrollment, discipline reports, and current events.

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ / FRANK TAYLOR

Jones Elementary/Intermediate (Alma Gutierrez)

Enrollment: 338 Discipline: 9

The series *Families With a Future* is making up a missed date tonight. Eighty-nine Dads attended *Donuts With Dad*. Next Wednesday is *Muffins With Mom*.

BJH/BHS (Frank Taylor)

Enrollment: 269 Discipline: 1 BEA: 17 Academic 5 Discipline

A JH "High Achievers" leadership group has been created to reward students that stay out of trouble and prepare for Honor Society. Criteria includes an 85 and above in core subjects.

Every six weeks students have an extended lunch period to do a project. The group currently has ten 8th graders.

The high school now has a *Texas Educator Excellence Incentive Plan* developed by the teachers. The plan was presented to the district advisory committee this afternoon and approved. [See attached plan.]

A break was again called for at 7:16 p.m., with the open meeting resuming at 7:47 p.m.

Special Education

Total in district: 79 Speech only: 14 Student numbers continue to go down.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A. UPDATE: TRACK FIELD PROJECT/WATER TOWER

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Track field project is coming together. Coach Brotherton turned in a legend explaining the color codes on the track. Equipment has been ordered: 90 hurdles (80 for meet, 10 extra), stop watches, etc. The well house is the next project. Will consider extending the cement block for ADA requirements.

The city water tower will be a silo, like FCS second tower. The cost for a decal is approximately \$7,000. An option would be to get a sign painter to put our mascot on the tower once it is up.

John Graves will look at the district's next project, a covered play area at elementary. A recommendation was made to set it up for 4 classrooms and a hallway in case extra space is needed in a few years. Paula Renken would like to look at Leakeys covered area.

B. SET DATE FOR SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION WORKSHOP

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

The board agreed to set February 5th, 6:00 p.m., as a workshop for the Superintendent evaluation. All board members have a packet. The regular board meeting will follow on February 12th.

Due to the state changing test day, campus staff has requested moving our bad weather day to February 19th. Students would be in class on the 19th and have April 9th off.

The Calendar committee will attend the February meeting to go over the recommended school calendar for 2007-2008. Staff will vote by February 5th. Two of the calendars given to staff are based on 6 weeks, and two are based on 9 week periods.

The District Advisory Committee has requested that for safety reasons, the district approach City Council to have Fulton Street closed to all traffic. The Board agreed to pursue asking that Mrs. Renken go for permanent closure, if unsuccessful, settle for during school hours.

The Technology Committee met and is looking at providing laptops for all four grades in high school. They are in the process of setting up a meeting with LaPryor which is on its second year with a student laptop program. Pleasanton ISD is in its fourth year.

Need to consider:

- What grade level to start with
- Start with Freshman, use same laptop all through high school
- Consider incentive policy, if in good condition, better upgrade next year, allow to purchase for college
- Consider textbooks on disk

The Technology Committee will have a recommendation ready for the April meeting.

HoneyBee Gomez had surgery Friday to remove a cyst from her kidney and will be out six weeks. Staff members established a sick leave pool to help out. At this time forty-two days have been donated to allow her to heal. HoneyBee has been instructed that she can not work her second job during this time. Currently the sick leave pool is for the employee only but we are looking at expanding it to other family members.

Misc. – Board Training

Members were reminded to complete Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act training. Board members were told to get with Susan Esparza if they can not find their CD or handbook.

C. REGIONAL U.I.L. UPDATE

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Golf and Tennis will be going to Huntsville and College Station this year. Coach Voyles is working on accommodations. UIL had received complaints about holding tennis at Brenham. Writing a letter to UIL has been discussed, though Coach Voyles said it will not make a difference.

The Board convened into a closed session at 8:20 p.m.

12. *CONSULTATION WITH SUPERINTENDENT

Closed Session Pursuant to Gov't Code 551.074, Personnel.

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The board reconvened into open session at 9:18 p.m., with no action taken at this time.

13. PUBLIC FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

No guests were present for public forum participation.

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Henry Lutz, Board President

Sara Terrazas, Secretary

Date

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