

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Brackett ISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brackett ISD was held February 9, 2009, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Intermediate Hall, Distance Learning Room, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville.

Members Present: Sondra Meil, Brad Coe, Dan Laws, Tony Molinar

Members Absent: John Paul Schuster, Tony Ashley, Mark Frerich

Administrators: Robert Westbrook, Alma Gutierrez, Frank Taylor

Guests: Marla Madrid, Twilley Young, Henry Garcia, Carolyn Conoly, Fleta Jeanette Allison, George Burks, Jose Alvarado, Clinton Brown, Stacey Rooks, Danny Samaniego, Ronnie Mata, Jaime Muniz, Misty Rose, Ralph Almanza, Candy Hobbs, Laura Gammill, Leigh Volcsko, Kristy Taylor, Joe Harding, Susan Esparza, and students Serenity Gammill, Shannon Gammill

1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice-President Sondra Meil at 6:32 p.m., with a quorum present. Following a moment of silence, Dan Laws led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ATTORNEY GENERAL COMPLAINT & DISTRICT
RESOLUTION REGARDING TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

A statement and district resolution addressing a complaint filed with the State Attorney General's office in regard to the Open Meetings Act was read by Robert Westbrook. The board will receive additional training on the Open Meetings Act as soon as a date can be set.

3. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

No guests were present for public forum participation.

Administrator Frank Taylor and staff of Brackett High School were recognized for being named a Bronze medal school in U.S. News & World Report's recent ranking of the top high schools in the United States.

4. SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

Presenter: FRANK TAYLOR

High School student Serenity Gammill and Brackett Educational Academy student Graciela Rocha (not present) were recognized by Administrator Frank Taylor as Scholars of the Month for January.

5. RECOGNITION

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER / ROBERT WESTBROOK / GEORGE BURKS

A. A.E.P. / CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE / RIO GRANDE ELECTRIC COOP

Presenter: GEORGE BURKS

Dan Laws, Jaime Muniz, Ronnie Mata, Clinton Brown, and Danny Samaniego, employees of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative were recognized for providing additional lighting on Ann Street. Also recognized were Joe Harding with the American Electric Program and Henry Garcia with the City of Brackettville.

B. GEORGE BURKS

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER / ROBERT WESTBROOK

The board recognized George Burks for his service to the district during the transition period between Superintendents.

C. NEW STAFF - INTERMEDIATE & SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Presenter: GEORGE BURKS

Administrators Alma Gutierrez and Frank Taylor recognized new staff members.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER / ROBERT WESTBROOK

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 01/12/09 Regular Meeting

Presenter: SUSAN ESPARZA

B. BUSINESS & FINANCE: Quarterly Investment Report, January Recap, Check Run

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Grades PK-6, Grades 7-12, Special Ed. Report

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ / FRANK TAYLOR / MELANIE JONES

A motion was made by Brad Coe to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, to include minutes of the 01/12/2009 meeting, business and finance reports, and administrative reports. Dan Laws seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS & FINANCE

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

A. BUDGET AMENDMENT(S)

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

(See agenda for figures.) A motion was made by Dan Laws to approve the budget amendment(s) as presented. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

B. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ESC-20 BENEFITS
COOPERATIVE SHARED SERVICE ARRANGEMENT

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to approve an interlocal agreement with the Education Service Center Region 20 Benefits Cooperative Shared Service Arrangement beginning with the 2009-2010 school year as presented. Dan Laws seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ANNUAL REVIEW & EXEMPTION OF RECORDED TEXAS
HISTORIC LANDMARK PROPERTIES FOR 2009

Presenter: K.C.H.C. CHAIRMAN WILLIAM HAENN / ROBERT
WESTBROOK

A motion was made by Brad Coe to approve historic landmark property tax exemptions for 2009 as recommended by KC.H.C. Chairman William Haenn. Dan Laws seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

9. ELECTION, MAY 9, 2009

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

A. ORDER OF ELECTION, MAY 2009

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

Two terms expiring in May; John Paul Schuster and Mark Frerich.

A motion was made by Tony Molinar to call the Order of Election, to be held May 9, 2009. Brad Coe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

B. BOARD CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER
Continuing education credit for board members was read by Sondra Meil
(03/01/2008 – 02/02/2009).

Tony Ashley - 11.25
Brad Coe - 24.00
Mark Frerich - 10.25
Dan Laws - 28.00
Sondra Meil - 20.00
Tony Molinar - 17.50
John Paul Schuster - 20.25

All board members remain *deficient* pending training in March on the
Open Meetings Act and team of eight leadership training.

10. SCHOOL CALENDAR, 2009 - 2010

Presenter: CANDY HOBBS

A motion was made by Dan Laws to adopt calendar B, as the 2009-2010 district school
calendar. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Calendar committee members: April Blake, Kimberly Ilse, Greg Voyles, Sandra Davis,
Kacie Williams, Maxine Bonner, Brenda Perry, Candy Hobbs, and students Tanner
Hinsey, Emily Calk, and Victor Cantu.

11. LOCAL BOARD POLICY FNCE

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHSUTER

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to remove the paragraph pertaining to a fee for
release of a confiscated telecommunications device from local policy FNCE. Brad Coe
seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presenter: ROBERT WESTBROOK

A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Presenter: ROBERT WESTBROOK

Robert Westbrook gave the board a brief update regarding the current State legislative
session and school finance, and the Federal Stimulus bill.

**The board convened into a closed session at 8:22 p.m., pursuant to Gov't Code
551.074, personnel.**

13. *ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS, PURSUANT TO GOV'T
CODE 551.074, PERSONNEL

Closed Session

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER / ROBERT WESTBROOK

The board reconvened into open session at 8:40 p.m., and took the following action:

A motion was made by Dan Laws to renew contracts for Administrator Alma Gutierrez and Administrator Frank Taylor, extending each by one-year, making them a two-year contract. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

14. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

No guests were present for open forum participation.

15. ADJOURN

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

John Paul Schuster, Board President

Dan Laws, Secretary

Date

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