

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Brackett ISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brackett ISD was held February 11, 2008, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville.

Members Present: Sondra Meil, Tony Molinar, John Paul Schuster, Tony Ashley

Members Absent: Henry Lutz, Mark Frerich, Ronnie Hobbs

Administrators: Paula Renken, Alma Gutierrez, Frank Taylor

Guests: Laurel Plunk, Aracelie Wiebush, Candi Voyles, Marilyn Faulkner, Judy Burks, Bill Haenn, Marla Madrid, April Blake, Sandra Davis, Candy Hobbs, Christy Price, Guillermo Guzman, Rosario Guzman, Lisa Conoly, David Ortiz, Melanie Jones, Julie Bruce, Liz Frerich, Susan Esparza

Students: Katie Guzman

1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In the absence of President Henry Lutz, Vice-President Tony Ashley presided over the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m., with a quorum present. Following a moment of silence, Sondra Meil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Judy Burks (Teacher) – Comments regarding a letter from the third grade teachers and addressed to the board, supporting the leadership at Jones Elementary.

Julie Bruce (Teacher) – Read a letter addressed to the board and signed by fifteen staff members, supporting the high school leadership.

3. SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ

Administrator Alma Gutierrez introduced the Guzman family. Katie Guzman is the Scholar of the Month for Jones Elementary. David Ortiz from the Uvalde National Bank did the honors, presenting Katie with a certificate.

4. FIRST GRADE CLASS PRESENTATION

Presenter: CANDI VOYLES

First grade team leader Candi Voyles introduced team teachers Laurel Plunk and Aracelie Wiebush, and then shared a Powerpoint presentation created by Capri Creech and B. Schroeder. Board members were invited to a first grade performance of the Wizard of Oz at tomorrow nights PTO meeting. The first grade will perform twice on Thursday for the school. Math textbook adoption comes up next month. Teachers are looking at Glencoe for grades PK through 12. Glencoe has offerings which include online resources. It is also smart and white board ready.

5. 2008 HISTORIC TAX EXEMPTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Presenter: KCHC CHAIRPERSON BILL HAENN

This is our third year to use the Annual Review and Assessment of recorded Texas historic landmark properties, conducted by the Kinney County Historical Commission. One property failed the assessment last year, this year six failed to meet assessment standards. KCHC Chairman Bill Haenn, recommended awarding a thirty percent tax exemption for the Wainwright and Patton homes, and all others with a passing evaluation, twenty-five percent. Failures would not receive a tax exemption this year, but would be able to apply again next year.

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to approve tax exemptions for 2008 as recommended and presented by KCHC Chairman Bill Haenn. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. MINUTES

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to approve minutes for the January 14, 2008, regular meeting as presented. John Paul Schuster seconded. The motion carried with Tony Molinar abstaining.

7. BUSINESS & FINANCE

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN / MARLA MADRID

A. QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

Though all interest rates are dropping, the district earned more interest this year than last quarter. Lone Star sits at 3.1. The district remains in good standing. Next year the district will go out for bid again.

B. RECAP OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

A financial recap for the month of January was conducted by the board. Expenditures are at 50%. Purchase Orders are winding down. To finalize end of year reports, a deadline of April 1st has been given for PO's.

C. CHECK RUN

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

The freezer went out over the holidays resulting in a loss of only the top layer of frozen foods. The refinish on the floor is our annual refinishing of the gym floor and auditorium stage.

8. RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN INDEPENDENT RETAINER PROGRAM

Legal Retainers: Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Schulze & Aldridge, P.C.

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A recommendation was made by Paula Renken to continue working with Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Schulze & Aldridge, P.C. This is the district's third year to participate in the legal retainer program.

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to renew membership in the independent retainer program with Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Schulze & Aldridge, P.C. John Paul Schuster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A. PAVING / PARKING LOT BID

Award Bid.

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

In November the board gave the Superintendent authorization, along with Architect John Graves, to negotiate with Pioneer on the three building projects. Negotiations also took place with 90 West Construction. In December the board awarded bids to Pioneer Concepts. At this same time, 90 West was not ready with their bids for the parking lots. They have since submitted a bid of \$55,610.50, along with a sixty day completion date, for parking at the football field on the new concession stand side. No work would be done to the existing lot. Work would include all property across the street and by the Junior High field house, with asphalt all the way to corner. This would include ten handicap spaces. The fence would be moved in 4 feet. This added an additional \$3,500, which is still a fair bid. Crushed granite would be used, except for the handicap spaces. The district currently has six half lots and three full lots. The district will add the parking blocks and build a fence around it all, possibly a low metal pipe fence.

A motion was made by JPS to award the paving and parking lot bid to 90 West contractors and authorize the Superintendent, up to the amount of \$57,500.00, to complete the parking lot project behind the stadium. Sondra Meil seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

B. PROJECT UPDATES

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

The district did release \$78,000.00 in funds directly to Mike Bizzell's bonding company. They will in turn release the funds to him.

10. POLICY UPDATE 82, FIRST READING

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

The board conducted a first reading of local update 82, with Paula Renken reviewing local TASB policy recommendations. Legal policy is already in place. Mrs. Renken will recommend adoption next month.

11. GOAL SETTING: 2007-2012 FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Due to a shortage of attendees, a recommendation was made to table this agenda item until a workshop can be scheduled to work on district goals.

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to postpone item 11 in order to schedule a workshop for goal setting. Sondra Meil seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Board members were asked to contact the Superintendent and let her know what dates are not good for them. Possible dates for the workshop will be given to Board members in the Friday Board Brief.

12. RIDER 86

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The board was asked to decide how to allocate Rider 86 money per guidelines set by the state. BISD will receive approximately \$25,000.00 to be divided between SBEC Certificate holders. Those holding certificates include 54 teachers, 2 counselors, 1 librarian, 1 nurse, and 16 paraprofessionals. Administrators hold certificates, but will not be included. The amount comes out to an estimated \$338.00 per person, to be paid in June 2008.

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to go with the Superintendent's recommendation as outlined. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

13. SCHOOL CALENDAR, 2008-2009

Presenter: CALENDAR COMMITTEE REP. CANDY HOBBS

Together Candy Hobbs and Liz Frerich presented the 2008-2009 calendar, thanking Yolanda Rueda, Eileen Allen, April Blake, Tara Edwards, and Louisa Stone for serving on the calendar committee. Staff had the opportunity to vote on two calendars for the 2008-2009 school year. Calendar A is the "tight" calendar and similar to last years, not many holidays and scattered early outs. Calendar B is the "loose" calendar, just the opposite of last year and with a week off at Thanksgiving and other holidays throughout the year. Voting was close for both calendars, calendar A received 46 votes, and calendar B received 40. Flex days were not included. The first year flex days were done at the end of year. Flex days were split at the end of semesters our second year. Teachers are

recommending that flex days be divided and moved to the end of the quarters this year, or coming up with another more creative way to make use of them. Board discussion included the January 9th Stock Show holiday, with the board agreeing to possibly make this an early out and moving this holiday to the end of the year in April or May. Students can still claim an “S’ day.

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to accept the 2008-09 school calendar “A” as presented, with possible change to the stock show date. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

14. ELECTION, MAY 10, 2008

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A. ORDER OF ELECTION, MAY 10, 2008

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Two terms are set to expire, those for Henry Lutz and Ronnie Hobbs. Applications for a place on the ballot are now being accepted, through May 10, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Tony Ashley to call the Order of Election, to be held May 10, 2008. John Paul Schuster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

B. BOARD MEMBERS CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

In compliance with State Board of Education requirements, Vice-President Tony Ashley announced each board member as having completed, exceeded, or is deficient in the required continuing education as follows:

Tony Ashley – Deficient

Mark Frerich – Deficient

Ronnie Hobbs – Exceeded

Henry Lutz – Exceeded

Sondra Meil – Exceeded

Tony Molinar – Exceeded

John Paul Schuster – Exceeded

Paula Renken – Exceeded

15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Enrollment, discipline reports, and current events.

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ / FRANK TAYLOR

A. JONES ELEMENTARY / INTERMEDIATE

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ

Enrollment: 325 Discipline: 21

Refer to written report. Administrators, Counselors, and the Nurse are watching a new trend/cult with students calling themselves the EMO’s. We have had one incident, and the

cult has grabbed the attention of one sixth grader. Both counselor and nurse are watching the situation. Jump Rope for Heart is tomorrow. Staff and students are ready for TAKS which starts March 5th.

B. BJH / BHS / ACADEMY

Presenter: FRANK TAYLOR

Enrollment: 278 Discipline: 13

Refer to written report. Skipping tutorials has been the biggest problem with discipline. Victor Cantu is the Scholar of the Month. Will bring RYLA students to the March meeting. Twenty-five presenters have been lined up for Career Day. This year dual credit is being broadcast to other schools from BISD. Dual credit instructor Aubrey Haynes, works for the Junior College, but lives in Brackettville. BHS is still 1A.

C. SPECIAL EDUCATION

Presenter: MELANIE JONES

Special education numbers remain down. As of today, we do not have a speech person. Cluster V is working on finding someone.

16. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Information & updates on projects and events.

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Girl's basketball made it to the playoffs. We play Pleasanton at Shiner tomorrow, 6:00 p.m.

A short break was called for at 8:20 p.m., with the board convening into a closed session at 8:28 p.m.

17. *ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS

Pursuant to Gov't Code 551.074.

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Closed session was tape recorded.

The meeting reconvened into open session at 9:28 p.m., and took the following action:

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to renew administrator contracts, extending each by one-year, making them a two-year contract. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

18. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Melanie Jones (Teacher) – Opted not to speak at this time.

Paula Renken thanked the Administrators for the job they do, not just during school hours, but on weekends and nights.

19. ADJOURN

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to adjourn the meeting. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Henry Lutz, Board President

Sondra Meil, Secretary

Date

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