

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Brownwood Independent School District

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brownwood Independent School District (BISD) was held on Monday, May 11, 2020 beginning at 6:30 PM. Meetings of the Board are normally held at 2707 Southside Drive, Brownwood, Texas; however, this meeting was conducted by video and audio conference in accordance with the governance authorization concerning suspension of certain open meeting law requirements for the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) disaster.

A quorum of members of the Board participated in the meeting and was audible to the public.

The session was called to order by Board President, Michael Cloy. BISD Trustee, Codie Smith gave the invocation.

The following Board members were remotely present via virtual conference: Michael Cloy, Dr. Lisa Fowler, Eric Evans, Codie Smith, Tim Jacobs, and Diane Thompson. Roderick Jones, Sr. was not remotely present.

Other BISD personnel present by virtual conference: Dr. Joe Young, Liesa Land, Mitch Moore, Doug Bonsal, Charles Musgrove, and Karen Dempsey.

BISD Superintendent, Dr. Joe Young began the superintendent's report by noting that the summer SLI conference is still being offered by TASB and board members have until the end of May to cancel if needed.

Today an announcement was made that graduation will be moved up from July 31st to June 5th. Additional information and a Frequently Asked Questions document is being prepared for release Tuesday, May 12th, and will address the logistics including COVID-19 screening forms, tickets, and more. BISD will limit the number of people who can enter into the stadium in accordance with the orders of the Governor and social distancing will be practiced. Sanitation stations will be set up and the event will follow all the guidelines that the Governor has set for an outdoor ceremony. The commencement will utilize the video board at the stadium and will be filmed and available online as well. Dr. Young noted that moving the ceremony up will also allow the participation of military recruits who are scheduled to leave on June 8th.

The parade for graduates is still being planned for June 5th. Details regarding the parade are forthcoming, and BISD is working with the city on permits and logistics. Dr. Young noted that there will be a gap between the two events and the parade will not end at graduation. The parade will be in the afternoon, and graduation will be later that evening.

COVID-19 testing for Brown County is scheduled to occur at the back of Coggin Intermediate School on Tuesday, May 12th. The National Guard is coming to set up the station and BISD has been working with the Brown County Health Department since Friday to put the logistics together. Pre-registration is required, and additional testing will also be available on Saturday.

Doug Bonsal, BISD Director of Human Resources, provided an HR report for review. Dr. Young noted that May is a very busy time of the year with regards to hiring, though the busiest time is around June. With school being out many people are already making plans, and less turnover is expected. Dr. Young added that there are very good candidates being interviewed for positions currently open in the district.

A resolution regarding grading and class rank policies during periods of school closure was considered for approval. Specific details regarding the grading and class rank modifications are available online in the board book. These one-time modifications of Board policies and grading procedures are intended to ensure fairness to all students in light of the current unprecedented circumstances. Trustee Eric Evans made a motion to approve the resolution regarding grading and class rank polices during the COVID closure. Trustee Diane Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved unanimously as presented, with a motion by Trustee Eric Evans and a second by Trustee Dr. Fowler.

The items on the consent agenda included the following:

- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Tarleton State University
- Approval of budgeted purchase over \$50,000 (Laptop purchase)
- Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Michael Cloy  
President

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Dr. Lisa Fowler  
Secretary