

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011

The Board of Education of the Brazosport Independent School District met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 2, 2011, at the Brazosport Independent School District Administration Building, 301 W. Brazoswood Drive, Clute, Texas, with the following members present:

Ruth Ann Few, President
Bobby J. Sharp, Secretary
Ron Damian, Assistant Secretary
Jay Grable, Member
Jim Koch, Member

The following Board members were absent:

Joel Welch, Vice-President
Mason Howard, Member

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Karin Holacka, Superintendent
Monty Burger, Chief Technology Officer
Danny Massey, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services
Sandra McCoy-Jackson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Daniel Schaefer, Chief Financial Officer
Charolet Black, Director of Assessment and Accountability
Anne Boothe, Director of Instructional Programs and Development
John Craig, Director of Transportation Services
Rebecca Kelley, Director of Business Support Services
Bobby Key, Director of Maintenance/Operations Services
Christy Koury, Director of Child Nutrition Services
Karla McGee, Director of Special Education Services
Karla Christman, Coordinator of Extra Curricular Programs

The following individuals signed the register as visitors:

Kathleen Lindsey
Wayne Reitmeyer

Kalen Bailey
Brenda Raymond

George Beaman Jr.

EXECUTIVE SESSION may be called for the purposes permitted by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas government Code Section 551.001 through 551.146, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters (Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, Dismissal, Complaint)

The Chair declared the Board would adjourn into executive session at 5:02 p.m., as authorized by section 551.001 *et. seq.* of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Law.

The Board reconvened into open session at 6:00 p.m.

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AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS

BRAZOSWOOD FFA TRAP SHOOTING COMPETITION

The Brazoswood FFA members were recognized for their hard work that has earned them placement at the state-level in the shooting sports competition held this past June in San Antonio. Out of a total of 41 schools, 91 teams and 474 individuals competing for state titles, the following BISS students placed.

Sporting Clays Division

Chelsea Anguiano

Sporting Clays Team- 4th
All Female Sporting Clays Team- 3rd
All Female Trap Team- 2nd
Mixed Gender Trap Team - State Championship

Cullen Babbington

Mixed Gender Sporting Clays Team- 4th
All Male Trap Team- 4th

Destini Fillip

All Female Sporting Clays Team-3rd
All Female Trap Team- 2nd

Nathan Hudgeons

All Male Sporting Clays Team 6th
Mixed Gender Trap Team - State Championship

Michael Lake

Sporting Clays Team- 4th

Sydney Marze

All Male Trap Team- 4th
All Female Sporting Clays Team- 3rd

Colton Roeder

All Male Sporting Clays Team- 6th
All Male Trap Team-4th
Mixed Gender Trap Team - State Championship

Matlin Sain

All Female Trap Team- 2nd

Ashley Slaughter

All Female Sporting Clays Team-3rd
All Female Trap Team- 2nd

Forrest Whitley

All Male Sporting Clays Team- 6th
All Male Trap Team-4th
Mixed Gender Trap Team - State Championship

Ty Wyatt

All Male Sporting Clays Team 6th
Mixed Gender Sporting Clays Team- 4th

Sponsor: Mike Firkins

TMEA & STATE FARM "TEXAS ORIGINAL SCORE CONTEST

State Farm Agents, Kalen Bailey, George Franklin, Tim Keefe and Wayne Reitmeyer presented Brazoswood student, **Ryan Lindveit** with the Grand Prize in the 4A/5A UIL Classification of the Texas Original Score Contest. The contest was sponsored by State Farm Insurance with the goal of the competition to award high school music programs for excellence in musical collaboration, creativity and performance while offering educators and students a unique, engaging and valuable TEKS-based learning experience.

Ryan not only composed the song he named "The Heart of Texas," but he brought the Brazoswood Symphonic Band together to perform and record the piece. It was then added to a photo ensemble that portrays student life at Brazoswood High School.

A panel of judges made up of music professionals selected by the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) as well as Texas' own Los Lonely Boys, judged the twenty-nine entries that were qualified for competition. Judging was based on a combination of attributes that included tone quality, technique, musicianship and composition.

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The Grand Prize consists of a \$25,000 cash award, which is being given in the form of a check made payable to Brazoswood High School this evening.

Also, the following Brazoswood High School staff were acknowledged for their support of Ryan.

Head Band Director, Brian Casey

Band Directors:
Martin Montoya
Amy Walden
Eric Harper

NEW PERSONNEL

Danny Massey, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, introduces two new administrators to the District, Sandra McCoy-Jackson as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Anne Boothe as Director of Instructional Programs and Development.

AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

By common consent, the Board agreed to consider as one action item the following items listed under items requiring Board action:

1. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement
2. Agreement To Purchase Attendance Credits Form The State
3. Approval Of Employment Recommendations

On the recommendation of Dr. Holacka, a motion was made by Mr. Koch and was seconded by Mr. Sharp to approve consent agenda items, as follows:

Consider Board Approval Of The Monthly Financial Statement

The financial statements for June 2011 were approved, as follows:

(Information presented on pages 4 and 5 at the August 2, 2011, Regular Meeting will be typed into the official minute book.)

Consider Agreement For The Purchase Of Attendance Credits From The State

Approved an *Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits* with the State for the 2011-12 school year and authorized the Superintendent to submit a "letter of intent" to the Commissioner of Education describing actions underway in the District to reduce its property wealth per student to the State equalized wealth level. The District currently expects to pay approximately \$1.1M in equalization ("Robin Hood") payments for the upcoming year.

(Information presented on pages 8 and 9 at the August 2, 2011, Regular Meeting will be typed into the official minute book.)

Approval of Employment Recommendations

Personnel actions for new employment, resignation(s) and leaves of absence(s), were approved, as follows:

(Information presented on pages 11 and 12 at the August 2, 2011, Regular Meeting will be typed into the official minute book.)

Motion passed unanimously.

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ACTION

Consider Proposing A 2011 Tax Rate And Scheduling A Public Meeting To Discuss The 2011-2012 Budget And The 2011 Proposed Tax Rate

On the recommendation of Dr. Holacka, a motion was made by Mr. Damian and was seconded by Mr. Sharp to propose a 2011 tax rate of \$1.2415 per \$100 of assessed value, with \$1.0400 designated for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and \$0.2015 designated for the payment of principal and interest on the District's bonded indebtedness.

Motion passed unanimously.

In addition, on the recommendation of Dr. Holacka, a motion was made by Mr. Sharp and was seconded by Mr. Koch to approve publishing a notice for a public meeting to discuss the 2011-12 budget and the proposed tax rate, scheduled for August 23, 2011.

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Proposed RV Park For Freeport

Jeff Pynes, City Manager of Freeport, provided the Board with a presentation of the proposed "Luxury RV Park" to be located between Brazosport HS and Freeport Intermediate. Mr. Pynes explained that his experience with this developer has been positive and that he only builds first class properties. The target tenants will be those with \$1M motor coaches. The only entrance/exit will be on 2nd Street and the entire perimeter will be surrounded with a decorative fence and monitored with security cameras. The Board raised concerns regarding monitoring of people staying so close to the two schools along with the enforcement of maintaining the luxury facility. Mr. Pynes indicated the City is working on a "specific use" permit and would work closely with the District to ensure all concerns are addressed. If the owner fails to comply with any item in the permit, the business would be required to close. With the anticipated investment in the site, the likelihood of non-compliance would be minimal.

Website Update

Monty Burger, Chief Technology Officer and Amber Casey, Account Operator/Systems Specialist, presented the Board with a preview of the "New Face of BISD". The new website is designed to be a one stop, attractive resource full of timely information for staff, students and community along with serving as a channel for student and community feedback. It will be easy to navigate and will have a uniform look throughout. Mrs. Casey showed the board a comparison of the old and new and said the ease of use will help it grow with a goal to have all teachers a webpage. Some of the other benefits include offsite hosting which reduces the risk of outages along with Erate eligibility, which makes it affordable. Advanced features including calendars/events, driving directions, forms creator, facebook/twitter banners, job opportunities, school menus, news, sports system and featured spotlight will provide further benefits to users. The site will go live August 15, 2011.

WORK SESSION/DISCUSSION

Scheduling And Upcoming Events

Superintendent Holacka reminded Board members of the special Board meeting scheduled for August 23, 2011, the District Convocation at Brazosport High School scheduled for August 16, 2011, at 8:30 a.m., that BISD classes begin on August 22, 2011, and the regularly scheduled August Board meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS, REPORTS, AND DISCUSSION

Board president Few thanked staff for their continued hard work and welcomed the new staff to the District.

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There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Ruth Ann Few, President

Bobby Sharp, Secretary