

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Brownwood Independent School District

The Brownwood ISD (BISD) Board of Trustees met for a regular session meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The session was called to order by Board President Michael Cloy who also gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Brownwood High School (BHS) A Capella Choir, who also performed Carol of the Bells under the direction of Choir teacher Jennifer Reeves

PRESENT:

Mr. Michael Cloy, President
Mr. Roderick Jones, Sr. Vice President
Mrs. Amary Doremus, Member
Mr. Eric Evans, Member
Mrs. Diane Thompson, Secretary
Mr. Justin Posey, Member
Mr. Codie Smith, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Joe Young, Superintendent
Mrs. Liesa Land, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Krista Behler, Exec, Assistant to the Superintendent

Others Present:

Lindsay Smith, Andy Gill, Jeanette Lancaster, Kassie Russell, Linda Mora, Kim Van Huss, Coach Sammy Burnett, Taffy Watts, Kristi Wied; as well as numerous staff and community members

BISD Deputy Superintendent, Liesa Land, provided a brief update regarding semester exams, end-of-course (EOC) re-tests, and the recent STAAR redesign. Students are taking assessments as this semester comes to an end. EOC re-tests were administered last week with 68 English I, 52 English II, 21 Biology, 9 U.S. History, and 42 Algebra I students completing the exams. Land was eager to get the results as they will be a good indicator for new innovations and approaches that the district is utilizing to help students improve. Land noted that STAAR test redesign information that was discussed at the last Board meeting is published online for parents and students to view (<https://www.brownwoodisd.org/STAARredesign>).

BISD recognized the following groups and individuals and presented them with certificates highlighting their achievements:

- **BISD Spotlight Teachers and Staff:** The Brownwood ISD Spotlight recognizes members of the BISD faculty and staff who go the extra mile to ensure excellence in education for all our students. Spotlight recipients are chosen from peer nominations. December 2022 honorees were Woodland Heights Elementary Special Education teacher Robin Smith and BHS Kitchen Manager Rebecca Cornelius. Spotlight honorees are pictured with (top) Woodland Heights Principal Jeanette Lancaster, Woodland Heights Assistant Principal Kassie Russell and BISD Trustee Amary Doremus, and (bottom) BISD School Nutrition Director Linda Mora and Trustee Doremus.
- **BISD Holiday Card Design Winners:** BHS senior Emma Carroll, and Coggin Elementary sixth-grade student Emma Edmonds were recognized for their holiday card contest designs. Their artwork was

selected as the winning entries (one elementary and one secondary) to be featured on 2022 Brownwood ISD Holiday Greeting Cards. Pictured right (top) are the finalized cards and (bottom) contest winner Emma Carroll along with BHS Assistant Principal Andy Gill, BISD Trustee Diane Thompson, BHS Principal Lindsay Smith, and BHS Art Teacher Kimberly Van Huss.

- **Varsity Football - District 2-4A Division 1 Champions:** The Brownwood Lions Varsity Football team was recognized as the District 2-4A Division 1 Champions. BISD Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Sammy Burnett was also recognized as the 2022 District 2-4A Division 1 Coach of the Year. Individual academic achievements and accolades were announced and honored for each player. Team members are pictured below with Coach Burnett and BISD Trustee Diane Thompson.
- **2022 BHS Choir - All Region Mixed Choir & All Region Treble Choir:** BHS Choir members Colton Stewart, Alden Cecil, Jack Field, Langston Barnes, Chris Blair, Rachel Miller, Addie Bennett, and Kailee Bessent were recognized for making the All Region Mixed Choir. BHS Choir members Bryleigh Gutierrez, Aqua Garacia, Emory May, Addison Lee, and Autumn Borgia were recognized for making the All Region Treble Choir. Pictured below are BHS All-Region Choir members along with BISD Trustee Diane Thompson, BHS Principal Lindsay Smith, BHS Assistant Principal Andy Gill, and BHS Choir Teacher Jennifer Reeves.
- **6th-8th Grade All Region Choir:** Choir students Braylee Reeves, Audree Browne, Jordyn Salazar, Gabriela Castaneda, Isabelle Early, Natalie Zaragoza, Kaiden Gruber, Kinsey Chandler, Cydnea Wilson, Gabriella Garcia, Cartier Tucker, Bennett Windham, Zackary Clawson, Timothy McNeely, Skyler Northcutt, Christopher Castaneda, Derek Yancy, Braiden Jackson, Paulo Moreno Salazar, and Zoey Suniga were recognized for making the 6th-8th Grade Middle School All Region Choir. Pictured below are 6th-8th Grade Middle School All Region Choir students along with BISD Trustee Diane Thompson, Coggin Elementary Choir Teacher Catherine Watts, and Brownwood Middle School (BMS) Choir Director Kristi Wied.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Updates were provided on the following safety and security topics:

- Door control access equipment for Northwest Elementary is on back order. New security cameras are ready to be purchased and shipped following Board approval.
- BISD is working on a comprehensive list of what will need to be done in relation to updated TEA requirements regarding safety and security. The information will be submitted to TEA and will be used to assess any funding that would be provided to schools.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

CANVASS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION

Cumulative results from the November 8, 2022 election were canvassed showing Justin Posey winning 53.11% of the vote for Brownwood Independent School District Council Member, Place 7. BISD Trustee Eric Evans moved to approve the canvass of the November 8, 2022 election as presented. Trustee Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW AND RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

The Oath of Office was administered to new and re-elected Board members. Trustees Michael Cloy (Place One), Roderick Jones, Sr. (Place Three), and Amary Doremus (Place Six) ran unopposed for the November 8, 2022 election. Justin Posey (Place 7) was newly elected. Michael Cloy, Board President certified their election/re-election, effective December 12, 2022 per state election law. The December 12, 2022 board meeting was the first opportunity since that date to administer the oath of office to the newly elected and re-elected board members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board moved into executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, reorganization of the Board, and the Superintendent Evaluation review. They returned to open session at 7:33 p.m.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD (ELECTION OF OFFICERS)

At the first meeting after each election, the members of the Board organize by selecting a president, secretary, and any other such officers and committees as the Board may deem necessary. Trustee Evans moved that the Board keep the existing officer structure as previously held (Michael Cloy-President, Roderick Jones Sr.-Vice President, and Diane Thompson-Secretary). Trustee Jones seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The following Departmental Reports were presented:

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Report: Information regarding CTE goals, benefits, and details regarding CTE offerings was provided. BISD CTE programs prepare students to be successful in a rapidly changing workforce and equip them to make informed decisions about future college and career pathways. CTE students are given opportunities to earn a growing number of valued industry certifications and develop a multitude of skills while experiencing a rigorous curriculum with real world opportunities. Courses are currently offered in the following CTE categories: Audio/Visual, Business and Finance, Computer Science, Education/Career Prep, Health Science, Photo/Graphic Design, Anatomy/Pathology/Principals of Technology, Forensic Science, Welding, Automotive, Agriculture, Architecture, Culinary, Lifetime Nutrition, and Professional Communications. Total enrollment this year for CTE courses is 851.

Maintenance & Operations Report: A detailed report was provided listing the facility projects and upgrades initiated and completed by the BISD Maintenance Department. The list included a wide range of work at all campuses, from the installation of new playground equipment at the elementary schools to construction, HVAC and other improvement projects throughout the district.

PUBLIC HEARING OF FIRST REPORT

The state's school financial accountability rating system, known as the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST), ensures that Texas public schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices. A motion was made by Trustee Evans to enter into the Public Hearing on the FIRST Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Trustee Doremus, and the motion passed unanimously. BISD received a Meets Standard Achievement rating. The rating is based on school year 2020-2021 data. The district score was 79 out of a possible 100. It was noted that an issue from two years ago, which has since been corrected, should allow for a better rating on the next report. With no additional public comments or discussion, the public hearing adjourned and the meeting returned to regular session.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were listed for consideration on the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval of Budgeted purchase over \$50,000
2. Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Brown County and Brownwood ISD
3. November 14, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Trustee Smith moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented, with Trustee Thompson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made for upcoming events:

- Early Release: December 16, 2022
- Christmas Break: December 19 - December 30
- Staff Development: January 2, 2023
- Next Board Meeting - January 9, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Michael Cloy
President

Mrs. Diane Thompson
Secretary