

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Brackett ISD

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brackett ISD was held December 11, 2006, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Central Office, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville.

Members Present: John Paul Schuster, Ronnie Hobbs, Sara Terrazas, Henry Lutz, Mark Frerich, Tony Ashley

Members Absent: Sondra Meil

Administrators: Paula Renken, Alma Gutierrez (Frank Taylor was absent due to family illness.)

Guests: Diana Ward, Marla Madrid, Susan Esparza

1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., with a quorum present. Following a moment of silence, Henry Lutz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

No guests were present for open forum participation.

3. MINUTES

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to accept the minutes for the November 13, 2006, regular meeting as presented. Tony Ashley seconded. The motion carried with John Paul Schuster, Sara Terrazas, and Ronnie Hobbs abstaining.

4. BUSINESS & FINANCE

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN / MARLA MADRID

A. RECAP: REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

Board members were given an update of finances through the 2nd six week cycle. The district budgeted according to the state aide template Release 1 of HB1. The shortage is due to calculation changes used in figuring the allotted amounts from Release 1 to Release 11. We are now on Release 11, and \$180,000 short of what we budgeted. By year-end our count should be at the projected budget. Another release is not expected, but this could change. The budget will be reviewed over the holidays. Special Education is \$100,000 short.

B. CHECK RUN

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

The district was mandated to replace the fire systems in the Cafeteria by December 2007. Mr. Kingsbury, with Uvalde Fire Equipment, was awarded the bid for \$3,195.00. The district is now in compliance.

5. BUDGET AMENDMENT

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

Approval is needed to add a fund to the budget for money (\$17,948.00) awarded for Accelerated Reading instruction and Accelerated Math instruction received from TEA. This is a special fund mandated by the state for 3rd grade Reading and 5th grade Math.

A motion was made by Sara Terrazas to approve the budget amendment as presented. Ronnie Hobbs seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. BALLOT: VOTE FOR KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATES

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Four candidates were nominated by the taxing units; Zack Davis, Lynn McCarson, J.E. Meil, and Tim Ward. Three positions are for the 2007-2009 term and one for the 2007-2008 term. As a governing body, BISD received a share of 2,040 votes. Following discussion, the board agreed to assign 510 votes to each of the four candidates.

A motion was made by Ronnie Hobbs to assign 510 votes to each of the candidates. John Paul Schuster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. TRUST PROPERTY - 13146, UNIT 3 FCS, LOT 75

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The Board received an offer from Roy Broadus to purchase trust property 13146, Unit 3 FCS, Lot 75, for \$1,001.00. Appraised value of the property is \$19,222.00, with delinquent taxes frozen at \$6,601.96. This is the first offer on the property following an unsuccessful Sheriff's sale in November 2006. There was no recommendation from the Kinney County Appraisal District as to accepting his offer.

Motion made by John Paul Schuster to accept Mr. Broadus's offer of \$1,001.00 for trust property 13146, Unit 3 FCS, Lot 75. Henry Lutz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. REPEAL ALL PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED POLICIES &
ADOPTION OF (LOCAL) POLICIES AS PREPARED BY T.A.S.B.
POLICY SERVICE

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ / PAULA RENKEN

All local policies were approved previously, except for CNB which addressed use of district vehicles/transportation. TASB recommended a blanket repeal of all policies and readopt the new manual in full.

A motion was made by Tony Ashley to adopt the local policies contained within the reconstructed TASB Localized Policy Manual, effective December 11, 2006, and repeal all previous policies. Ronnie Hobbs seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A link will be added to the district website for easy access to BISD's On-Line Policy.

9. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN, 2006-2007

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

The District Improvement Plan was developed with the help of the District Advisory Committee, based on individual campus goals and objectives. The plan is a working document, to be updated as needs change. The topic of Highly Qualified was addressed for NCLB requirements. Two minor corrections:

- Page 65, Objective 4.1, delete the "s" on Intermediate Principals
- Page 69, Objective 6E, add words in bold, "...train teachers **in the** use of..."

Currently there is no pool for paraprofessional applicants to be drawn from. A workshop at ESC Region 20 will increase our pool of applicants. Applicants may take the workshop at their own expense, with the district providing transportation. We have two Educational Aides that need the training in order to meet NCLB requirements. They must complete the course and pass the assessment to remain employed with BISD after May 2007.

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to adopt the 2006-2007 District Improvement Plan as presented. John Paul Schuster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Enrollment, discipline reports, and current events.

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ / FRANK TAYLOR

Jones Elementary / Intermediate (Alma Gutierrez)

Enrollment: 338 Discipline: 17

Refer to written report. Eighteen UIL teams, individual results will be in the newspaper. The topic of "bullying" will be addressed.

BJH/BHS (Frank Taylor)

Enrollment: 291 Discipline: 22

Refer to written report. (Frank Taylor was absent due to family illness.) Discipline DAEP went up to 5, three are long-term for drugs. Discussed report from a board member of a high school student with a body piercing, and another one in junior high.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A. UPDATE: TRACK FIELD PROJECT

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Vibrawhirl will be through with striping on Monday. Work was being done on water today. Flags are up for the sprinklers. Considering planting rye grass until we can seed. The concession stand is coming along. Tapped into a 4" water line behind the concession stand.

Sondra Meil talked with Richard Gordon, who is still trying to have 5 acres donated to the school for parking.

B. SET DATE FOR JANUARY MEETING

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

The regular meeting falls on January 4th which is our first day back from the holidays. A recommendation was made to move the meeting to the 16th. Following discussion, the board agreed to move the monthly meeting to January 22nd.

C. ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A comparison of 1st and 2nd six week cycles shows attendance has been going down, the biggest decline in grades 7-12th. Administrators have been asked to check that secretaries are coding attendance correctly.

A short break was called for at 6:55 p.m., with the board convening into a closed session at 7:15 p.m.

12. *CONSULTATION WITH SUPERINTENDENT

Closed Session Pursuant to Gov't Code 551.074, Personnel.

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

13. *CONSIDERATION OF TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY CONTRACT OF TEACHER FOR ABANDONMENT OF CONTRACT

Closed Session Pursuant to Gov't Code 551.074, Personnel. Any action taken will be in Open Session.

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

14. *SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION & CONTRACT
Closed Session, Pursuant to Gov't Code 551.074, Personnel.
Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The board reconvened into open session at 9:13 p.m. and took the following action:

Motion made by John Paul Schuster, "I, move that, in the Board's judgment, the best interests of the District will be served by terminating the probationary contract employment of Jason Gridley immediately, and I further move that the Superintendent be authorized on behalf of the Board to provide the employee with timely written notice of the Board's action." Tony Ashley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to approve the March 21, 2006, certified agenda as presented. Mark Frerich seconded.

A motion was made by Henry Lutz to approve the June 5, 2006, certified agenda as presented. Sara Terrazas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent's evaluation has been tabled until the January 22, 2007 meeting.

15. PUBLIC FORUM

No guests present for public forum participation.

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Henry Lutz, Board President

Sara Terrazas, Secretary

Date

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