

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Brackett ISD

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A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brackett ISD was held December 10, 2007, beginning at 6:32 PM in the Central Office, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville.

Members Present: Ronnie Hobbs, Henry Lutz , Sondra Meil, Mark Frerich, Tony Molinar

Members Absent: Tony Ashley, John Paul Schuster

Administrators: Paula Renken, Alma Gutierrez, Frank Taylor

Guests: ESC Reg. 20 Dr. Terry Smith, Juanita Talamantes, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rivas, B Schroeder, Pam Hale, Lisa Ostby, Allison Taylor, Christie Palmer, John McKaskle, Olivia Robinette, Shirley Stephenson, Melanie Jones, Sandra Tate, Julie Flores, Marla Madrid, Susan Esparza

Students: Hernan Talamantes, Kelsey Bruce, Gabby Schroeder, Meghan Flores, Haley Hale, Courtney Kirkland, Cheyene Smith, Brianna Escamilla, Ashley Stephenson, Bianca Cruz, Brooklyn Gose

1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m., with a quorum present. Following a moment of silence, Sondra Meil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. RECOGNIZE ESC REGION 20 CHRISTMAS CARD ARTIST,  
6TH GRADER HERNAN TALAMANTES

Presenter: DR. TERRY SMITH

Student Hernan Talamantes was presented a certificate and Christmas card featuring his artwork by Dr. Terry Smith from ESC Region 20. Hernan won the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Region 20 Christmas card contest.

3. RECOGNIZE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Presenter: DUSTY BROTHERTON

Coach Dusty Brotherton recognized the BHS girls cross country team. The girls won the title of District Champs, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Regionals, and placed 6<sup>th</sup> in State. This is the highest title earned by the cross country team in the history of the school.

4. SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

Presenter: FRANK TAYLOR

Frank Taylor announced the Uvalde National Bank's Scholar of the Month for December, 8<sup>th</sup> grader Megan Flores. Megan is a member of the Junior High Achievers and serves on the Superintendents Student Advisory Council. She will receive a \$100 savings bond, T-shirt, and radio announcement.

Drum Major Ashley Stephenson was recognized for earning a place on the All-Region Band. Ashley has received this honor during all four years in high school. This is also her third year in Area competition. Ashley has a scholarship for San Angelo State University.

Board members were invited to attend the Christmas Concert tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m., in the auditorium.

5. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

No guests were present for open forum participation.

6. 5TH GRADE INTERMEDIATE CLASS PRESENTATION

Presenter: JOHN MCKASKLE, OLIVIA ROBINETTE, CHRISTIE PALMER

Fifth grade team leaders John McKaskle, Christie Palmer, and Olivia Robinette gave a Powerpoint presentation outlining areas of focus in Science, Reading, and Math. This year students participate in a morning Science lab. Tutorials are provided in Science, Math, and Reading using Study Island. Teacher Olivia Robinette gave a brief overview of the PAS series which tracks Math progress, giving a student history and forecast report for each student.

7. BIG DECISIONS: SEX EDUCATION CURRICULUM

Presenter: S.H.A.C. REP. LISA OSTBY, R.N.

School Nurse Lisa Ostby attended training last month on the Big Decisions sex ed. curriculum. The School Health Advisory Council then reviewed the material and now recommends adoption. Big Decisions is an abstinence plus program, covering reproduction, STD's, contraception, consequences, etc. The Superintendent's advisory student group also reviewed the material, stating their parents would want this. Class instructors would most likely be Coach Brotherton, Louisa Stone, and Nurse Ostby. The ten-lesson curriculum is adaptable, and can be downloaded from internet at no cost to the district. There is no grading. Big Decisions meets all local policy and state guidelines. If adopted, classes would start this Spring. Some classes will be girls only, boys only, and mixed.

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to adopt the Big Decisions sex education curriculum as recommended by the School Health Advisory Council. Henry Lutz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Presenter: ARCHITECT JOHN GRAVES, JR.

At the last meeting all projects, excluding parking lots, were tentatively awarded to M. Bizzell, pending negotiation. Project costs have since been adjusted with the play court and concession stand almost down to budgeted amounts. The board reviewed cost cuts/savings per project. The original budget had an estimated cost of \$373,130.00 for all projects, which is now down to \$371,840.00. John Graves stated he is still working on the parking project, which should start late Spring. The district is looking at a 10% retainage, and completion date within 220 days.

Mr. Graves gave an update on the track. The toilets are still leaking. Mike Bizzell will be out tomorrow to check for possible debris in the lines. A suggestion was made to try putting in a temporary bypass line to flush the valve. The board agreed to give Mike Bizzell until the end of business on the 18<sup>th</sup> to correct the problem. In the meantime, John Graves will get contracts together.

A motion was made by Henry Lutz to award the construction bid for the play court, concession stand, and elementary office addition to Pioneer Concepts in the amount of \$371,840.00, with the award contingent upon completion of the track project by the end of business on December 18<sup>th</sup>, with favorable approval of the Superintendent and John Graves. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

9. MINUTES

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Correction to item 15E, Sick Leave Pool, should read spouse, parent, child, and **sibling**.

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to approve minutes for the November 12, 2007, regular meeting, with one correction as noted. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried with Ronnie Hobbs and Sondra Meil abstaining.

10. BUSINESS & FINANCE

Presenter: MARLA MADRID / PAULA RENKEN

A. RECAP OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

The board conducted a recap for November on money received from state and other resources up to this point. Spending has slowed down. There will be one check run this month due to the holiday break.

B. CHECK RUN

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Annual records retention is required. Records Consultants, Inc. archives and labels boxes for retention or destruction. The company also picks up records to be destroyed. This is the time we renew our programs with the Education Service Center, Region 20; co-ops, cafeteria, etc.

11. BOARD OF TRUSTEES REQUIRED CONTINUING  
EDUCATION REPORT

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Education Code 11.159(b) requires the minutes of the last regular meeting of the board of trustees held during a calendar year reflect whether each trustee has met or is deficient in meeting the training required to be completed as of the date of the meeting. The status of each board member has been recorded as either deficient, completed, or exceeded in the required hours for the current assessment year. President Henry Lutz requested the minutes reflect the following as read aloud:

Tony Ashley - Deficient  
Mark Frerich – Deficient  
Ronnie Hobbs – Exceeded  
Henry Lutz – Exceeded  
Sondra Meil – Exceeded  
Tony Molinar – Exceeded  
John Paul Schuster – Deficient (pending TASB review)  
Paula Renken - Exceeded

12. UPDATE 81, SECOND READING

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A second reading of Update 81 was conducted by the board. Mrs. Renken noted changes to policies DGBA, FFH, FD, FEA, and GKC. TASB's recommended policy GKC, addressing sex offenders, was compared to one recommended by our school attorney. Mrs. Renken recommended going with our attorney's version which includes seven points, not developed in the TASB model.

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to adopt Update 81 as recommended by TASB, with the exception of GKC local, replacing it with the attorney recommended policy. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Enrollment, discipline reports, and current events.

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ / FRANK TAYLOR

A. JONES ELEMENTARY / INTERMEDIATE

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ

Enrollment: 325 Discipline: 18

Refer to written report. Board members were invited to view science projects on display in the DL lab. Sixty percent of the students were represented at open house. Forty-seven students participated in the 2007-2008 UIL meet last Saturday. Jones Elementary and Intermediate School took first place in ten out of thirteen events. The students were well behaved and participated in a parade upon their return.

B. BJH / BHS / ACADEMY

Presenter: FRANK TAYLOR

Enrollment: 283     Discipline: 18

Refer to written report.

Discipline numbers are mostly junior high students misbehaving, several high school students skipping. Five high school students attended a "Teen in the Driver's Seat" workshop in Del Rio.

C. SPECIAL EDUCATION

Presenter: MELANIE JONES

Special Ed.: 69     Speech: 18

The only referrals for elementary this year have been for speech.

14. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Information & updates on projects and events.

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A. BOARD GOALS - SET DATE

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Paula Renken stated the required bus evacuation training is going well, and thanked the Administrators and Ricky Creel for working on this project.

All board members agreed to January 14<sup>th</sup>, during the regular meeting, as a date to work on board goals.

**A short break was called for at 8:17 p.m., with the board convening into a closed session at 8:21 p.m.**

15. PERSONNEL

Pursuant to Gov't Code 551.074.

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A. LETTER OF RESIGNATION: BAND DIRECTOR

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

B. RECOMMENDATION FOR HIRE: SECONDARY SCIENCE TEACHER

Presenter: FRANK TAYLOR

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION & CONTRACT

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

**The meeting reconvened into open session at 9:44 p.m., and took the following action:**

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to hire Secondary Science teacher Marlene Estep. Ronnie Hobbs seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ronnie Hobbs to accept a letter of resignation from Band Director Charlie Goodson, effective the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to approve the certified agenda for September 10, 2007, as presented. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Freich to approve the certified agenda for November 12, 2007, as presented. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried with Ronnie Hobbs abstaining.

16. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

No guests were present for open forum participation.

17. ADJOURN

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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Henry Lutz, Board President

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Sondra Meil, Secretary

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