

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Brownwood Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brownwood Independent School District was held Monday, August 9, 2021 beginning at 6:30 PM at the Central Support Center located at 2707 Southside Drive. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Michael Cloy. The invocation was voiced by First United Methodist Church Associate Pastor Joey Wilbourn, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Michael Cloy.

PRESENT:

Mr. Michael Cloy, President
Mrs. Diane Thompson, Secretary
Mr. Eric Evans, Member
Mr. Codie Smith, Member
Mr. Tim Jacobs, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Joe Young, Superintendent
Mrs. Liesa Land, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Mitch Moore, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Charlie Musgrove, Community Relations Coordinator
Mrs. Karen Dempsey, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent

ABSENT:

Mr. Roderick Jones, Sr., Vice President
Mrs. Amary Doremus, Member

Others Present:

Doug Bonsal, Lindsay Smith, Ginger Ketcher, Jeanette Lancaster, Kassie Russell – BISD Staff, Richard Porter and Lanie Spears – Porter Insurance, W. Mike Smith, John Bunn, Herb Ragsdale – community agenda speakers, Joey Wilbourn – FUMC pastor, and Randy Turner – KOXE.

Deputy Superintendent Liesa Land provided an update regarding state assessment results for the 2020-2021 school year. Results showed BISD students are above the state averages in most areas indicated by Approaches, Meets, and Masters percentages for state grade level assessments. Land noted the district plans to address the few areas that were slightly below state averages but was very pleased with the overall results considering the potential gaps created by the COVID-19 shutdown and remote learning last year.

During the Superintendent's report, Dr. Joe Young provided information about Project Neighborhood which is a planned re-examination of school grade levels. Elementary schools are currently Pre-K through 3rd grade. The Site-Based Decision-Making Committee, which includes teachers, district staff, community leaders and parents, has discussed the benefits to possible other arrangements for grade levels. Additional meetings are scheduled through this school year to continue discussions and collect feedback from the community regarding Project Neighborhood. Dr. Young also noted that the current Return to School plan has been released addressing the BISD COVID-19 response and plans for the upcoming school year. Vaccines are available for 12 and older through several local pharmacies, and vaccines.gov. Students and staff should not attend school if they have a fever of 100.0 F or higher or new onset symptoms of illness. Masks will be optional. Masks and hand sanitizer continues to be available throughout the district, and elementary teachers are encouraged to supervise student handwashing for 20 seconds at least two times each day. The complete plan along with the most recent updates is available on the Brownwood ISD website at <https://www.brownwoodisd.org/returnplans>.

The following Departmental Reports were presented:

The Athletic Report from AD Sammy Burnett, Assessment, District and Campus Improvement Plan Reports from Ms. Liesa Land, Staff & Student Handbooks from Doug Bonsal, HB3 Goal Update by Dr. Young, the Quarterly Finance Report from Mitch Moore, and an update on CTE/Vocational Building Naming Process. Community members and former BHS students William Smith, John Bunn, and Herb Ragsdale all addressed the board regarding their nominee for this building, former teacher Mr. Dusty Moore.

Dr. Young presented TASB-initiated Policy Update 117, for review. This update includes revisions to CH(LOCAL): Purchasing and Acquisition, CV(LOCAL): Facilities Construction, and DEC(LOCAL): Compensation and Benefits - Leaves and Absences. The update was presented as a first reading only, with no action on the item scheduled until next month.

The Student Code of Conduct for the 2021-2022 year was provided. No major changes were reported. This is an annual approval required by the state, and the Texas Association of School Boards provides the updated document each year, ensuring that it complies with all laws on student discipline. Trustee Codie Smith motioned that the Student Code of Conduct be approved as presented, and Trustee Eric Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The proposed budget is based on a tax rate of \$0.9369 for Maintenance and Operations and \$0.1385 for Interest and Sinking. This tax rate reflects a decrease of \$0.00361 in Maintenance and Operations and \$0.01 in Interest and Sinking for the 2021-2022 school budget year. Trustee Tim Jacobs motioned that the proposed tax rate for public notice be approved as presented. Trustee Diane Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The date of August 26, 2021 was presented for approval as the date to approve the 2021-2022 BISD budget and tax rate. Trustee Diane Thompson motioned to approve the date as presented, with Trustee Eric Evans seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A resolution for the Public Funds Investment Policy was provided for approval with no changes. Trustee Eric Evans motioned that the policy be approved as presented, with Trustee Codie Smith seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved unanimously as presented, with a motion by Trustee Tim Jacobs and a second by Trustee Codie Smith.

The items on the agenda included the following:

- T-TESS Appraiser List
- Teacher Appraisal Calendar
- District Improvement Plan
- Property/Casualty Insurance for 2021-2022
- Extension of Janitorial Contract for 2021-2022
- Transportation Agreement for 2021-2022
- District of Innovation Teacher Certifications for 2021-2022
- May 10, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

The board moved into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. They returned to open session at 8:12 p.m. No additional action was taken on executive session matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Michael Cloy
President

Diane Thompson
Secretary