

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Brackett ISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brackett ISD was held May 11, 2009, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Intermediate Hall, Distance Learning Room, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville.

Members Present: John Paul Schuster, Tony Molinar, Sondra Meil, Brad Coe

Members Absent: Tony Ashley, Dan Laws, Mark Frerich

Administrators: Robert Westbrook, Frank Taylor, Alma Gutierrez

Guests: Lalo Diaz, James & Eileen Allen, Tom & Veronica Swinson, David Esparza, Marla Madrid, Susan Esparza, and students Leslie Allen and Laura Swinson

1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting was called to order by John Paul Schuster at 6:40 p.m., with a quorum present. Following a moment of silence, Brad Coe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

Presenter: FRANK TAYLOR

Junior High student Leslie Allen and High School student Laura Swinson were recognized by Administrator Frank Taylor and Uvalde Bank Representative Lalo Diaz as Scholars of the Month. In addition to Scholar of the Month, Laura Swinson is also the High School National Merit Scholar.

3. OATH OF OFFICE

Presenter: NOTARY PUBLIC SUSAN ESPARZA

The Oath of Office was administered by Notary Public Susan Esparza to elected (*by unopposed election*) board member John Paul Schuster.

4. REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS

Presenter: ROBERT WESTBROOK

Robert Westbrook opened the floor for nominations for President. Sondra Meil nominated John Paul Schuster. John Paul Schuster nominated Sondra Meil. A motion to cease nominations was made by John Paul Schuster. Sondra Meil seconded. Votes cast were 2 to 1, with John Paul Schuster named President.

John Paul Schuster opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. John Paul Schuster nominated Sondra Meil. With no further nominations, the floor was suspended and Sondra Meil named Vice President.

John Paul Schuster opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Brad Coe nominated Tony Molinar. Tony Molinar nominated Dan Laws. A motion to cease nominations was made by Sondra Meil. Votes cast for Tony Molinar, 3 to 1. Votes cast for Dan Laws, 1. Tony Molinar was named Secretary.

5. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: BOARD PRESIDENT

No guests were present for open forum participation.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: BOARD PRESIDENT

- A. MINUTES: 04/13/09 Regular Meeting
- B. BUSINESS & FINANCE: April Recap, Check Run
- C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Grades PK-6, Grades 7-12, Special Ed. Report

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, to include minutes of the 04/13/2009 meeting, business and finance reports, and administrative reports. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Presenter: ROBERT WESTBROOK / MARLA MADRID

- A. RESOLUTION FOR BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT, 2009-2011

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to adopt a resolution for the renewal of our bank depository contract with Bank and Trust as presented for an additional two years. Brad Coe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. 3RD QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT

The board was given information on district investments for the third quarter.

- C. BUDGET PLANNING, 2009-2010

Discussion centered on issues the board will need to consider for the budget building process, including salaries and major projects on wish lists.

A workshop was set for Tuesday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m., to conduct a tour of district facilities.

A copy of the 2009-2010 budget calendar was given to the board to plan accordingly.

D. FINANCE UPDATE

A report was given by Robert Westbrook on current and projected fund balance and cash flow.

8. UPDATE ON FACILITIES

Presenter: ROBERT WESTBROOK

Discussion included removal of portable buildings, plans for additional classrooms and new office for the school nurse. Facilities discussed will be highlighted during the walk-through tour on May 26th.

9. LEAVES & ABSENCES: DEC (LOCAL) POLICY

First Reading

Presenter: ROBERT WESTBROOK

A first reading of *Starting Points*, Leaves & Absences: DEC Local policy, was conducted by the board.

10. POLICY UPDATE 85

First Reading

Presenter: ROBERT WESTBROOK

The board conducted a first reading of policy Update 85.

11. STUDENT ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Presenter: ROBERT WESTBROOK

Discussion included current monitoring of student postings on youtube.com, addressing the use of electronic devices in 2009-2010 student handbooks, and possibly implementing a \$15.00 maximum fee for second offenses.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presenter: ROBERT WESTBROOK

A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A report was given by Robert Westbrook on current legislative action relating to accountability and finance.

Information was given by Frank Taylor regarding the most recent vandalism with five windows broken over the weekend. The district will consider installing motion security lights and possibly offering a reward for information.

Upcoming events discussed include the Summer Leadership Institute and High School Graduation.

The board convened into a closed session at 9:00 p.m., pursuant to Gov't Code 551.074, Personnel.

13. *PERSONNEL, PURSUANT TO GOV'T CODE 551.074
Closed Session
Presenter: BOARD PRESIDENT / ROBERT WESTBROOK
A. STAFFING NEEDS, 2009-2010

The board reconvened into open session at 10:13 p.m., with no action taken.

14. OPEN FORUM
Presenter: BOARD PRESIDENT
No guests were present for open forum participation.

15. ADJOURN
Presenter: BOARD PRESIDENT
With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

John Paul Schuster, Board President

Tony Molinar, Secretary

Date

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