

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, March 14, 2022 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. Father Francis Onyekozuru from Saint Mary's Queen of Peace Catholic Church gave the invocation. Northwest Elementary students Madalyn Current and Kelli Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Others Present:

BISD Staff – Doug Bonsal, Mark Stanley, Allison Northcutt, Bucky Bates, Stacy Loftin, Jeanette Lancaster, Kassie Russell, Dean Kiesling, Dawn Hilburn, Carol Gilbreth and numerous staff members; Francie Clark, Sara Stephenson and numerous parents from the community.

BISD Deputy Superintendent, Liesa Land, presented a brief introduction along with a video regarding an optional 30 additional school days to be offered for PK-5th in the summer of 2023. These days will not only include core subjects, but may also include areas such as fine arts, STEM, and more. BISD was recently selected to implement this initiative and will move to a 180-day academic calendar to better meet the needs of students and families.

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. March 2022 honorees were Woodland Heights Elementary teacher Dawn Hilburn, and Coggin Intermediate School Digital Media Specialist (Librarian) Carol Gilbreth.
- **Brownwood ISD school counselors** from Brownwood Middle School (BMS), Coggin Intermediate School (CIS), East Elementary, Northwest Elementary, and Woodland Heights Elementary were recognized for receiving the CREST Exemplary Award. Those recognized included Denise Cox, Angie Bertrand, Kerri Jacobson, Rachel Griffin, Dawna Fulton, Marci Reagan, Lindsey Bigham, LeeAnn Stork, Kimber Bennet, and Marci Reagan, as well as BISD Mental Health Coordinator Danielle Howard.
- **The Robotics team at Coggin Intermediate School** received first place in the Intermediate Division at the San Angelo Stock Show Robotics competition. Team members included Roman Delgado, Kinsler

Doremus, Jaxon Mouser, Rylan Martin, and Evan Smith. Robotics coaches Amber Shipman and Sherri Land were also recognized.

- **Dawn Hilburn (Woodland Heights) and Jan Briggs (Woodland Heights)** were recognized for exemplary service in strengthening student academic achievement.

BISD Superintendent, Dr. Joe Young presented the Superintendent's Report by providing the monthly financial report and information regarding the ESSER 3 (Covid) funding, which requires an in-person instruction plan six-month review. He also called the Board's attention to a letter from Region 15 noting that there were no contested races for their board election, so no need for a vote this year.

The following Departmental Reports were presented:

BISD Community Relations Report: Dr. Young presented a summary of the communications-related data provided by BISD Community Relations Coordinator, Charles Musgrove. The communications report contained updates and data on several projects including Project Neighborhood, billboard campaigns, and other digital communication metrics. Since June 2021, sixty press releases and 145 School Messenger direct communications (Email/SMS) have been sent. The report also contained a summary of website and social media statistics which indicate continued growth in all social media platforms. Highlights also included three Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) STAR awards received (Chick-fil-A video – Gold, District of Choice Billboard – Silver, Teaching at BISD Video – Bronze) and the continued use of a Communications Intern, a college student recommended through a partnership with Howard Payne University.

BISD Technology Report: Dr. Young presented information regarding recent technology projects within the district provided by BISD Director of Technology, Mark Stanley. The BISD Technology Department currently supports approximately 5343 computing devices in addition to well over 900 other devices such as Promethean boards, printers, document cameras, and network-related equipment.

The report noted the importance and quality of work done in Instructional Technology, working with teachers to help them implement digital content and software in their classrooms. Students are being exposed to new technologies and resources that were not available to them in the past. Tynker was a specific piece of software that was highlighted. Tynker offers block-based coding challenges and courses for students in elementary through high school. It prepares students to transition into real world programming languages. With over 9,000 lines of code written by BISD elementary students, the amount of engagement is impressive.

Information pertaining to additional classroom equipment installations, district safety and security technology, and current and upcoming projects was also provided.

School Nutrition Contract Update: Brownwood ISD has a four-year contract with Southwest Food Excellence (SFE) to provide school meal services. As mandated, a request for proposals was sent out this year and BISD Superintendent of Business and Finance Mitch Moore provided an update on the process. Four bids were received. The companies that turned in bids were Chartwells, SFE, Aramark, and Taher. A selection committee consisting of five members from the School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) will meet and provide a recommendation to TDA. The results will be brought to the Board for final approval at the April Board Meeting.

The board considered approval of the Project Neighborhood initiative as the first action item on the agenda. Over the last three years, campus configurations were examined. Project Neighborhood moves 4th and 5th grades back to neighborhood elementaries and creates a Pre-K-6th school at Coggin Intermediate. Six community meetings

were held throughout the district providing information and collecting feedback. A section on the website was created to provide parents and the public with up-to-date information, links, and more regarding Project Neighborhood (<https://www.brownwoodisd.org/projectneighborhood>). Mapping software containing detailed demographics and student data was utilized to redraw elementary attendance zones with the addition of Coggin Elementary. Community feedback was used to tweak boundaries and address concerns. Parents will be able to enter their address online and see the new attendance zones on an interactive map by visiting <https://www.brownwoodisd.org/elemzones>. Trustee Evans made a motion to approve the reorganization of BISD campus grade levels as outlined in the Project Neighborhood plan. This includes any needed attendance boundary changes, the shift to 3 & 4-year-old Pre-K, and changes in staff assignments. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board then considered approval of the instructional calendar for 2022-2023. The district's Site-Based Decision-Making Committee met, as well as solicited input from their campuses in order to develop two calendars. The staff was polled for their preference and there were 269 who answered the survey. The poll results were: Calendar A – 116, and Calendar B – 153. Based on the recommendation of the Site-Based Decision-Making Committee and the results of the employee poll, Trustee Jones made a motion to approve Calendar B. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item considered was approval for additional days to the 2023 school year for Pre-K through 5th grade. The TCLAS Steering Committee developed a summer calendar for 2023 that includes up to 30 additional days. A grant was received to provide funding for the optional days which would be offered in the summer of 2023. These days will not only include core subjects, but may also include areas such as fine arts and STEM activities. Based on the recommendation of the TCLAS Steering Committee, Trustee Evans moved to approve the optional additional days to the 2023 school year for grades Pre-K-5. Trustee Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- January 28, 2022 Board Training Meeting Minutes
- February 7, 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.

The board moved into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. They returned to open session at 8:26 p.m.

No additional action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Michael Cloy
President

Diane Thompson
Secretary