

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Brackett ISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brackett ISD was held April 14, 2008, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville.

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

Members Absent: Tony Ashley

Administrators: Paula Renken, Alma Gutierrez, Frank Taylor

Guests: Christy Palmer, Marla Madrid, Susan Esparza

1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m., with a quorum present. Following a moment of silence, Ronnie Hobbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

No guests present for open forum participation.

3. MINUTES

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to approve minutes for the March 10, 2008, regular meeting as presented. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A change in the agenda order was called for by President Henry Lutz, moving item 9E up to accommodate Mrs. Palmer.

*9E UPDATE ON TAKS SCORES

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Third grade students achieved the goal of 100% on their reading TAKS test. Not present, a written statement from third grade teacher Judy Burks was shared with the board. Mrs. Burks commented on the program and teaching strategies she and teacher Laurel Plunk used to get these students to where they are today. Twenty-seven of those passing were at-risk students.

A written statement from eighth grade teacher Candace Bader was read by Frank Taylor. Twenty-five students were tested on the regular TAKS. Sixteen achieved a "Commended" score. Mrs. Bader pointed out this class of 8th graders were the first class as Mrs. Burks 3rd graders, the first as fifth graders and now the first as eighth graders to fall under Student Success Initiative guidelines. There are thirty total students in this class.

Paula Renken and the board commended the administrators, teachers, and students for their hard work and successful achievement on the TAKS.

4. BUSINESS & FINANCE

Presenter: MARLA MADRID / PAULA RENKEN

A. RECAP OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

The board conducted a recap of revenue and expenditures for the month of March. The budget is on track. The April 1st deadline on purchase orders worked well. Most PO's will be paid for by June. Both Marla and Mrs. Renken will be watching food service closely for the next two months.

B. CHECK RUN

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

The check run includes payments made to activity funds and FCA for gate keepers. The clubs took turns doing the gates for football and volleyball, FCA did all basketball games. The money will go to scholarships. A second payment went out to Pioneer Concepts. Work was done on the sprinklers at the track field, replaced valves, etc.

5. SPECIAL EDUCATION BUS

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

The picture of a bus (and information) sent in the Board Brief was sold. Information on a bus in the board packet is comparable in price, etc. This bus is a step up from what we have now and has been driven on asphalt only. Our current bus will only accommodate one wheelchair, this bus will accommodate two wheelchairs and 6-8 passengers. The bus being considered is a 2004 Chevy Mid Bus at \$34,900, with a cushion, \$36,000. The bus is in Oklahoma. Current mileage is 58,000. Following discussion the board agreed to allow up to \$38,000 as a cushion for freight charges, etc.

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to allow the Superintendent to negotiate the purchase price on a used 2004 Chevy Mid-Bus, six to eight passenger, up to \$38,000.00. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT TO SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE UVALDE REGIONAL DAY SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE DEAF

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The amendment being considered is an annual update to our shared services agreement with the Uvalde program for the deaf. Our district currently services a deaf three year-old. We are in the process of finding a certified interpreter. If we can find one, they will pick up the cost. Our district does have several paraprofessionals that can sign, but they are not certified interpreters.

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to adopt a resolution and amendment to our shared services arrangement agreement for the Uvalde Regional Day School Program for the Deaf. Henry Lutz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. AMENDMENT 1 TO UVALDE REGIONAL DAY SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE DEAF SPECIAL EDUCATION SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT AGREEMENT

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

All Cluster V schools are involved in the shared services arrangement.

A motion was made by Henry Lutz to adopt Amendment 1 to the Uvalde Regional Day School Program for the Deaf special education shared services arrangement agreement. Ronnie Hobbs seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Enrollment, discipline reports, and current events.

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ / FRANK TAYLOR

A. JONES ELEMENTARY / INTERMEDIATE

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ

Enrollment: 320 (four left, more expected) Discipline: 13

Refer to written report. Events for April. This is No Name Calling Week. Five students will participate in the Special Olympics. The Texas State Aquarium will make a local visit April 18th. The six students disciplined for bullying are not repeat offenders. The Counselor has a Bully Busters program which is working well.

B. BJH / BHS / ACADEMY

Presenter: FRANK TAYLOR

Enrollment: 286 (dropped one) Discipline: 15 (general misbehavior, one skipping)

Refer to written report. Mr. Taylor listed students who qualified for state. Have four Seniors that still need to pass Math and Science.

C. SPECIAL EDUCATION

Presenter: MELANIE JONES

Total in district: 71 Noted enrollment of a three year old and return of another student. We now have a speech therapist coming from San Antonio. Missed sessions will be made up this summer. The board was invited to attend a special education public information meeting on April 23rd.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Information & updates on projects and events.

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A. COMPUTER SURVEY

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Results are in from a survey requested by Tony Ashley. Students were polled to find out the number of students with computers at home, the number of students with internet connection at home, and the number of students without a computer at home. Information from this survey will help in determining the use of C.O.W.S. at home. Tony Molinar has helped us out with some federal computers through the Computers for Learners program.

B. SUMMER SCHOOL PLAN

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Summer school will run June 2nd through the 23rd. Administrators have requested summer school go to five days a week. Students have to be in class four hours a day. The high school will offer credit recovery, with one teacher and one aide. Summer school teachers will receive their first raise in ten years, with salaries going up to \$30.00 a day.

C. TASB SUMMER LEADERSHIP DRAWING: TEACHER APPRECIATION

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up May 5-9th. As previously discussed, the board agreed to holding a district-wide drawing for all personnel. Ten employees will receive \$100.00 each. The board also determined breakfast would be easier and would probably bring better attendance. Breakfast will be Wednesday, May 7th, from 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Board members will conduct the drawings after 7:30 a.m. The breakfast will be held in the new Cafeteria.

- D. UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
Presenter: PAULA RENKEN
The building is in for the covered play area. Everything else is on schedule.
- *E. UPDATE ON TAKS SCORES
Presenter: PAULA RENKEN
(Item moved up and addressed earlier.)

The board convened into a closed session at 7:29 p.m.

- 10. *PERSONNEL
Pursuant to Gov't Code 551.074.
Presenter: HENRY LUTZ
 - A. LETTER OF RESIGNATION
Presenter: HENRY LUTZ
 - B. RECOMMENDATIONS TO HIRE
Presenter: HENRY LUTZ
 - C. QUARTERLY SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION & SALARY
Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The meeting reconvened into open session at 8:41 p.m., and took the following action:

A motion was made by Ronnie Hobbs to accept a letter of resignation from Cathy Lutz, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year. John Paul Schuster seconded. The motion carried with Henry Lutz abstaining.

A motion was made by Henry Lutz to hire Ralph Almanza as a Secondary Science and Coach, offering him a dual contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Sondra Meil seconded. The motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to hire Twilley Young as an elementary/intermediate teacher for the 2008-2009 school year. John Paul Schuster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Item C, Quarterly Superintendent Evaluation & Salary, was not addressed during open session by the board.

A motion was made by Henry Lutz to approve a certified agenda for December 10, 2007, as presented. Ronnie Hobbs seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to approve a certified agenda for January 14, 2008, as presented. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- 11. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

No guests were present for open forum participation.

A group picture of the board will be taken on April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Board members were instructed to wear their white polo shirt.

12. ADJOURN

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Ronnie Hobbs made the motion, Henry Lutz seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Henry Lutz, Board President

Sondra Meil, Secretary

Date

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