

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Brownwood Independent School District

The Brownwood ISD (BISD) Board of Trustees met for a regular session meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The session was called to order by Board President, Michael Cloy. The invocation was led by Father Tony Franco from St. Mary's Catholic Church. Brownwood Middle School (BMS) students Emerson Evans, Leighton Burnett, and Logan Goodrich led The Pledge of Allegiance. The BMS Small Band Ensemble performed an arrangement of "In the Bleak Midwinter" by Gustav Holst under the direction of Mr. Juan Hernandez.

PRESENT:

Mr. Michael Cloy, President
Mrs. Amary Doremus, Member
Mr. Tim Wilson, Member
Mrs. Diane Thompson, Secretary
Mr. Justin Posey, Member
Mr. Codie Smith, Member
Mr. Roderick Jones, Sr. Vice President

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Joe Young, Superintendent
Mrs. Liesa Land, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Mitch Moore, Asst. Superintendent
Mrs. Krista Behler, Exec. Assistant to the Superintendent
Ms. Heidi Gardner, Director of Finance and Grants

Others Present:

Lindsay Smith, Andy Gill, Amy Morris, Shelby Tibbitts, Mykia Anderson, Jake Senkirik, Amber Villalpando, Tim Thomas, Lauren Mays, Christi Burks, Jeanette Lancaster, Kali McLaughlin, Monica Verner, Rebecca Faulkner,; as well as numerous staff and community members

January is School Board Recognition Month, and BISD joins the Texas Association of School Boards and other districts across the state to honor the countless contributions of these locally elected advocates for Texas schoolchildren and public schools. Students and staff throughout the district put together customized gifts to show their appreciation to each Board member. Board members are Roderick B. Jones (Vice President), Justin Posey, Amary Doremus, Diane Thompson (Secretary), Michael Cloy (President), Tim Wilson, and Codie Smith.

BISD recognized the following groups and individuals and presented them with certificates highlighting their achievements:

- **BISD Spotlight Teachers and Staff:** The BISD Spotlight recognizes members of the faculty and staff who go the extra mile to ensure excellence in education for all our students. Spotlight recipients are chosen from peer nominations and awards are provided through a sponsorship by Jacobs Family Pharmacy and Brownwood Education Foundation. January 2025 honorees were Northwest Elementary Pre-K teacher Misty Hill and East Elementary secretary Bea Fanning.
- **Elementary Academic UIL:** BISD elementary students earning first place in their Academic UIL competition category were recognized.
- **Middle School Academic UIL:** BMS students placing in the top three in their Academic UIL competition category were recognized.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered an executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss security and personnel matters including the superintendent contract. The Board exited the executive session at 8:10 p.m. and returned to regular session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Young provided the following updates and information:

- An updated budget report was provided to the Board.
- Options for next year's school calendar will be finalized with input from the community and BISD staff. A recommendation by the Site-Based Decision Making Committee will be made for the Board to review next month.
- Discussions regarding revisions to the Additional Day School Year (ADSY) summer program are underway.
- Work continues on Bond 2023 projects.
 - The indoor multi-purpose student activity center building has framework with roofing and siding panels currently being installed.
 - The Snodgrass building renovation is complete.
 - Work at Gordon Wood Stadium continues with Phase 3 of the project to begin after next football season.
 - Baseball and softball fields are ready for practices and games. Weather delayed some progress on the parking lot, but construction continues.
 - Demo on the middle school locker rooms is ongoing with the old foundation removal going down 3.5 feet.
 - A few safety and security projects are still being completed including new camera and fencing installations.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Enrollment/Transfer Report: The report included a total enrollment of 3391 for the district along with a detailed breakdown of enrollment data by campus. A total of 248 Out-of-District Transfers (into BISD from other districts) were reported as of January 7, 2025.

Quarterly Investment Report: A Quarterly Investment Summary covering September- November 2024 was provided to the Board for review.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Trustee Jones made a motion to extend an employment contract to Dr. Joe Young as Superintendent of Schools from January 13, 2025 to January 13, 2030. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2023-24 FINANCIAL AUDIT

The annual financial audit has been completed. Cameron Aaron from the Pattillo, Brown, and Hill Accounting Firm presented the BISD 2023-2024 audit report to the Board. BISD received a clean opinion from the firm, the

highest level of assurance offered. Trustee Jones moved that the audit be approved as presented. Trustee Doremus seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes from December 9, 2024 Meeting

Trustee Doremus moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Trustee Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminders were announced for the following upcoming events:

- TAC Meeting - 01/16/2025
- Martin Luther King Holiday - 01/20/2025
- Next Board Meeting - 02/10/2025

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Michael Cloy
President

Mrs. Diane Thompson
Secretary