

Brackett Independent School District
Board Minutes of Public Hearing & Special Meeting
June 26, 2006

Members Present - Ronnie Hobbs, John Paul Schuster, Henry Lutz, Sara Terrazas, Jeffrey Duncan

Members Absent - Tony Ashley, Mark Frerich

Administrators Present - Paula Renken, Alma Gutierrez, Frank Taylor

Guests - Marla Madrid, Susan Esparza

1. PUBLIC HEARING: 2006-2007 SCHOOL BUDGET & PROPOSED TAX RATE

The public hearing was opened at 6:06 p.m. With no members of the public present for a discussion of the school budget and proposed tax rate, the hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

2. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM

Henry Lutz, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE

Following a moment of silence, John Paul Schuster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. 2005-2006 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Business Manager Marla Madrid stated budget amendments to be discussed are necessary to close out the current 2005-2006 budget. The majority of the adjustments are to set up budgets for money received by grants or special programs. Increases are designated by the number/letter combination 5XXX, and decreases are 6XXX. [See Budget Amendments with agenda.]

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to approve the budget amendments as presented for the 2005-2006 current budget. Ronnie Hobbs seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. BUDGET APPROVAL FOR 2006-2007

Marla Madrid and Superintendent Paula Renken conducted a brief review of the proposed 2006-2007 budget. The budget is based on an ADA (Average Daily Attendance) of 591 students. Requests from administrators for personnel, equipment, supplies, and building repairs were taken under consideration, along with any new legislative changes. Costs for the track field renovation, concession stand, and storage facility will come from the fund balance. Salaries have been adjusted to give support staff (approximately) an \$800.00 raise, professional staff \$2,000.00 plus a step raise. Base pay has been raised \$200.00 to \$1,800.00. In addition, full time employees will receive their \$500.00 health benefit as salary due to a legislative mandate. Part time employees will receive a \$250.00 health benefit as salary. BISD will consider selling WASA to Alamo Heights ISD again this year. Paula Renken stated the cafeteria remains a "sinkhole" and will be closely monitored to reduce costs. Ms. Renken commended Business Manager Marla Madrid, earned interest income jumped from \$69,000.00 to \$169,000.00 due to her management of the district's investments.

A motion was made by Sara Terrazas to approve the 2006-2007 Operating Budget as presented. Jeffrey Duncan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. 2006-2007 HANDBOOKS, REVIEW ONLY

Campus Administrators reviewed handbook changes for the 2006-2007 school year. Jones Elementary parents were surveyed as to pick up and drop off procedures for students. The secondary handbook includes changes to Pass/Fail, Vocational Adjustment Classes, Physics requirement, Cheerleading, Discipline, Optional Flexible Year Program (new), and the dress code. A new course called "Web Mastering" will be offered this fall. Mr. Taylor is considering adding a webpage notice to the parent notification form since student pictures could be posted online. Brackett Educational Academy changes include placement of students with disabilities and diploma requirements. The biggest change comes with making the dress code uniform across the district, to include the academy. Employee and substitute changes are mostly local policy updates and some TASB. A recommendation was made by Ronnie Hobbs to look into employee credit cards for travel. Marla will look into. [See crosswalk for handbook changes.]

The board convened into a closed session at 7:24 p.m., pursuant to Gov't Code 551.074, Personnel.

6. *PERSONNEL, GOV'T CODE 551.074

The board reconvened into open session at 7:53 p.m., and took the following action:

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to accept a letter of resignation from Junior High Teacher Mary Petrosky. Jeffrey Duncan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry Lutz, Board President

Sara Terrazas, Secretary

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