

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 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The session was called to order by Board President, Michael Cloy. BISD Trustee Eric Evans led the invocation. East Elementary student council members Pheonix Hodges (5th Grade President), Isla Davis (4th Grade President), Ryleigh Murdock (5th Grade Vice President), and Alexzandria Mendoza (4th Grade Vice President) led The Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT:

Mr. Michael Cloy, President
Mrs. Amary Doremus, Member
Mr. Eric Evans, Member
Mrs. Diane Thompson, Secretary
Mr. Justin Posey, Member
Mr. Codie Smith, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Joe Young, Superintendent
Mrs. Liesa Land, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Mitch Moore, Asst. Superintendent
Mrs. Krista Behler, Exec. Assistant to the Superintendent

ABSENT:

Mr. Roderick Jones, Sr. Vice President

Others Present:

Lindsay Smith, Andy Gill, Dee Dee Wright, Amy Morris, Christi Burks, Jennifer Gwathmey, Jeanette Lancaster, Kassie Russell, Jay Adams, Douglas Brown, Mykia Anderson, Kali McLaughlin, Kyra Mills, Monica Verner, Rachel Griffin, Lauren Mays, Veronica Ballenger, Tim Thomas; as well as numerous staff and community members

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 2024 honorees Brownwood Middle School Math teacher Amber Evans, and Coggin Elementary Life Academics teaching assistant Karie Smith
- **BISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES – SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH:** January is School Board Recognition Month, and Brownwood ISD 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.

- **Academic UIL Awards:** Students from Coggin Elementary, East Elementary, Northwest Elementary, Woodland Heights Elementary, Coggin Elementary 6th graders and Brownwood Middle School were recognized for their achievements in UIL competitions.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Young provided the following updates and information:

- A three-hour early release has been added to the calendar for February 16
- Early release on March 28
- Bad weather make-up day is February 19
- Team of Eight Training – February 23 at noon

2023 Bond Updates: BHS Tennis courts are finished, and bleachers are under construction

- Pre-construction meetings have been held for the Multi-Purpose Student Activities Center with ground-breaking expected soon.
- Gordon Wood Stadium renovations are in the design phase.
- Project meetings for the BMS & BHS locker room remodeling project are ongoing.
- New elementary gym floors have been installed at Coggin, East, Northwest, and Woodland.
- New seats have been installed in Coggin Elementary Auditorium.

INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS

BISD Deputy Superintendent Liesa Land provided information regarding the different forms of testing and assessments that are given to students throughout the year. In grades K-5, students are given DIBELS Reading and I-Ready Math tests to assess progress, identify those who may need intervention, and pinpoint any areas that need reteaching. In all grades CBAs (Curriculum-Based Assessments) are given. CBAs are teacher-made tests which function as chapter or unit tests. CBAs for each grading period are cumulative. State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) tests are state-required exams. BISD students are given benchmarks in STAAR tested areas which are previously released STAAR tests. This year BISD was chosen by the state to give field tests in certain grades and certain subjects in February. Official STAAR testing begins April 9. The district has two-week windows for completing STAAR testing for various grades and subjects with the last window closing on May 3.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Enrollment/Transfer Report: The report included a total enrollment of 3394 for the district along with a detailed breakdown of enrollment data by campus. A total of 257 Out-of-District Transfers (into BISD from other districts) were reported.

Quarterly Investment Report: A Quarterly Investment Summary covering September-November 2023 and Tax Assessor-Collector Report for November 2023 was provided to the Board for review.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2022-23 FINANCIAL AUDIT: The annual financial audit has been completed. Cameron Aaron from Pattillo, Brown, and Hill Accounting Firm presented the BISD 2022-2023 audit to the school board. BISD received a clean opinion from the firm, the highest level of assurance offered. No issues were found. BISD Trustee Codie Smith moved that the audit be approved as presented. BISD Trustee Justin Posey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2024-25 SCHOOL CALENDAR: The district's Site-Based Decision Making Committee (SBDMC) met, as well as solicited input from their campuses in order to develop two calendars. The staff was polled for their preference and Calendar A was favored in the results. Based on the SBDMC's recommendation and the results of the poll, BISD Trustee Eric Evans made a motion to approve Calendar A. BISD Trustee Amary Doremus seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board entered executive session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss personnel matters including the superintendent contract. The Board exited the executive session at 9:30 p.m. and returned to regular session.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT: Trustee Doremus made a motion to extend an employment contract to Dr. Joe Young as Superintendent of Schools from January 22, 2024 to January 22, 2029. Trustee Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

1. Consider Approval of 2023-2024 TIPS Plans for Coggin, East, and BMS.
2. Consider Approval of Night Depository Agreement with Texas Bank including Authorized Personnel
3. Consider Approval of Additional Signatures of BISD accounts at Texas Bank
4. Consider Approval of New Bank Account including Authorized Signature at Texas Bank
5. Minutes from December 11, 2023 Meeting

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminders were announced for the following upcoming events:

- Next Board Meeting - 02/12/24
- Calendar Update - Early Release 02/16/24; 03/28/24
- Bad Weather Make-Up Day - 02/19/24

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Michael Cloy
President

Mrs. Diane Thompson
Secretary