

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

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1. Most of the STAAR results are in; and we are waiting on retesting for a complete accounting of how BISD students fared on the tests.

2. The TASB training in San Antonio was definitely worth attending. I attended workshops on gifted & talented programs in Texas, school finance which gave me some additional ideas on reports for the school board and on ways of financing school capital improvements. President Meil and I met with our architect to discuss Brackett's building needs and ways of financing those improvements. The best new report for school boards is a 5 to 10 year study on total staff and ADA. Did we cut staff when student numbers declined or vice versa.

3. Summer school is in its second week. We are serving free breakfast and free lunch to anyone who wants to have breakfast or lunch. The structure of the high school summer school has changed. WE now use a program launched by Region 20 and have dumped the PLATO program, which was seriously out of date. We believe that we should have certified teachers teaching summer school. This has not been the case in past years. PLATO utilized a canned program of improvement and a teacher aide. The past program was good, but it was outdated. Thus, the improved summer school course offerings.

4. Shiner OAP brought a bench to Brackett in memory of the Koontz family. Rock Springs ISD brought a marker for a tree that is beautifully inscribed. The scholarship fund set up by the Koontz family for BISD scholarships, beginning next fall,

5. Graduation exercises were "almost" perfect for the Class of 2013. It has been a good year. In particular, I credit the senior sponsors with Louisa Stone, leading the way. The senior class took a field trip to Fiesta Texas in lieu of having an all night graduation party. It seemed to work well.

6 Enrollment: we ended the year with a total of 635 students enrolled at Brackett ISD. Highest enrollment was the week ending January 11, 2013 with 651 total student enrollment.

7. Perhaps our most significant achievement this year was getting the budget under control. From \$400,000 in the red to less than \$100,000 is a major coup.

8. Drug Testing: we're working on an initial date of two a days....approximately August Workout....then begin drug testing of football players. We could do volleyball & cross country earlier in the morning, and as many other student activity participants in the afternoon of the same date. We're serious about this program, and think it will benefit our students to be drug free. It's possible that

some students will not take the warning seriously, but all rules must be applied equally; so the rule will be administered to all the same. Coaches have talked this program up with their athletes.

9. Vacancies: HS special education, kindergarten, fourth grade. Working on applicants, but the pool is small right now.

10. A couple of notes on remodeling for summer:

**Moving high school principal & counselor to new high school (safety & supervision)
approximately \$16,000.**

Cover for new bus adjacent to Disciplinary AEP is almost complete. Looks sturdy & will protect the bus from weather and hail.

Remodeling SMILE classroom for Headstart. Paid for by AVANCE, and they will contract the work. We have moved special education inside the main building.

Will break up sod in front of gym, install a sprinkler system & plan grass.

Remove gravel in front of elementary school

A new alarm system for the freezer & cooler in cafeteria (loss of food, milk, ice cream caused by human failure to turn power on freezer on and for loss of cooling in freezer for loss of meal & commodities.

New roof on Disciplinary AEP is complete (lost metal roof in wind story a couple of weeks ago)

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