

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Brackett ISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brackett ISD was held August 14, 2006, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Central Office, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville.

Board Members: Sara Terrazas, Henry Lutz, John Paul Schuster, Ronnie Hobbs, Mark Frerich

Members Absent: Tony Ashley

Administrators: Paula Renken, Alma Gutierrez, Frank Taylor

Guests: Marla Madrid, Sondra Meil, Elizabeth Jaso, Marilyn Faulkner, Karron Childress, John McKaskle, Lisa Ostby, Jason Gridley, Ami Gomez, Christie Palmer, Melissa Koontz, Sherry Hall, Kitten Fohn, Jamie Ballew, Francie Wylie, T.W. Wylies, Brand Wylie, Amanda Frerich, Aracelie Wiebush, Rosa Cantu, Dee Brown, Leigh Volcsko

1. RECOGNIZE STUDENT BRAND WYLIE

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Student Brand Wylie was recognized for scoring a 5 on the AP Calculus test. Brand is the 1st student at BHS to score a 5. His teacher Jamie Ballew was commended for her instruction and support. A score of 5 is the highest a student can attain. Brand earned 4 hours of calculus college credit, plus an "A" on his transcript.

2. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m., with a quorum present.
Following a moment of silence, Sara Terrazas led the pledge of allegiance.

3. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

No guests present for open forum.

4. CONSIDER / APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE TO REPLACE RESIGNED
BOARD MEMBER

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Henry Lutz opened the floor for nominations to serve in place of resigned member Jeffrey Duncan. John Paul Schuster nominated Sondra Meil. Seconded by Mark Frerich.

A motion was made by Henry Lutz to cease nominations. Seconded by Ronnie Hobbs.
The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Sara Terrazas to appoint Sondra Meil to fill the resigned position of Jeffrey Duncan. John Paul Schuster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEACHERS

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN / ADMINISTRATORS

New staff members introduced to the board include: Jason Gridley, Elizabeth Jaso, Marilyn Faulkner, John McKaskle, Sherry Hall, Ami Gomez, Lisa Ostby, Rosa Cantu, Aracelie Wiebush, and Kitten Fohn.

6. GT PRESENTATION, PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Presenter: TEACHER KARRON CHILDRESS

Gifted and Talented Coordinator Karron Childress reviewed program objectives & goals. See Handout.

7. CONCERNED PARENTS: SUMMARY OF SURVEY TRENDS

Presenter: SPOKESPERSONS MELISSA KOONTZ / CHRISTIE PALMER

Melissa Koontz and Christie Palmer reviewed statistics obtained from the Concerned Parents survey.

Approximately 50 surveys were mailed to parents and educators, with a return rate of 39% from Elementary and Junior High, no response from High School. Problem areas recommended for improvement:

- Curriculum & year to year movement of teachers.
- Discipline.
- Parent Involvement.
- Communication.

Their recommendation:

- A Parent Advisory & District Advisory committee, reevaluate the district site based committee already in place.
- Survey parents and students.
- Purchase curriculum.
- Hire a Curriculum Coordinator.

Superintendent Paula Renken responded with the following:

- Teachers are compensated for curriculum writing. All curriculum is constantly addressed to meet our needs. Math Coordinator Jamie Ballew Math turned in a large budget for curriculum writing.
- Discipline problems are extremely low compared to previous years. Management is happening in the classroom. With grades 5-8 our most critical, a certified teacher has been placed in ISS.

President Henry Lutz stated our objective is to make the best better. There is always room for improvement.

8. MINUTES

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to approve the minutes for July 10, 2006, as presented. John Paul Schuster seconded. The motion carried with Ronnie Hobbs, Sara Terrazas, Henry Lutz, and Sondra Meil abstaining.

9. BUSINESS & FINANCE

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A. MONTHLY RECAP OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

Business Manager Marla Madrid stated this is the 1st month of new budget. Auditors will be here in September. Money started flowing in as of July 1.

B. CHECK RUN

Superintendent Paula Renken stated we have one more payment for Alamo Heights. A list of five things will need to be addressed before final payment is made for the storage facility. Our new 42 passenger bus is in. This will be our main activity bus.

C. QUARTERLY & ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT

Quarterly reports 3 & 4 were reviewed by the board. Total interest earned for the third quarter; \$51,638.72. Total interest earned for the fourth quarter; \$60,410.28. [See quarterly reports with agenda.]

Annual report balance as of June 30, 2006, year to date; \$190,446.07.

Paula Renken stated the big increase in total interest earned is due to the watchful oversight of Business Manager Marla Madrid.

10. RESOLUTION AMENDING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES FOR
TEXPOOL & LONE STAR INVESTMENT POOL

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to amend those authorized as representatives for investment purposes, deleting past Superintendent Bobby Templeton, and adding Superintendent Paula Renken. Ronnie Hobbs seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

11. LOCAL BOARD POLICY UPDATE 78, SECOND READING

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A second reading of Update 78 was conducted by the board with brief reviews of the following policies:

CDA Local

CKC Local

CRD Local, health & life.

DBD Local, rewritten for clarification.

DEA Local, salary and stipends.

DHE Local.

FDA Local. TEA has since closed down the transfer site, putting all transfers on hold until further notice.

FL Local, student records.

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to approve Update 78 as recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards. Sondra Meil seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

12. POLICY REVIEW REVISIONS / ADOPTION

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

This agenda item is pending revisions prepared by TASB. Revisions were not completed in time for this meeting, but should be ready for the next meeting agenda.

13. APPROVE ALTERNATE P.D.A.S. APPRAISERS

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Paula Renken stated teachers have the option for an alternate appraiser if they are not happy with the way the first evaluation was carried out. Alternate appraisers must be approved. Names for consideration: Louisa Stone, George Burks, and Paula Renken.

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to approve Paula Renken, Louisa Stone, and George Burks as alternate P.D.A.S. appraisers. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

14. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: ENROLLMENT, CURRENT EVENTS

Presenter: ADMIN. ALMA GUTIERREZ / ADMIN. FRANK TAYLOR

Jones Elementary/Intermediate (Alma Gutierrez)

Teachers are going to workshops. Painting is done in the classrooms and halls. New teachers are working hard.

Current enrollment:

PK 13 per class, 2 full classes

K 13 per room

1st GR 14 in 2, 13 in 1

2nd GR 16 each

3rd GR 17 in 1, 18 in 1

4th GR 2 have 15, 1 has 13

5th GR 20, 2 classes may have 19

6th GR 15 in each

(22 to 1 is leeway)

Open house will be Thursday, at 6 & 6:30 p.m.

BJH & BHS (Frank Taylor)

Current enrollment estimate is 170. Louise Stone did well balancing classes. The biggest class is 24. Teachers received their schedules this a.m., with students picking up their schedules today and tomorrow. Need help finding a location for the bonfire due to construction at the track field. The Senior class is looking at options, possibly a community rally at the football field. John Paul Schuster recommended no bonfire due to the current drought, construction, and possible liability issues using private property.

15. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A. SET DATE FOR TEAM BUILDING & GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Track Field Project: The city has said no to the installation of sewer lines. Mrs. Renken was told by Bonnie Mayes that there is currently no money in the budget. The new budget for the city will not come in until October. Mrs. Renken stated she is giving Mrs. Mayes this week to work on some kind of resolution.

Set date for Team-building & goal setting. Region 20 is waiting for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for dates. The Board agreed to September, following the regular meeting, with a backup date of September 18th.

Board members were presented with "Commitment to Excellence" T-shirts, the theme for this school year.

A short break was called for at 7:50 p.m., with the board convening into a closed session at 8:00 p.m. pursuant to Gov't code 551.074, personnel.

16. AMENDMENT: PERSONNEL, GOV'T CODE 551.074, RESIGNATION /
CONSIDER OPTIONS (Posted 8/11/2006 @ 9:00 AM)

Possible resignation requiring release from 2006-2007 contract.

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The board reconvened into open session at 8:30 p.m. and took the following action:

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to accept the resignation of counselor Lorenzo Ortiz. Ronnie Hobbs seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster authorizing the superintendent to pay a stipend to Louisa Stone for service as a 7-12th grade Counselor, and Melanie Jones a stipend for service as a Counselor for grades PK-6th. Louisa Stone will be on a 3-year emergency permit and Melanie Jones will be on a 1-year nonrenewable permit. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

17. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

No guests were present for public forum participation.

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry Lutz, Board President

Sara Terrazas, Secretary

Date

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