

Brackett Independent School District
Board Minutes of Monthly Meeting
June 5, 2006

Members Present - Sara Terrazas, Ronnie Hobbs, Jeffrey Duncan, Mark Frerich, Tony Ashley, John Paul Schuster, Henry Lutz

Administrators Present - Paula Renken, Frank Taylor, Alma Gutierrez, George Burks

Guests - Wendell A. McAndrew, Melanie Jones, David Palmer, Martha Novel, Christie Palmer, Pat Sitzes, Noe Maldonado, David Esparza, Susan Davis, Lloyd Lee Davis, Amanda L. Frerich, Leisha Ashley, Sondra Meil, Lloyd Lee Davis, Leigh Volcsko, Seth Frerich, Bonnie Brotherton, John Graves Jr., DeeDee Brown, Marla Madrid, Susan Esparza

1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM

Henry Lutz, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE

Following a moment of silence, Mark Frerich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3 was moved up at this time to accommodate students and their parents attending the meeting.

2. RECOGNIZE GOLF & TRACK STATE QUALIFIERS

Coach Bonnie Brotherton recognized student athletes for their outstanding achievement as golf and track state qualifiers. Golf state qualifiers include: Seth Frerich, Lane Nowlin, Travis Nowlin (not present), Martin Flores (not present), and Justin Calk (not present). Student Seth Frerich stated we are the first district in golf to have all nine players in the top 10 at state. Track state qualifiers: Daphne Hunt, Bianca Stewart, Bailee Allen, and Rachel Swinson (not present). Track placed fourth at state, second place in District and second in regional. Out of 361 relay teams in state, ours ranked 6th.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Christy Palmer (Parent) – Addressed the board to clear up concerns about the survey sent out. Ms. Palmer believes communication has been severed between PTO and the administration over the survey, which was meant to be a positive tool for improvements.

Pat Sitzes (Speech Pathologist) – Urged the board to use caution when hiring for the Special Ed. position, consider content mastery and certification.

4. REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS

Paula Renken opened the floor for nominations for President. Ronnie Hobbs nominated Henry Lutz. Jeffrey Duncan seconded. A motion was made by Ronnie Hobbs to cease nominations. Sara Terrazas seconded. The motion to appoint Henry Lutz as President carried unanimously.

Henry Lutz opened the floor for nominations for Vice- President. Ronnie Hobbs nominated Tony Ashley. Mark Frerich seconded. A motion was made by Jeffery Duncan to cease nominations

and Sara Terrazas seconded. The motion to appoint Tony Ashley as Vice-President carried unanimously.

The floor was opened to nominations for Secretary. Ronnie Hobbs nominated Sara Terrazas. Henry Lutz seconded. A motion was made by Henry Lutz to cease nominations and Mark Frerich seconded. The motion to appoint Sara Terrazas as Secretary carried unanimously.

5. MINUTES

Minutes for May 8, 2006 Regular Mtg. & Level III Hearing

A motion was made by Tony Ashley to approve the minutes for the May 8, 2006, meeting and Level III hearing as presented. Sara Terrazas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes for May 16, 2006 Special Mtg.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Duncan to approve the minutes for the May 16, 2006, meeting as presented. Henry Lutz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. NEGOTIATION UPDATE ON TRACK AND CONCESSION STAND

Track

Architect John Graves stated negotiations with Vibrawhirl brought the price down another \$12,000 to \$13,000 from the original proposal. The proposed contract amount is now \$294,065.00. In order to get the cost down, the school will put in the grass. A concrete outside curb was omitted, along with paving the parking area, and the Betterment Fund was omitted. Following discussion, the board agreed to a black track with gold lines due to fading issues with previous selected colors.

Concession Stand

Pioneer Concepts had an original bid of \$75,300.00 for the construction of a concession stand. Negotiations brought the price down another \$13,490.00, bringing the proposal bid to \$61,810.00. Following discussion, the board agreed to re-add one 4' roll-up door, one of the options that was omitted in negotiations. The school will make a metal cage for the doors this fall, possibly making it a shop project.

A motion was made by Ronnie Hobbs to approve the proposed track bid of \$294,065.00, and proceed with the renovations. Tony Ashley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to proceed with construction of a concession stand, to include one 4' roll-up door, and approve a proposed bid of \$62,110.00. Henry Lutz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Construction to start September 1, with the project finished December 1.

7. SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

This meeting highlights the Special Education annual update, next month will be the ESL program, and August is GT.

Special Education Director Melanie Jones introduced Wendell McAndrew, Director of Cluster Five. Mr. McAndrew gave an overview of the Cluster Five Special Education Cooperative, the oldest co-op in the state, originating in 1972. The Co-op is a shared service arrangement between seven school districts; Brackett ISD, D'Hanis ISD, Knippa ISD, Leakey ISD, Nueces Canyon CISD, Sabinal ISD, and Utopia ISD. Sabinal ISD is the fiscal agent school. The Co-op provides support services for all the educational needs of students with disabilities. Services are also provided for federal programs accountability using PBMAS (Performance Based Monitoring Analysis System), which includes the accountability instrument and special education indicators.

Melanie Jones gave a Power Point presentation relating to inclusion and content mastery in Special Education. This was our first year to implement both, and Brackett ISD did very well.

8. BUSINESS & FINANCE

A. MONTHLY RECAP OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

Marla Madrid stated we are still getting Alamo Heights money through August. Mid-July we will send an estimated 1.3 million back, which BISD earned interest on. We are requesting S.E.C.O. grant money. An increase to federal funds will be presented as amendments for the June 26th meeting. Tax collection stands at 97%, which we predicted would be less. As a district, we plan to sell W.A.D.A. to Alamo Heights if we stand to benefit financially. Current tax rate compressed at 1.15, will increase to 1.19 to bring us needed Tier II money. The state is looking at all districts at \$1.00 next year. Our budget/tax calendar will stay the same. Marla stated she is working with Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn who will send the required public hearing notice to the newspaper tomorrow.

B. CHECK RUN

Checks highlighted; Bexar County JJAEP (\$12,167.85) part of our Chapter 41 agreement with Alamo Heights, Bednar Law Office (\$3,017.29) attorney fees for Level III board hearing, Sabinal ISD (\$9,198.40) flow-through money, Ward's Repair Shop (\$2,259.40) covers several jobs, and Naylor Mechanical Services (\$5,583.45) installed thermostats and sensors in the new high school. Temperatures in the classrooms and hall are more even now.

C. CONFIRM DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The board agreed to June 26, 2006, as indicated on the budget calendar, to hold a public hearing on the budget and proposed tax rate.

9. PHONE SYSTEM

Marla Madrid and Technology Director Noe Maldonado addressed the need for a new phone system, adding the current analog system is outdated and obsolete. Ken Dillard with Telephones Unlimited installed the original ComDial system over eleven years ago. There are no manuals. Ken Dillard is the only person who knows what was done and where the lines are. A new digital (T-1 line) system would cost less per month in the long run and have a greater capacity for additional lines, etc. Our T-1 line currently costs \$523.17 a month. The new line will cost the district \$381.50. Noe stated a voice over IP should be compatible for the next 20 years with an estimate on the high side of \$40,000.00.

A motion was made by Sara Terrazas to allow the Superintendent to start the RFP process to replace the existing obsolete phone system and work into the 2006-2007 budget. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A short break was called for at 8:30 p.m., with the board reconvening into open session at 8:38 p.m.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: ENROLLMENT, DISCIPLINE REPORT, & CURRENT EVENTS

Jones Elementary (Alma Gutierrez)

Enrollment: 238 Refer to written report. Additional comments: Summer school starts tomorrow through the 29th of June. Classes are Monday through Thursday.

Intermediate/Junior High (George Burks)

Enrollment: 206 Refer to written report.

High School (Frank Taylor)

Enrollment: 165 BEA Enrollment: 12 Refer to written report. Additional comments: Secretary Tilda Sierra will be leaving the district after 10 years. She has been an asset to BISD. Rosa Cantu, the new Secretary will start next week. Mrs. Cantu has a 9th and 11th grader.

Special Education (Melanie Jones)

Total: 89 Speech only: 22 Refer to written report. Additional comments: We have a new speech pathologist hired by Cluster 5, Patricia Bosze, coming from Arizona.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. UPDATE ON 2006-2007 HANDBOOKS

Handbooks will be ready June 19th and will be handed out for review at the budget workshop. The board will be able to give any input or make corrections during the June 26th special meeting. Handbooks will go to Region 20 for printing in early July.

B. POLICY REVIEW UPDATE

August is the earliest Region 20 rep. can come out to review our policy manual. The representative will need to meet with administrators to review policy, then board members. A meeting will need to be called to approve all policies once reviewed. Members will get credit for training hours.

The board convened into a closed session at 8:50 p.m., pursuant to Gov't Code 551.074, personnel.

12. *PERSONNEL, PURSUANT TO GOV'T CODE 551.074

A. RECOMMENDATION/HIRE BAND DIRECTOR, SCHOOL NURSE, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

The board reconvened into Open Session at 9:55 p.m.

Recommendations for Hire

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to hire R.N. Lisa Ostby to fill the position of School Nurse. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Henry Lutz to hire Charlie Goodson as Band Director. Sara Terrazas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to hire Special Ed. Teacher Kathleen Fohn. John Paul Schuster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Certified Agenda

A motion was made by Mark Frerich, and seconded by Sara Terrazas, to approve a certified agenda for the March 26, 2006 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

13. PUBLIC FORUM

No guests present for public forum.

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry Lutz, Board President

Sara Terrazas, Secretary

Date

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