

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Brownwood Independent School District

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brownwood Independent School District was held Monday, November 9, 2020 beginning at 6:30 PM at the Central Administration Office located at 2707 Southside Drive. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Michael Cloy, who then gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PRESENT:

Mr. Michael Cloy, President  
Mr. Roderick Jones, Sr., Vice President  
Dr. Lisa Fowler, Secretary  
Mr. Eric Evans, Member  
Mr. Tim Jacobs, Member  
Mr. Codie Smith, Member  
Mrs. Diane Thompson, Member

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Joe Young, Superintendent  
Mrs. Liesa Land, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. Mitch Moore, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Charles Musgrove, Community Relations Coordinator  
Mrs. Karen Dempsey, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent

### Others Present:

BISD Staff - Mark Stanley, Angela Fabbiani, Dee Dee Wright, Sandra Richardson, Kyra Mills, Julie Mize, Kasiti Rice, Amanda Roesler, Roger Roesler, and Bobby August; members of the VFW Auxiliary – Harold Stieber, Stephanie Reed, Chris Williams, Keith King.

BISD Deputy Superintendent, Liesa Land, presented the Instructional Focus update. The district continues to see more students coming back to face-to-face instruction. Land noted that there are still 210 remote students and 10 teachers providing remote instruction. This is down from the 672 remote students and 22 remote staff that BISD began with in August and does not include students on quarantine who are only temporarily in remote instruction.

BISD recognized the following groups and individuals and presented them with certificates highlighting their achievements:

- **BISD Spotlight Teachers and Staff:** The Brownwood ISD Spotlight recognizes members of the BISD faculty and staff who go the extra mile to ensure excellence in education for all our students. Spotlight recipients are chosen from peer nominations. November 2020 honorees were East Elementary Pre-K teacher, Kasiti Rice, and BISD Maintenance Department Secretary, Amanda Roesler.
- **Brownwood VFW Auxiliary:** The Brownwood VFW donated “One Flag, One America (the story of the American Star)” to all elementary school libraries, along with teacher packets. Representing the VFW Auxiliary were Harold Stieber (Chairman of the Americanism Committee of the VFW Auxiliary and President of the Central Texas Veterans Memorial), Stephanie Reed (VP of VFW Auxiliary), Chris Williams (VFW Quartermaster), and Keith King (former state commander of VFW).
- **Julie Mize, BMS Art Teacher:** Named as the 2021 Brownwood Art Association (BAA) Artist of the Year, BMS Art Teacher Julie Mize, was recognized for her accomplishments. Ms. Mize’s work is being featured at the BAA Art Center Nov. 5-21.

Next Brownwood ISD Superintendent, Dr. Joe Young gave the superintendent's report. Dr. Young provided budget and staffing reports and noted upcoming events including the second meeting of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Cabinet. Dr. Young also expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Bridget Jones, Owner and Operator of Chick-fil-A Brownwood, for recognizing 100 heroes within Brownwood ISD with free meals for a year as part of their grand opening promotion.

The Oath of Office was administered to re-elected Board members. Board members Diane Thompson (Place Two), Eric Evans (Place Four), and Codie Smith (Place Five) ran unopposed for the November 3, 2020 election. Michael Cloy, Board President certified their re-election, effective November 9, 2020 per state election law.

At the first meeting after each election and qualification of Board members, the members of the Board shall organize by selecting a president, secretary, and other officers and committees as the Board may deem necessary. No changes were made to current organization of the BISD Board with Trustee Michael Cloy serving as President, Trustee Roderick Jones serving as Vice President, Trustee Dr. Lisa Fowler serving as Secretary, and Trustee Tim Jacobs serving as Parliamentarian.

The following Departmental Reports were presented:

**Technology Report:** A technology report was provided to the board that gave an overview of the technology within Brownwood ISD as well as an update on technology projects that are taking place in the district. Dr. Young noted that the Technology Department, led by Mark Stanley, currently provides support for 5002 computing devices. The department continues to offer great service and support for technology throughout the district including rollouts, upgrades, and maintenance on laptops, Promethean boards, printers, document cameras, network related equipment and security technology.

**School Safety Report:** A list of security measures that have been added on each BISD campus was provided. The list noted technology updates and installations including security cameras, door access controls, new district-wide radios, and the expansion of the Watch D.O.G.S. program, which now includes all elementary campuses. Completed projects also include a new road and point of entry at Northwest Elementary.

**Gifted & Talented Report:** The Gifted & Talented program provided a report that included the number of students in the program at each grade level and campus, as well as other data, initiatives, and goals for the program. It was noted that the Gifted and Talented Showcase is scheduled for April 26 and 27, 2021, though it has not yet been determined if it will be a virtual or in-person event.

The Board next considered the approval of extending the contract with Direct Energy through the TASB Energy Cooperative. The current contract with Direct Energy expires June 30, 2024. BISD has met with Direct Energy and TASB representatives and they have offered BISD the opportunity to extend the current contract out an additional 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72 or 84 months at reduced rates. The projected rates provide an estimated savings to the district of \$27,000 to \$279,000. BISD Trustee, Eric Evans, made a motion to accept the extension of the contract with Direct Energy through 2031 as presented. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

House Bill 3 requires all school boards to adopt 5-year goals with annual targets in early childhood literacy, math, and college, career, military readiness. BISD Trustee, Codie Smith, made a motion to approve the 5-year early childhood literacy and math goals, along with the college, career, and military readiness goal as presented. Trustee Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved unanimously as presented, with a motion by Tim Jacobs and a second by Dr. Lisa Fowler.

The items on the agenda included the following:

- Brown County Appraisal District Appointments
- Targeted Improvement Plan Approvals for East & Northwest Elementary Schools
- Purchasing Agreement Coop for Region 15 and '791 Coop'
- Approval of budgeted purchase over \$50,000
- Budget Amendments
- Minutes of October 5, 2020 Board Meeting

No executive session was necessary so the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Michael Cloy  
President

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Dr. Lisa Fowler  
Secretary