

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Brackett ISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brackett ISD was held March 10, 2008, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville.

Members Present: Sondra Meil, Henry Lutz, Ronnie Hobbs, John Paul Schuster, Tony Molinar, Mark Frerich, Tony Ashley

Administrators: Paula Renken, Frank Taylor

Guests: Olivia Robinette, Julie Bruce, Allison Taylor, Julio & Diama H. Flores, B. Schroeder, Eileen Allen, Sue Ann Rose, Cesar and Rosa Cantu (Jr.), Marla Madrid, Susan Esparza

1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m., with a quorum present. Following a moment of silence, Tony Molinar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

Martha Talamantes (Parent): Daughter Soriada Talamantes translated for her parents. Both parents voiced concerns as stated in a letter mailed to the Board, about an incident between their son and another student. They do not agree with the discipline/actions taken against their son, with no punishment given to the other boy. Questioned why they were never called and the incident went directly to the Probation Officer. Mrs. Talamantes requested another investigation of the incident since the other boy has now changed his story.

Henry Lutz (Board President): Recommended the family go back to court and have the Sheriff investigate, and to also work with Administrator Frank Taylor. The District did not file charges. Due to the amount of time lapsed, punishment has already been dealt and served. If the other student did change his story and the district receives a referral from the Sheriff, something can then be done to the other student.

3. SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ

In the absence of Administrator Alma Gutierrez and a representative from the Uvalde Bank, Olivia Robinette introduced Elementary Scholar of the Month Clay Flores. Ms. Robinette stated Clay is an outstanding student and citizen. Parents Mr. & Mrs. Julio Flores were also introduced. Clay will receive a certificate, T-shirt, and scholarship check in the amount of \$100.00.

Administrator Frank Taylor introduced student Victor Cantu, the Secondary Scholar of the Month. Victor was nominated by the teachers as an outstanding young man. He is involved in athletics, UIL, and a straight A student. Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Cesar Cantu Jr. were also introduced.

4. SIXTH GRADE CLASS PRESENTATION

Presenter: SUE ANN ROSE

An overview of the sixth grade program was given by teacher Sue Ann Rose. This year the teachers have been pushing Accelerated Reading, with the students doing very well. So far this year the students have earned 3,094 points. Teacher Eileen Allen introduced the Glencoe Math series and new intervention program.

5. STATE TEXTBOOK ADOPTION: MATHEMATICS, GRADES K-5TH, 2008-2009

Presenter: OLIVIA ROBINETTE

Olivia Robinette brought the textbook committee's recommendation to adopt the Glencoe/McGrawHill Math series, to the board. Glencoe, a K-12 program, "backmaps" from Algebra I down, using TEKS as a guide, and is Quantile compatible. Ms. Robinette stated she used student feedback when considering which textbook to go with. Glencoe uses Math songs and interaction with the students. It includes problem solving support, online resources, and CD or DVD's. There are no textbooks to take home. Another plus, the program is bilingual, English and Spanish. It is also smart-board ready. Elementary is considering the purchase of smart boards, which is included in their campus plan. Glencoe will keep up with technology as it goes with supplements. Adoption will standardize all grades.

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to adopt the Glencoe Texas Mathematics textbook series K-5th, for 2008-2009, as recommended by the textbook committee. Tony Ashley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. D.A.T.E.: DISTRICT AWARD PLAN

Presenter: JULIE BRUCE

Teacher Julie Bruce stated the goal of the district award plan is to increase student science performance in the classroom and on state assessments, with 50% of all science students meeting or exceeding the state passing level on state assessments. The D.A.T.E. grant is funded by the state, with the district matching/supplementing the funds. The grant will be approximately \$30,314.00, for three years. Teacher input determined division of grant funds, with 85% going to the teachers, and the remainder to be used for administrative costs and equipment. Planned projects, labs, tutorials etc., are all above

and beyond normal school hours. The plan is flexible so teachers can change the criteria as needed each year.

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to approve the D.A.T.E. district award plan as presented. John Paul Schuster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. MINUTES

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A motion was made by Tony Ashley to approve minutes for the February 11, 2008, regular meeting as presented. Sondra Meil seconded. The motion carried with Mark Frerich, Henry Lutz, and Ronnie Hobbs abstaining.

A motion was made by Henry Lutz to approve minutes for the February 25, 2008, goal setting workshop as presented. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried with Ronnie Hobbs abstaining.

8. BUSINESS & FINANCE

Presenter: MARLA MADRID / PAULA RENKEN

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

With the district's first technology allotment received from the state, an amendment is needed to adjust the difference to what was budgeted. A second adjustment is needed for federal programs, for the maximum entitlement allotment. The district is restricted as to what these funds can be spent on.

A motion was made by Tony Molinar to approve budget amendments as recommended by Business Manager Marla Madrid. Tony Ashley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

B. RECAP OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

The board conducted a recap of finances for the month of February. The district is midway through the budget. A deadline of April 1st has been set for all purchase orders.

C. CHECK RUN

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

All Coaches are helping to get ready for the March 13th track meet. Costs include material for bleachers and a judge's stand, UIL meets, and supplies. Other costs mentioned include Webcat, building payments, and Cluster V flow-outs.

9. TRUST PROPERTY 15851, UNIT 27 FCS, BLOCK J, LOT 34

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The board was asked to consider an offer from Stan Metcalf to purchase trust property 15851, Unit 27 FCS, Block J, Lot 34 for \$1,500.00. The appraised value is \$4,300.00 and delinquent taxes are frozen at \$3,168.12. The property has been off the rolls since November 2007, following an unsuccessful Sheriff's sale.

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to accept Stan Metcalf's offer of \$1,500.00 for trust property 15851, Unit 27 FCS, Block J, Lot 34. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Paula Renken was asked to check with Bill Haenn on the status of the 2008 historical tax exemptions.

10. ELECTION, MAY 10, 2008

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A. ELECTION JUDGE / EARLY VOTING CLERK

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to appoint Election Judge Ricky Alvarado and Early Voting Clerk Susan Esparza as recommended. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

B. DATE TO CONDUCT BALLOT POSITION DRAWING

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The state recommended date to hold a ballot position drawing is Tuesday, March 18, 2008. Paula Renken and Susan Esparza will be here to conduct the drawing. There are five candidates for two positions, Brad Coe, Greg Stone, Steven Stafford, Luis Gerardo, and Dan Laws.

A motion was made by Tony Ashley to set March 18, 2008, for the ballot position drawing. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

C. DATE TO CANVASS ELECTION RESULTS

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

For the official canvass of election results, the state recommends selecting a date anytime between May 13, 2008, and May 21, 2008. A recommendation was made to move the regular May 12th board meeting to Tuesday, May 13th in order to conduct a canvass of the May 10, 2008 election.

A motion was made by Henry Lutz to move the regular scheduled May meeting to Tuesday, May 13, 2008, to include a canvass of election results. John Paul Schuster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

11. POLICY UPDATE 82, SECOND READING

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

The board conducted a second reading of local policy Update 82, with the majority being legal. A recommendation was made by Paula Renken to adopt Update 82 as modeled by TASB.

A motion was made by John Paul Schuster to adopt local policy Update 82 as recommended by TASB. Ronnie Hobbs seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

12. DISTRICT GOALS, 2007-2012

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

District goals developed are the result of the February 25th work session. The goals do not include the Superintendent's part. The goals are for 2007-2008 only, not a five-year plan as originally presented.

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to approve the 2007-2008 district goals as presented. Henry Lutz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPRAISAL INSTRUMENT FOR 2008-2009

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

State law requires adoption of a superintendent evaluation/appraisal instrument. The board was asked to consider an appraisal instrument as recommended by TASB. The whole document would need to be adopted, but the board could then use any sections or parts as needed. For the superintendent's 2008-2009 appraisal, only the Priority Performance Goals will be used.

A motion was made by Tony Ashley to adopt the TASB recommended superintendent's appraisal instrument for 2008-2009. Sondra Meil seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

14. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN, 2007-2008

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

The 2007-2008 District Improvement Plan is the same as the one the district advisory brought to the board last year, with the exception of date changes. A new objective, Dating Violence, will be added at a later date. Once added, it will be brought back to the board as an amendment. The district plan is based on the campus plans. The district remains divided on flex days. A survey will go out to parents and students before a recommendation is brought to the board for a final decision. Tony Ashley requested a copy of the minutes from the flex adoption to see who originally brought it to the board.

A motion was made by Ronnie Hobbs to adopt the 2007-2008 District Improvement Plan as presented. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Enrollment, discipline reports, and current events.

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ / FRANK TAYLOR

A. JONES ELEMENTARY / INTERMEDIATE

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ

Enrollment: 324 Discipline: 13

Refer to written report. Due to illness, Alma Gutierrez was not present. Paula Renken answered any questions. There has been lots of positive feedback on the recent Texas Authors presentation.

B. BJH / BHS / ACADEMY

Presenter: FRANK TAYLOR

Enrollment: 287 Discipline: 10

Refer to written report. Staff and students are busy with Spring sports. The Band Solo Ensemble did well, with thirty-six students attending. Eleven received 2's and one received a 1. Twenty-two GT students went to see the Phantom of the Opera at the Majestic Theatre. Discussed the incident that took place in November with the Talamantes boy. The parents of student who was kicked did press charges.

C. SPECIAL EDUCATION

Presenter: MELANIE JONES

Total for district: 69 (17 in Speech only.) See written report. We have a San Antonio speech pathologist now. Any missed sessions will be made up in the summer.

16. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Information & updates on projects and events.

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A. LETTER: KINNEY COUNTY CHURCH ALLIANCE

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A letter of appreciation from the Kinney County Church Alliance in support of the district's policy to keep Wednesday nights free from activities was shared with the Board. The Coaches have done a good job sticking to policy, but UIL deadlines make it hard sometimes.

B. TASB SUMMER LEADERSHIP DRAWING: TEACHER APPRECIATION

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

A check for \$1,000 received from the TASB Summer Leadership Institute drawing need to be spent. This kind of fund is flexible and can be used on just about anything the Board decides to spend it on. A recommendation was to use it for teacher appreciation coming up in May. Suggestions included holding a drawing for staff members to win prize money and a luncheon or BBQ. Board members were asked to consider how they would like to spend it and bring any ideas to the April meeting.

C. UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Mike Bizzell hopes to start on the elementary office expansion during Spring Break. Everything else is on schedule.

A short break was called for at 8:37 p.m., with the board convening into a closed session at 8:42 p.m.

17. *PERSONNEL

Pursuant to Gov't Code 551.074.

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

A. *PROFESSIONAL TERM CONTRACTS , 2008-2009

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

B. *NON-CERTIFIED CONTRACTS, 2008-2009

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

C. *PROFESSIONAL PROBATIONARY CONTRACTS, 2008-2009

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

The meeting reconvened into open session at 9:15 p.m., and took the following action:

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to approve renewal of term contracts for the 2008-2009 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Henry Lutz to approve renewal of non-certified contracts for the 2008-2009 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Tony Ashley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to approve renewal of probationary contracts for the 2008-2009 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

18. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

There were no guests present for open forum participation.

19. ADJOURN

Presenter: HENRY LUTZ

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Henry Lutz, Board President

Sondra Meil, Secretary

Date

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