

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Brackett ISD

A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brackett ISD was held July 28, 2008, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville.

Members Present: Tony Ashley, Dan Laws, Tony Molinar, Sondra Meil, Mark Frerich, John Paul Schuster

Members Absent: Brad Coe

Administrators: Paula Renken, Alma Gutierrez, Frank Taylor

Guests: Marla Madrid, Eddie DeLaGarza, Susan Esparza

The special meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m., with a quorum present.

1. AWARD PHONE BID

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

Paula Renken filled the board in with background information about the present system which is obsolete. The absence of a district wide public address (PA) system was noted on a safety audit conducted by ESC Region 20 in February 2007. Eddie DeLaGarza with TurnKey Technologies addressed the board, stating the most economical way to go would be to build on the phone system already in place. Specifics include a phone in each room, 2-way paging, with overhead hall speakers and outdoor horns. The system would be done in zones, but paging could be done from any phone to every phone or horn in every building. Current underground cable and conduit could be utilized to cut down on cost and the district would still have room to add on to the system, handling up to 260 phones. TurnKey is looking at adding up to 60 to 65, using the existing 49 phones already in use. Work would start with the elementary building and no one would be allowed in the rooms, etc. during installation due to safety issues. The cost for the phone system was built into the current approved budget.

A motion was made by Sondra Meil to enter into a contract and award the phone bid to TurnKey Technologies for the amount of \$36,921.54. Tony Molinar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. VEHICLE PURCHASE

Presenter: PAULA RENKEN

The board reviewed prices for three 2008 Toyota Prius vehicles received from Philpott Ford Fleet for a total of \$67,486.42. The slight increase in price is higher than the district

budgeted for so approval is needed to go ahead as planned with the vehicle purchase. BuyBoard handled the bidding process. Del Rio Toyota technicians will provide vehicle service. The Prius will mainly be used for staff and possibly for transporting one student back and forth to Uvalde.

A motion was made by Tony Ashley authorizing the superintendent to proceed with the purchase of three Prius vehicles as discussed for \$67,486.42. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Bids were opened this morning on the district's surplus vehicles. All vehicles were sold.

The board convened into a closed session at 6:55 p.m.

3. *PERSONNEL, PURSUANT TO GOV'T CODE 551.074
Presenter: PAULA RENKEN
 - A. LETTER(S) OF RESIGNATION
Presenter: PAULA RENKEN
 - B. RECOMMENDATION(S) FOR HIRE
Presenter: PAULA RENKEN
 1. ELEMENTARY TEACHER(S)
Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ

The board reconvened into open session at 7:37 p.m. and took the following action:

A motion was made by Dan Laws to accept a letter of resignation from Amy Hammerle. Mark Frerich seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Frerich to hire elementary teachers as recommended by Mrs. Renken and per contract for the 2008-2009 school year; Tara Edwards, Lana Seargeant, Christina Meek, and Carolyn Conoly. Sondra Meil seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

John Paul Schuster, Board President

Dan Laws, Secretary

Date

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