

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Brackett ISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brackett ISD was held October 13, 2008, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Intermediate Hall, DL Room, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville.

Members Present: Tony Molinar, Brad Coe, Sondra Meil, John Paul Schuster, Tony Ashley, Dan Laws

Members Absent: Mark Frerich

Administrators: George Burks, Alma Gutierrez, Frank Taylor

Guests: Marilyn Faulkner, Peggy Visio, Dennis Blessing, Eddie "Ray" Brooks, Maria Molinar, John McKaskle, Pamela Janca, Steven Cowan, Maxine Bonner, Kay Sitgreaves, Katherine Kepler, Keta Magers, Jennifer Baggett, David Esparza, Christy Price, Kimberly Ilse, Christina Meek, Marla Madrid, Susan Esparza, and students Lila Molinar, Victor Cantu, Alexis Buecher

1. PUBLIC HEARING: F.I.R.S.T. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER / MARLA MADRID

The public hearing was opened at 6:30 p.m. with Business Manager Marla Madrid stating the F.I.R.S.T. report is published on an annual basis along with individual board member disclosures and the Superintendent's contract. The district's management of finances and accountability is given a rating based on 24 indicators, with the district receiving a *Superior Rating*, the highest possible rating given to a district. The public hearing was closed at 6:36 p.m.

2. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m., with a quorum present. Following a moment of silence, Sondra Meil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. OPEN FORUM

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

Alma Gutierrez introduced Counselor Kimberly Ilse who gave a brief overview of the Scholar of the Month program, sponsored by the Bank of Uvalde. Maxine Bonner recognized 2nd grader Kaili Price, along her family. Kaili is the Jones Elementary Scholar of the Month for September.

4. GET F.I.T. PROGRAM

Information

Presenter: PEGGY M. VISIO, MS, SR, LD

Dr. Dennis Blessing gave an overview of the LLANO, UTSA Health Program and camp attended by BHS students Lila Molinar, Victor Cantu, and Alexis Buecher. Students conduct research projects and given hands on experience relating to their interests in allied health and medical occupations. Lila, Victor and Alexis shared experiences from camp, along with their plans for community involvement projects.

Peggy Visio stated the Get FIT program, sponsored and funded by the Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas usually follows LLANO. Get FIT is a nine week program with family intervention, nutrition and exercise clubs, and a four week summer camp. Ms. Visio outlined the benefits of the program to the school and community. The program addresses one of the board's goals, that of encouraging parental involvement.

*A change in the agenda was called for by President John Paul Schuster, with items 6 & 7 moved up.

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ELEMENTARY STAFF & TEACHERS

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ

New elementary teachers were introduced by their campus mentors; kindergarten teacher Tina Meek, second grade teachers Pamela Janca and Jennifer Baggett, third grade teachers Catherine Kepler and Keta Magers, and fourth grade teacher Eddie "Ray" Brooks.

7. PRE-K PROGRAM

Information

Presenter: KAY SITGREAVES

Teacher Kay Sitgreaves shared thoughts and goals for the Pre-K program. Children are given assessments and then taught at their point of need. A new TEKS for Pre-K will be implemented this spring. Ms. Sitgreaves stated we are already doing and have in place curriculum to support the new TEKS. Pre-K currently uses the Saxon and Glencoe programs for Math, Science and Language Arts. With Pre-K moving to open enrollment, Kay Sitgreaves stated she has twenty-five students, compared to the usual six or seven eligible students. Ms. Sitgreaves shared her goals for the future, and at Mr. Ashley's request, was given an invitation to prepare a program for the agenda based on her goals.

*5. TREMCO, INC., ESC REGION 4 COOP

Information, possible action.

Presenter: STEVE COWAN

Tremco Inc., representative Steve Cowan gave the board an overview of Tremco and its relationship with The Cooperative Purchasing Network, a service of ESC Region 4. TCPN is a cooperative which assists school districts in operating more efficiently and economically by competitively bidding and awarding contracts for commonly purchased products and services. TCPN has architects and engineers on staff, doing job order

contracting. George Burks stated ESC Region 20 does not offer construction services through its coop which our district is interested in. BISD currently belongs to two cooperatives, Buy Board and the Federal Procurement Program.

A motion was made by Tony Ashley to enter into an interlocal agreement with ESC Region 4, The Cooperative Purchasing Network for the current school year. Dan Laws seconded. The motion carried unanimously, with the board authorizing George Burks to sign the agreement.

A short break was called for at 8:13 p.m., with the board reconvening at 8:15 p.m.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Action Item

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: 8/18/08, 9/8/08,
9/24/08

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

B. BUSINESS & FINANCE: SEPT RECAP & CHECK RUN

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ / FRANK TAYLOR

Dan Laws discussed his reasoning for revising the August 18, 2008, minutes, stating they need to be looked at harder due to legal ramifications.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Dan Laws to accept the consent agenda and August 18, 2008, minutes as presented by Dan Laws, with the deletion of August 18, 2008, minutes presented by Susan Esparza. No second was given on the motion.

A motion was made by Dan Laws to withdraw the August 18, 2008, minutes from the consent agenda. Tony Ashley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dan Laws to approve the consent agenda, with exclusion of the August 18, 2008, minutes as follows:

Minutes of Previous Meetings: 9/8/08 and 9/24/08

Business & Finance: September Recap & Check Run

Administrative Reports

Sondra Meil seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tony Ashley to table the August 18, 2008, minutes, allowing time to get an opinion from Walsh Anderson on both minutes. Dan Laws seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

9. INVESTMENT POLICY, CDA LOCAL

Action, annual review and adoption.

Presenter: MARLA MADRID

Legal and local district policies CDA, state the investment policy must be reviewed and adopted on an annual basis. Marla Madrid will attend investment training in April. Letters were received from both investment pools stating everything is okay and district investments remain sound.

A motion was made by Dan Laws to adopt Local Investment Policy CDA, as reviewed, with no revisions. Sondra Meil seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

10. JONES ELEMENTARY / INTERMEDIATE CAMPUS
IMPROVEMENT PLAN, 2008-2009
Presenter: ALMA GUTIERREZ

The Jones Elementary/Intermediate CIP was given as information only/first reading, with action to be taken in November.

11. NOMINATIONS: KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
BOARD, 2009-2011
Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

The board discussed nominations to the KCAD Board of Directors for the 2009-2011 term. Incumbent J.E. Meil is willing to serve another term. If nominated, Leroy Slubar has consented to serve on the board. Both Lynn McCarter and Zack Davis have elected not to serve another term. Possible nominees discussed include Henry Fuentes and Marcus Tidwell. Brackett ISD has 54% of the 2007 levy, for a total of 1530 votes in November.

A motion was made by Tony Ashley to nominate incumbent JE Meil, Leroy Slubar, and Marcus Tidwell to the Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2009-2011 term. Brad Coe seconded. The motion carried with Sondra Meil abstaining.

12. ADMINISTRATOR WITH SUPT. DUTIES REPORT
Information, district events, etc.
Presenter: GEORGE BURKS

A. BUSES

Possible Action Item

Presenter: GEORGE BURKS

Fleet Manager Richard Terrazas has requested the purchase of one seventy-seven passenger and one forty-six passenger bus due to the need for extracurricular buses, especially for Spring sports. The cost has gone up \$10,000 since the purchase of a bus last year. The district's preference is for an International with conventional style body. If ordered, the process takes five to six months. Though not in the budget for this school year, the board was asked to consider adding it to the 2009-2010 budget. In order to maintain a reliable bus fleet, Mr. Burks recommended budgeting for the purchase of a bus every two years.

Transportation Director Alma Gutierrez was asked to bring a list of buses, routes, and number of riding/eligible students to the November meeting. Marla Madrid was asked to look at the fund balance for money to cover the purchase of either a forty-six or seventy-seven passenger bus this year.

Any action is pending discussion of additional information in November.

B. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UPDATES

Presenter: GEORGE BURKS

The lines have been marked out on the covered play court. The district will wait until this summer to paint due to the possibility of paint drift on parked cars.

At the football field, Mr. Burks recommended looking into adding restrooms on the visitor side, a sidewalk, and also a ticket area this summer. The city will work with the district on easements.

The coaches will be bringing a proposal for air-conditioning the field house. The proposal will be considered in next year's budget for health related reasons.

C. LOCATION FOR PLAQUE AT FOOTBALL FIELD

Presenter: GEORGE BURKS

The board agreed Mr. Burks should determine the location of the plaque at the football field.

D. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT - RADIO KWMC 1490

Presenter: GEORGE BURKS

A public announcement will run on the radio during prime time for red ribbon week. The announcement promotes communication between children and their parents. The cost for five days is \$315.00.

The display bulletin board from Pico's will be placed at Super S as soon as Mr. Burks receives okay from the head supervisor.

At Brad Coe's request, Mr. Burks will look into broadcasting the out of town football games for those unable to attend, along with the cost.

The board convened into a closed session at 9:23 p.m., pursuant to 551.074, personnel matters and 551.071, attorney consultation, omitting Item 13, A-3.

13. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Pursuant to Gov't Code Statutes, 551.074 and 551.071

Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

- A. PERSONNEL
 - Pursuant to Gov't Code 551.074, Personnel Matters
 - Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER
 - 1. STATUS OF NEW ELEM TEACHER
 - Presenter: GEORGE BURKS
 - 2. COMMUNICATION / RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EMPLOYEE & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 - Presenter: GEORGE BURKS
 - 3. ESC REGION 20 CONTACTS
 - Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER
- B. WALSH, ANDERSON, BROWN, SCHULZE & ALDRIDGE, P.C. CORRESPONDENCE
 - Pursuant to Gov't Code 551.071, Attorney Consultation
 - Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

The board reconvened into open session at 10:21 p.m., with no action taken.

- 14. PUBLIC FORUM
 - Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

No guests were present for public forum participation.

- 15. ADJOURN
 - Presenter: JOHN PAUL SCHUSTER

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

John Paul Schuster, Board President

Dan Laws, Secretary

Date

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