



Brownsville Independent School District

Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting

October 3, 2017

5:30 PM

Administration Building

1900 Price Road

Brownsville, Texas 78521-2417

A G E N D A

NOTE: The Board of Trustees may go into Closed/Executive Session to deliberate any item on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

- I. Meeting Called to Order.
- II. Moment of Silence.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Roll Call:
- V. Recommend approving the **agenda** of the **Regular Board Meeting of October 3, 2017** with any corrections/deletions.
- VI. Recommend approving the **minutes** of the **Regular Board Meeting** held **May 2, 2017**, with any corrections.
- VII. Recommend approving the **Consent Agenda**. The Board has agreed to discuss the following items. All of the items below that are not called out will be approved by consent.

(All presentations limited to five (5) minutes)

VIII. Superintendent's Report

A. Conference Presentations:

1. Recognition of Lopez ECHS 2017 Power Lifting State Champions.
2. Update regarding District of Innovation.
3. Open Public Hearing - District of Innovation
4. Close Public Hearing - District of Innovation
5. Presentation of TEA Required BLA High School Campus Improvement Plan for Improvement Required Status.

6. Open Public Hearing regarding TEA Required BLA High School Campus Improvement Plan for Improvement Required Status.
7. Close Public Hearing regarding TEA Required BLA High School Campus Improvement Plan for Improvement Required Status.
8. Brownsville Independent School District Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2017 and the Health Care Plan cash flow to date.
9. Update on Senate Bill 725 regarding school food pantries.

B. Standing Board Agenda Items:

1. Board Calendars: Board Activity Calendar and District Calendar

IX. PUBLIC AUDIENCE:

Persons who want to address the Board of Trustees during the Public Audience portion of today's meeting shall print their names on the form provided. According to BISD Policy BED (Local), only those persons on the form who request to address the Board shall be heard. The speaker shall limit comments to five minutes or the allotted time. The Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes for Public Audience. Complaints or grievances on the following subjects; employee complaints, termination of employment, student complaints, removal to alternative education program, and expulsion, shall be directed to the appropriate policy for attempted resolution before bringing the matter to the Board as authorized by the Texas Government Code Title 5-Section: 551.074 (1) and (2). The Board President shall determine if the topic shall be redirected to the appropriate policy or redirected to Administration. Public comments on issues shall be constructive and courteous.

The Board may deliberate or take action regarding the following agenda items.

Board policy BE (Local) and Robert's Rules limits debate to two opportunities. A Trustee may debate a motion for two minutes on the first speaking opportunity and one minute on the second opportunity.

X. Consent Agenda:

A. Recommend approval of the following General Function Item(s):

1. Recommend approval to reschedule the Regular Board Meetings of December 5, 2017 to December 12, 2017 and January 2, 2018 to January 16, 2018, due to BISD calendared Holidays
2. Recommend approval to accept the Brownsville Independent School District Board of Trustees Goals for the 2017-2018 school year.
3. Recommend approval to accept the Brownsville Independent School District Superintendent's Goals for the 2017-2018 school year.
4. Recommend approval to accept the negotiated fee for RFQ #17-110 MEP Engineering Services for the Hanna ECHS HVAC upgrades from Ethos Engineering, Harlingen, Texas in the amount not to exceed \$278,000.00 to be paid from Fund 197 (Tax Rate Increase).
5. Recommend approval to accept the negotiated fee for 6% for RFQ #18-115 Architectural Services for the Hanna ECHS New Gymnasium Facility Project from Gomez Mendez

Saenz, Architects, Brownsville, Texas, in the amount not to exceed \$720,000.00 to be paid from Fund 197 (Tax Rate Increase).

6. Recommend approval of Resolution #022/17-18 for the reselling of foreclosed properties to the highest responsible bidder in the amount of \$37,570.94.
7. Recommend to approve the Plan of Finance in the sale of Maintenance Tax Notes.
8. Recommend approval of the 2017-2018 Campus Improvement Plan revised as needed with targeted elements as required by the Texas Education Agency. The Campus Improvement Plan will serve as a guide to district and campus staff for the improvement of student performance in order to attain state standards.
9. Recommend approval to purchase TSI Testing Units and AP Exams from The College Board in the amount of \$166,000.00. Purchase is subject to the District's needs and funding.
10. Recommend approval to purchase district wide Project Essay Grade (PEG) Writing software licenses from Measurement Incorporated for 6th through 12 grade levels to improve writing skills and to elevate expressive, expository and descriptive writing for all students in the amount of \$113,045.00, subject to the District's needs and funding.

B. Recommend approval of the following Payment(s):

1. Recommend approval of Payment #11 for \$205,353.43 as partial payment to Ziwa Corporation for Construction Services work completed on the Pace ECHS Fine Arts Building to be paid from Fund 197 (TRE).
2. Recommend approval of Payment #5 for \$5,616.00 and Payment #6 for \$2,450.40 as partial payment to PBK for Architectural Service work completed on the Pace ECHS Fine Arts Facility to be paid from Fund 197 (TRE).
3. Recommend approval of Payment #7 for \$2,402.40 as partial payment to PBK for Architectural Service work completed on the Pace ECHS Fine Arts Facility to be paid from Fund 197 (TRE).
4. Recommend approval of Payment #1 for \$3,645.00 as payment to PBK Architects for Architectural Services work completed at the Porter ECHS Fine Arts Building to be paid from Fund 197 (TRE).
5. Recommend approval of Payment #2 for \$4,657.50 as payment to PBK Architects for Architectural Services work completed at the Porter ECHS Fine Arts Building to be paid from Fund 197 (TRE).
6. Recommend approval of Payment 3 for \$15,100.00 as partial payment to Ambiotech Civil Engineering Group, Inc. for Design Services work completed on the 4 Lane Track at Besteiro M.S. to be paid from Fund 197 (TRE).
7. Recommend approval for payment in the amount of \$110.50 to Colvin, Saenz, Rodriguez & Kennamer, L.L.P. for ongoing board approved legal services.
8. Recommend approval for payment in the amount of \$4,889.31 to Walsh Gallegos, Trevino, Russo & Kyle, P.C. for ongoing board approved legal services.

C. Recommend approval of the following Budget Amendment(s):

1. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #014 in the amount of \$6,952.00 for Local

Funds. (Reallocation as requested by campuses and departments)

D. Recommend approval of the following Contract(s)/Agreement(s):

1. Recommend approval to enter the Memorandum of Understanding with Valley Regional Medical Center 2017-2018 school year for diabetes education for BISD students to help prevent and manage their disease at no cost to the District.
2. Recommend to approve the Memorandum of Understanding from Inlumino Inc. for Lucio Middle School and Canales Elementary School to provide support on developing a school plan for student achievement.

E. Recommend approval of the following Bid(s)/Proposal(s)/Purchase(s)

1. Recommend amending contract of RFQ #15-118 for Financial Advisory Services with Estrada Hinojosa & Company to include Appendix B Disclosure Statement required by Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. Fees and bond issuance costs are assessed at time of sale

XI. CLOSED MEETING: as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Sections: 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, and 551.084.

A. PERSONNEL MATTER(S):

1. Presentation, acceptance and approval of Retirements.
2. Presentation, acceptance and approval of Resignations.
3. Recommend approval of probationary contractual personnel for the 2017-2018 school year - Teachers.
4. Recommend approval of probationary contractual personnel for the 2017-2018 school year - Assistant Band Director.
5. Recommend approval of probationary contractual personnel for the 2017-2018 school year - Assistant Principals
6. Recommend approval of probationary contractual personnel for the 2017-2018 school year - Dean of Instruction.
7. Recommend approval of probationary contractual personnel for the 2017-2018 school year - Librarian.
8. Recommend approval of probationary contractual personnel for the 2017-2018 school year - M.C.R.O.T.C. - Senior Instructor.
9. Recommend approval of probationary contractual personnel for the 2017-2018 school year - Mariachi Director.
10. Recommend approval of probationary contractual personnel for the 2017-2018 school year - Program Specialist.
11. Recommend approval of term-chapter 21 contractual personnel for the 2017-2018 school year -Teacher.
12. Recommend approval of term-non-chapter 21 contractual personnel for the 2017-2018 school year -Administrator for Public Information Office. (Ernesto J. Garrido).
13. Recommend approval of Campus Professional Employee (M.I.B.) for change in contract for the 2017-2018 fiscal school year.

14. Recommend approval of Campus Professional Employee (E.U.R.) for change in contract for the 2017-2018 fiscal school year.
15. Recommend approval to compensate professional employee (G.B.) for the Secondary Science - Certification stipend earned but not paid in the following fiscal school years: 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.
16. Board Self Evaluation.
17. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation and duties of the Superintendent. (SUMMATIVE)

B. ATTORNEY CONSULTATION

1. Staff Attorney

- a. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Elena Lozano v. Brownsville Independent School District.
- b. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Arthur Rendon v Brownsville Independent School District.
- c. Discussion, consideration and possible action on mediator's proposal regarding Ruben Aynes v Brownsville Independent School District.

2. Board Attorney

- a. Discussion, consideration, and possible action in Longoria, et.al v BISD, et.al, Case No. 1:14-cv-00010 in the Federal Southern District of Texas, Brownsville Division.

XII. BOARD RECONVENES

XIII. Board Member Request(s)

A. Conference Presentation(s)

1. Presentation regarding student teacher ratios for PreK-5 for the 2017-2018 school year; to include student counts by teacher for each campus. (Board Member Request - Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson)
2. Presentation regarding adherence to the district's staffing formulas approved for the 2017-2018 school year; to include FTE counts per category for each campus. (Board Member Request - Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson)

B. Action Item(s)

1. Discussion, consideration and possible action of Resolution Continuing Self-Funded Health Insurance Plan and Creating Funding Mechanism to sustain the same. (Board Member Request - Philip Cowen)
2. Discussion, consideration and possible action to hire an insurance consultant to help guide the district in reviewing options related to our employee insurance benefits program. (Board Member Request - Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson)
3. Discussion and possible action to hire outside counsel for special projects and issues. (Board Member Request - Joe Rodriguez)
4. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Culture of Voting Resolution. (Board Member Request - Cesar Lopez)

5. Discussion and possible action to hire an insurance consultant. (Board Member Request - Philip Cowen)
6. Discussion, consideration and possible action to designate a list of local attorneys to assist the Board with Board approved special projects and/or hearings. (Board Member Request - Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson)

XIV. Announcement(s):

A. **Next scheduled Board Meeting** of the Board of Trustees is on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

XV. Adjournment.