

# BRAZOS ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2020 (UNOFFICIAL)

**1. Establish a quorum – Call to Order:** The Brazos ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 in the Brazos ISD Board Room. President Matt Demny called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM, and declared a quorum. Members present were, Matt Demny, Christopher Nanez, Mark Fernandez, and Myles Marek. Wayne Jetelina arrived at 7:13PM. Brian Demny and Tiffany Meyer were absent.

**2. Moment of silence:** There was no moment of silence.

## **3. Recognition**

**3.1 Athletic Director recognition of Cougar/Cougarette Athlete of the Month:** Athletic Director, Ryan Roecker, honored Presley Reyes and Jared Demny as Athletes of the Month. Presley was chosen because of the example she demonstrates day in and day out with her leadership and behavior. Jared was chosen because of his positive leadership and commitment to the team.

**4. Board Appreciation Month:** The board was recognized for their dedicated leadership in public education and continuing service to the children of this community. BMS student, Sophia Vykukal, delivered a speech to the board expressing an appreciation for all that they do.

**5. Public comments:** No one signed up to speak as allowed by policy BED public participation.

## **6. Action Items**

**6.1 Consideration and action to approve the annual financial report as audited by Belt, Harris, Pachecek, CPA's, LLLP:** Mike Brotherton, a partner with Belt Harris, Pachecek, CPA's, LLLP, presented the 2018-2019 audit findings to the board. Christopher Nanez move with a second by Wayne Jetelina to approve the annual financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

## **7. Presentation and discussion only**

**7.1 Presentation from JMB2 architect, Matt Brown, regarding an update to district project upgrades:** Matt Brown, architect from JMB2, reviewed a few different options with the board regarding a vestibule at the high school. The board voiced their appreciation of Mr. Brown working so diligently with Brazos ISD on this project.

**8. Principals Reports:** The principal reports were enclosed in the board packets for Brazos High School, Brazos Middle School, Brazos Elementary School and Prairie Harbor Campus. Matt Demny addressed the increasing failure rate at BES and asked BES Principal to research why the rate was increasing and find ways to help the students, but not by changing the grading system. Mr. Demny also told BHS Principal, Mr. Cormier, to be aware of any potential safety issues that could arise at the high school and to prevent them as best they could.

**9. Athletic Director Report:** Athletic Director, Ryan Roecker, reviewed the athletic board report with the board. Coach Roecker added that he has been meeting with students during advisory to help them with their core classes to increase their grades in those classes. Mr. Demny stressed to Coach Roecker the need for communication between coaches, students and parents in written and verbal form.

**10. Maintenance and transportation report:** Maintenance Director, Pete Robles, reviewed the maintenance and transportation reports with the board. The board discussed cameras on school busses.

**11. Approval of minutes:** Mark Fernandez moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve the minutes of the of the December 11, 2019 special meeting, December 18, 2019 special meeting, December 18, 2019 regular meeting and the January 8, 2020 special meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**12. Business office:**

**12.1 – 12.6:** The board reviewed and discussed the bills, current bank reconciliation and balances, current tax collection report, utility cost comparison, the monthly budget summary report and the quarterly investment report.

**13. Presentation and discussion only**

**13.1 Review Cheerleading Handbook:** BHS Cheer Sponsor, Teresa Ressler, reviewed the cheerleading handbook with the board. Wayne Jetelina requested clarification of Cheerleader Expectations, including punishments, as well as Cheer being a UIL sanctioned sport.

**13.2 Facilities needs list:** The board reviewed the facilities needs list which included updates about the BES playground upgrades.

**14. Action Items**

**14.1 Consideration and action to approve Brazos ISD early resignation incentive:** Christopher Nanez moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to approve the Brazos ISD early resignation incentive. The motion passed unanimously.

**14.2 Consideration and action to engage Belt Harris and Pechacek LLP to perform an audit for the school year ending August 31, 2020:** Myles Marek moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to engage Belt Harris and Pechacek LLP to perform an audit for the school year ending August 31, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

**14.3 Consideration and action to adopt the 2020-2021 budget calendar:** Wayne Jetelina moved with a second by Myles Marek to adopt the 2020-2021 budget calendar as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**14.4 Order Calling for a Board of Trustee Election for May 2, 2020: Position I – Wayne Jetelina, Position II – Mark Fernandez, Position III – Christopher Nanez:** Mark Fernandez moved with a second by Myles Marek to order a Board of Trustee Election for May 2, 2020 for positions I, II and III. The motion passed unanimously.

**14.5 Consideration and action to approve the Instructional calendar for 2020-2021:** The board reviewed two instructional calendar options for school year 2020-2021. Christopher Nanez expressed concern about high school graduation being the weekend of Memorial Day because of scheduling conflicts that may arise. Christopher Nanez moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to approve Calendar Option B for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

**14.6 Consideration and action to reschedule the February regular board meeting:** Myles Marek moved with a second by Mark Fernandez to move the regular February 2020 board meeting from February 26, 2020 to February 19, 2020 due to the Ash Wednesday holiday. The motion passed unanimously.

**15. Closed Meeting:** President Matt Demny closed the meeting for executive session as allowed by Texas Government Code Sections 551.017-551.084, inclusive at 9:05 PM, January 22, 2020. President Matt Demny opened the meeting at 9:25 PM.

**16. Open session: Take appropriate action resulting from closed session.** President Matt Demny opened the meeting at 9:05 PM, January 22, 2020 and certified that there was no variance from the posted agenda in executive session.

**17. Discussion of future agenda items.** If anyone needs to put an item on the agenda please call President, Matt Demny, or the Superintendent, Mr. Thompson.

**18. State of the District:** Superintendent Brian Thompson updated the board on the state of the district, including upcoming TACS contest, solo/ensemble contests and FFA shows/contests.

**19. Adjourn:** After having completed all agenda items, Myles Marek moved with a second by Christopher Nanez to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. President Matt Demny adjourned the meeting at 9:28PM, January 22, 2020.