

BRAZOS ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 31, 2021 (UNOFFICIAL)

1. Establish a quorum – Call to Order: The Brazos ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 in the Brazos ISD Board Room. President Christopher Nanez called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM, and declared a quorum. Members present were, Matt Demny, Brian Demny, Tammy McCain, Dale Divin, Christopher Nanez, Tiffany Meyer and Myles Marek.

2. Moment of silence: A moment of silence was held for Marcia Butcher, former BES teacher from 1986-1992.

3. Recognition

3.1 Athletic Director recognition of Cougar/Cougarette Athlete of the Month: Athletic Director, Ryan Roecker, honored Halie Gonzalez and Joey Townsend as Athletes of the Month. Halie was chosen because of the dedication that she brings daily. Joey was chosen because of the commitment, attitude and effort that he displays daily.

4. Public comments: Kara Sabrsula, Rachel Divin, Wendy Melnar and Stephanie Snedaker signed up to speak on the mask mandate at Brazos ISD as allowed by policy BED public participation. Mark Raventos from Acciona signed up to speak on the Fort Bend Solar 313 Agreement as allowed by policy BED public participation.

5. COVID-19 Update: The board heard a COVID-19 update from Superintendent, Brian Thompson. There are currently no new cases reported.

6. Principal's reports: The principal reports were enclosed in the board packets for Brazos High School, Brazos Middle School, and Brazos Elementary School.

7. Athletic Director Report: The board reviewed the Athletic Director Report with AD, Ryan Roecker.

8. Maintenance and transportation report: Maintenance Director, Pete Robles, reviewed the maintenance and transportation reports with the board. One topic included the increasing electric bill.

9. Approval of minutes: Tiffany Meyer moved with a second by Matt Demny to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2021 special meeting, February 24, 2021 regular meeting, March 11, 2021 special meeting and March 22, 2021 special meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Business office:

11.1 – 11.5: The board reviewed and discussed the bills, current bank reconciliation and balances, current tax collection report, utility cost comparison, and the monthly budget summary report.

11. Presentation and discussion only

11.1 Discussion of future academic programs/classes and subsequent personnel: Special Education Director, Lana Johnston, reviewed the Special Education Program and personnel needs with the board.

11.2 Review old business: An update was given about the applicants for the Superintendent Search that was provided by TASB.

11.3 Facilities Needs List: This item was taken after item 5. The board heard a presentation from Attorney, Darrick Eugene regarding the selectin of an architect for district project upgrades.

11.4 Discuss substitute pay: Special Programs Coordinator, Teresa Ressler, discussed Brazos ISD's current substitute pay and provided a comparison of surrounding school districts for the board to review.

11.5 Review Superintendent House Lease Agreement Amendment: The board an amendment to the Superintendent House Lease Agreement. The amendment was the termination date of May 31, 2021 instead of June 30, 2021.

11.6 Banquet and Award ceremonies: The board reviewed and discussed upcoming spring banquet and award ceremonies.

12. Action Items

12.1 Consideration and action to approve a facilities lease agreement with Precinct 4 Austin County Commissioner: Myles Marek moved with a second by Dale Divin to approve a facilities lease agreement with Precinct 4 Austin County Commissioner as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

12.2 Consideration and action to approve Interquest Detection Canines for substance awareness and detection services for the 2021-2022 school year: After a brief discussion about Fort Bend County/Austin County Sherriff's conducting substance awareness and detection services; Myles Marek moved with a second by Brian Demny to approve Interquest Detection Canines for substance awareness and detection services for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

12.3 Consideration and action to cancel Brazos ISD Board election for May 1, 2021: Matt Demny moved with a second by Myles Marek to cancel the Brazos ISD Board election for May 1, 2021 and to accept the certificate of unopposed candidates declaring Myles Marek for Position IV and Matt Demny for Position V election. The motion passed unanimously.

12.4 Consideration and possible action regarding Governor's Executive Order No. GA-34: Tiffany Meyer moved to extend the opening plan through the end of the school year. The motion died for lack of a second.

12.5 Consideration and possible action of approval of private tax resale offer on Account Number R37097/0066020035800903 pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code, Section 34.05: Matt Demny moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve the private tax resale offer on Account Number R37097/0066020035800903 pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code, Section 34.05. The motion passed unanimously.

12.6 Consideration and action to approve a Missed School Days Waiver, pursuant to TEC 25.081, allows the district or campus to request a waiver if instructional days are missed due to weather, health, safety, or other issues: Tiffany Myer moved with a second by Matt Demny to approve a Missed School Days Waiver, pursuant to TEC 25.081, allows the district or campus to request a waiver if instructional days are missed due to weather, health, safety, or other issues as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

12.7 Consideration and action to approve a budget amendment for bond refinancing: Tiffany Meyer moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve a budget amendment to align with the bond refinance closing memo as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Closed Meeting: President Christopher Nanez closed the meeting for executive session as allowed by Texas Government Code Sections 551.017-551.084, inclusive at 10:44 PM, March 31, 2021. President Christopher Nanez opened the meeting at 11:27 PM.

13.1 Personnel (if needed) Resignations, Hire New Employees, and Possible Reassigning some Employees. Discussion. Action Item.

14. Open session: Take appropriate action resulting from closed session. President Christopher Nanez opened the meeting at 11:27 PM, March 31, 2021 and certified that there was no variance from the posted agenda in executive session.

14.1 Consideration and action to hire a teacher at Brazos Elementary School: Brian Demny moved with a second by Myles Marek to offer a probationary contract to Emily Sibley Drymala as an elementary teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, subject to assignment and reassignment. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Discussion of future agenda items. If anyone needs to put an item on the agenda please call President, Christopher Nanez, or the Superintendent, Mr. Thompson.

16. State of the District: Superintendent Brian Thompson updated the board on the state of the district.

17. Adjourn: After having completed all agenda items, Matt Demny moved with a second by Myles Marek to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. President Christopher Nanez adjourned the meeting at 11:29PM.