

BRAZOS ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Unofficial)
February 19, 2014

1. The Brazos ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 in the Brazos ISD Board Room. President Charles Dostal called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and declared a quorum.

Other board members present included Brian T. Demny, Tamara Mager, Joyce M. Stavinoha, Felix Martinez II, Myles Marek and Matt Demny. Tamara Mager gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

There was no moment of silence.

2. Superintendent Earl Jarrett informed the board that Brazos Independent School District had been named to the 2013 Texas Honors Circle. Texas Honors Circle is awarded to districts who have maintained high levels of student achievement with a limited amount of funds. The administrators and faculty involved at the time this award was earned are to be commended for what has been accomplished at Brazos ISD with the limited funding that has been available to the district.

3. **Public Forum:** No one signed up to speak as allowed by policy BED public participation or for student related issues as per HB 1226.

4. **Principal Report:** The principal reports from each campus were enclosed in the packet.

5. **Minutes:** Matt Demny moved with a second from Joyce Stavinoha to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on January 22, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

6. The board reviewed the current financial statements, current tax collection report, current bank reconciliation and balances and utility cost comparisons.

7. **Presentation and Discussion:**

7.1 Superintendent Earl Jarrett discussed the financial coding system with the board.

7.2 Superintendent Earl Jarrett presented a short history of the ADA (Average Daily Attendance) and WADA (Weighted Average Daily Attendance) for Brazos ISD.

7.3 The Board discussed the leased facilities of the district which include the Wallis Gym which is leased by Greater New Faith Church, Inc. and the building leased by Austin County EMS. The walk through conducted by the superintendent and Director of Maintenance/Transportation Bradley Reinecker, brought up concerns about termite damage, roof leaks and damage to the doors at the gym while the EMS building was okay. The board also voiced their own concerns about the gym. Due to the many questions and concerns this will be discussed next month.

7.4 Principals Dr. Jonathon Szymanski, Clay Hudgins, and Giselle Castorena presented the 2012-2013 School Report Card for their campuses.

7.5 Superintendent Earl Jarrett presented the board a copy of the currently adopted District Vision, Mission Statement and Graduate Profile and requested the board to review and potentially revise these documents as the first step in the process of providing the direction for the district in the form of board goals. These documents should be reviewed annually as part of the goal process, should be communicated consistently and persistently to the staff, and our budget should reflect these goals.

7.6 The board reviewed and consider changes to policy GKD (Local) Nonschool use of school facilities as presented by Superintendent Earl Jarrett. Superintendent Jarrett was requested by the board to make changes and to present the policy at the next board meeting for review.

8. Action Items

8.1 Consideration and action to approve Budget Amendment:

Myles Marek moved with a second by Tamara Mager to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$50,000 to transfer funds from 616 (Capital Projects) to Fund 199 (General Fund) to correct the fund coding for budgeted salary. The motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Consider Charter School impact and expansion requests:

A motion was made by Tamara Mager and seconded by Felix Martinez II to approve the four impact and expansion requests from Harmony Charter School. The motion carried unanimously.

8.3 Consideration and action to approve magnetic locks and a security camera to control access and improve safety at Brazos Elementary:

Tamara Mager moved with a second by Joyce M. Stavinoha to allow Superintendent Earl Jarrett not to exceed \$10,000.00 to purchase magnetic locks and security camera to control access at Brazos Elementary. The motion carried unanimously.

The board will review security access at Brazos Middle School and Brazos High School during budget time.

8.4 Consideration and action to approve a contract with US FON for increased bandwidth and internet connectivity:

A motion was made by Matt Demny and seconded by Felix Martinez II to approve the contract with US FON for increased bandwidth and internet connectivity for a cost of \$28,365.00 per year for five years. The motion carried unanimously.

8.5 Consideration and action to approve a donation of a baseball pitching machine from Brazos Athletic Booster Club:

A motion was made by Matt Demny with a second by Tamara Mager to approve the donation of \$1,999.00 from Brazos Athletic Booster Club for a baseball pitching machine. The motion carried unanimously.

8.6 Consideration and action to approve moving the March Regular Board meeting to accommodate Spring Break:

A motion was made by Myles Marek with a second by Felix Martinez II to approve moving the March 19th regular board meeting to March 27th. The motion carried unanimously.

9., 10. **Executive Session:** President Charles Dostal closed the meeting for executive session as allowed by Texas Government

Code Sections 551.071-551.084, inclusive at 9:26 PM, February 19, 2014.

President Charles Dostal opened the meeting at 10:21 PM, February 19, 2014 and certified that there was no variance from the posted agenda in executive session.

9.1 Contract Renewal/Non-Renewal or no action taken on: Principals Dr. Jonathon Szymanski, Clay Hudgins, and Giselle Castorena and Special Education Director - Jeanne Young, Business Manager - Marjor Mayo, Band Director- Rolando Cantu, and Athletic Director - Michael Bonewald:

9.2 Recommendation to renew Food Service Director - Sheila Moseley and Director of Maintenance/Transportation - Bradley Reinecker:

10. Myles Marek moved with a second by Felix Martinez II to approve contracts for Principals, Dr. Jonathon Szymanski, Clay Hudgins, Giselle Castorena, Director of Special Education - Jeanne Young, Business Manager - Marjor Mayo, Band Director Rolando Cantu Jr., and Athletic Director - Michael Bonewald and to renew Food Service Director - Sheila Moseley and Director of Maintenance/Transportation -Bradley Reinecker. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **Discussion of Future Agenda Items:** The Board and the Superintendent discussed reviewing extra-curricular drug testing for grades 9 - 12 for athletics, cheerleaders and Ag students, and the 2014-2015 school calendar.

12. **Adjournment:** After having completed all agenda items, President Charles Dostal adjourned the meeting at 10:221 PM, February 19, 2014