

BRAZOS ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Unofficial)
February 16, 2015

1. The Brazos ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 16, 2015 in the Brazos ISD Board Room. President Matt Demny called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and declared a quorum. Other members present included Mark A. Fernandez, Christopher R. Nanez, Wayne Jetelina, Felix Martinez II, Brian Demny and Myles Marek.

1.1 **Opening** Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Christopher R. Nanez.

1.2 A moment was held for Varise Dickerson, father of Brazos High School aide, Pam Hatton and Brazos High School cook, Laura Steward.

2. **Honoring nominees Brazos Elementary PTE, Brazos Band Boosters and Brazos Athletic Booster Club for “Stand Up For Texas Public Schools”**: Board President, Matt Demny presented a “Stand Up For Texas” packet to the member(s) that were present. Superintendent Earl Jarrett stated that we are recognizing the hard work that these organizations do to support Texas Public Schools. The following people were present for their organization: Brazos Elementary PTE, Tanya Doss and Brandy Bonewald, Brazos Band Boosters, Oralia Cantu and Brazos Athletic Booster Club, Rachelle Demny and Roxanne Reinecker.

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

9. **Consider and possibly take action to adopt an ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF BRAZOS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS; AUTHORIZING A PRICING OFFICER TO APPROVE THE AMOUNT, INTEREST RATES, PRICE, REDEMPTION PROVISIONS AND TERMS THEREOF AND CERTAIN OTHER PROCEDURES AND PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION PRIOR TO MATURITY OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS; AND CONTAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**: Craig Cunningham of Wells, Nelson and Associates made a presentation to the board concerning the refinance of bonds originally sold in June 2008 for construction funds. Board discussion followed. Christopher R. Nanez moved with a second by Myles Marek to adopt an order authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of Brazos Independent

School District unlimited tax refunding bonds; authorizing a pricing officer to approve the amount, interest rates, price, redemption provisions and terms thereof and certain other procedures and provisions related thereto; authorizing the redemption prior to maturity of certain outstanding bonds; and containing other matters related thereto. The motion carried unanimously.

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

5. Approval of minutes: Christopher R. Nanez moved with a second by Felix Martinez II to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015, regular board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Business office:

6.1 The board reviewed and discussed the bills.

Wayne Jetelina moved with a second by Brian Demny to approve payment of the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

6.2 – 6.6 The board reviewed current tax collection report, current bank reconciliation and balances, utility cost comparison and monthly budget summary report.

7. Presentation and discussion only:

7.1 Discuss soliciting requests for qualifications for firms to conduct the 2014-2015 financial audit: Superintendent Earl Jarrett discussed with the board soliciting requests for qualifications for firms to conduct the 2014-2015 financial audit. Superintendent Jarrett said this will allow us to consider other firms to conduct our 2015 audit. The board agreed and proposals will be brought to the board at the March meeting.

7.2 Discuss participation in the UIL Texas State Spirit Championship: Superintendent Earl Jarrett enclosed in the packets a letter from UIL and additional information regarding the new UIL Texas Spirit Championship. Board discussion followed. The board agreed with Superintendent Jarrett to get input from parents, cheerleaders, and administrators on this new UIL participation and to bring information back to the board at the March meeting.

7.3 Projected Student Enrollment ADA, and WADA and Implications: Superintendent Earl Jarrett discussed with the board the information he enclosed in the packets concerning enrollment, Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and Weighted Average Daily Attendance(WADA). The actual enrollment at Brazos ISD has dropped but due to the impact of the weighted students at Prairie Harbor and the increase in the number of students enrolled in a Career and Technology courses at the high school you can see the impact on our total WADA (weighted average daily attendance) is higher than anticipated at 1279.208. WADA is the greatest factor in determining how much revenue the district generates. An increase in WADA will generate more state funding, but the superintendent warned against using any excess revenue generated from the Prairie Harbor campus to operate the main campuses. Superintendent Jarrett recommends using any excess for funds for capital projects or supplemental pay for employees to prevent the district from becoming dependent on revenue that may not be consistent long-term.

8. Action Items:

8.1 Consideration and approval for the district instructional calendar for the 2015-2016 school year: The board reviewed and discussed the calendar for the 2015-2016 school year.

Wayne Jetelina moved with a second by Christopher R. Nanez to approve the district instructional calendar for the 2015-2016 school year as presented by administration. The motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Order Board of Trustee Election for May 9, 2015 – Position IV – Myles H. Marek and Position V – Matt Demny:

Brian Demny moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to order a Board of Trustee Election for May 9, 2015 for Positions IV and V. The motion carried unanimously.

8.3 Consideration and approval for Interlocal Agreement for Roadway and Driveway Maintenance between Austin County and Brazos Independent School District:

Felix Martinez II moved with a second by Christopher R. Nanez to approve the interlocal agreement for roadway and driveway maintenance between Austin County and Brazos Independent School District. The motion carried unanimously.

8.4 Consideration and action to approve changes to course offerings at Brazos High School for the 2015-2016 school year: Brazos High School principal, Mary McCarthy made a presentation to the board on change to course offerings at Brazos High School. Board discussion followed.

Myles Marek moved with a second by Felix Martinez II to approve the changes to the course offerings at Brazos High School for the 2015-1026 school year, as recommended by administration. The motion carried unanimously.

8.5 Consideration and action to extend the Depository Contract with Wallis State Bank for the 2015-2017 biennium:

Brian Demny moved with a second by Christopher R. Nanez to approve a two year extension on the current depository contract with Wallis State Bank for the 2015-2017 biennium. The motion carried unanimously.

8.6 Consideration and action for a budget amendment to purchase a bus or buses to add to the transportation fleet: Myles Marek moved with a second by Christopher R. Nanez to allow administration to purchase one bus not to exceed \$90,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Closed meeting: President Matt Demny closed the meeting for executive session as allowed by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071- 551.084, inclusive at 8:25 PM, February 16, 2015. President Matt Demny opened the meeting at 9:49 PM, February 16, 2015, and certified that there was no variance from the posted agenda in executive session.

11. Open session: Take appropriate action resulting from closed session:

10.1 Myles Marek moved with a second by Brian Demny to renew Giselle Castorena, Brazos Elementary Principal, for two years. The motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Jetelina moved with a second by Felix Martinez II to renew Clay Hudgins, Brazos Middle Principal, for two years. The motion carried unanimously.

Christopher R. Nanez moved with a second by Mark A. Hernandez to renew Mary McCarthy, Brazos High Principal, for one year. The motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Jetelina moved with a second by Myles Marek to renew Glenda Hooper, Prairie Harbor Administrator/Teacher, for one year. The motion carried unanimously.

Brian Demny moved with a second by Christopher R. Nanez to renew Michael Bonewald, Brazos ISD Athletic Director, for two years. The motion carried 6 to 1 with Mark A. Fernandez voting no.

Myles Marek moved with a second by Christopher R. Nanez to renew Rolando Cantu, Brazos ISD Band Director, for one year. The motion carried unanimously.

Felix Martinez Jr. moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to renew Monica Gross, Brazos ISD Special Education Director/Diagnostician, for one year. The motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Jetelina moved with a second by Myles Marek to renew Marjor Mayo, Brazos ISD Business Manager, for one year. The motion carried unanimously.

Myles Marek moved with a second by Mark A. Fernandez to renew Sheila Moseley, Brazos ISD Food Service Director. The motion carried unanimously.

Christopher R. Nanez moved with second by Wayne Jetelina to renew Bradley Reinecker, Brazos ISD Maintenance/Transportation Director. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Discussion of future agenda items: If you have anything to put on the agenda please contact Board President, Matt Demny or Superintendent, Earl Jarrett.

13. Adjourn: After having completed all agenda items, President Matt Demny adjourned the meeting at 9:53 PM, February 16, 2015.