

BRAZOS ISD SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 29, 2018 (UNOFFICIAL)

**1.** The Brazos ISD Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 in the Brazos ISD Board Room. President Matt Demny called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and declared a quorum. Members present were, Matt Demny, Brian Demny, Christopher Nanez, Felix Martinez, II, Wayne Jetelina, and Myles Marek. Mark Fernandez was absent.

**2. Introduction of new staff:** Each principal introduced new staff to the board for the 2018-2019 school year.

**3. Honor Johnny Griffin and Joan Griffin, Wallis News Review, 2018 Media Honor Roll:** President Matt Demny and Superintendent Brian Thompson presented Johnny Griffin and Joanie Griffin with certificates and thanked them for reporting the sports and school activities at Brazos ISD.

**4. Principal 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:** Myles Marek moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2018 regular meeting and the August 15, 2018 special meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Business office:**

**6.1 – 6.5:** 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.

**7. Presentation and discussion only:**

**7.1 Board Review of the 2018-2019 Brazos High School FFA, Band and Athletic handbooks:** Ross Sheffield reviewed changes to the FFA handbook. Matt Demny requested clarification on the Ag Dept only attending two major stock shows and Mr. Sheffield explained how they were working on it. Billy Mere reviewed some of the changes to the Band handbook.

**7.2 Board review of the 2018-2019 employee handbook:** The board reviewed the employee handbook and discussed the addition of one item regarding that no changes to employee insurance can be made unless there is a qualifying event and the employee has 30 days to request the change.

**7.3 Board review of the 2018-2019 DAEP Handbook:** The board reviewed the DAEP handbook and there were no significant changes from the previous school year.

## **8. Action Items**

**8.1 Consideration and possible action to hire 3 additional aides at the Prairie Harbor Alternative School:** Based on the agreement with Prairie Harbor Alternative School, Felix Martinez, II moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve to hire 3 additional aides at the Prairie Harbor Alternative School. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.2 Consideration and possible action to hire 2 additional BES teachers:** Christopher Nanez moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve to hire 2 additional BES teachers and give Brian Thompson, Superintendent, permission to hire the teachers. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.3 Consideration and possible action to hire 1 additional BES teacher's aide:** Brian Demny moved with a second by Felix Martinez, II to approve to hire 1 additional BES teacher's aide. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.4 Consideration and action to approve the 2018-2019 Brazos ISD budget at the fund and function level:** Myles Marek moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to approve the 2018-2019 Brazos ISD budget at the fund and function level. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.5 Consideration and action to adopt the district's tax rate for 2018-2019:** Christopher Nanez moved with a second by Brian Demny that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.44, which is effectively a .69 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.5.1 Maintenance and Operations tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100.00 value:** Wayne Jetelina moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve maintenance and operations tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100.00 value. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.5.2 Interest and Sinking tax rate of 0.40 per \$100.00 value:** Felix Martinez, II moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to approve interest and sinking tax rate of 0.40 per \$100.00 value. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.6 Consideration and action to approve the T-TESS calendar and appraisers:** Teresa Ressler presented T-TESS calendar and appraiser information to the board. Matt Demny received

clarification on who is an appraiser for the district. Myles Marek moved with a second by Brian Demny to approve the T-TESS calendar and appraisers as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.7 Consideration and action to approve Policy Update 111, affecting local policies:** Superintendent, Brian Thompson, refreshed the board on local policy changes. Felix Martinez, II moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve Policy Update 111 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.8 Consideration and action to approve a waiver request from TEA for modified schedule/state assessment testing days:** After a presentation by Teresa Ressler, Wayne Jetelina moved with a second by Felix Martinez, II to approve a waiver request from TEA for modified schedule/state assessment testing days. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.9 Consideration and action to approve five Life Skills Innovative Courses:** Teresa Ressler presented information to the board. Matt Demny questioned if this would not cost the district any additional funds. Brian Demny moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to approve five Life Skills Innovation Courses. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. Closed Meeting:** President Matt Demny closed the meeting for executive session as allowed by Texas Government Code Sections 551.017-551.084, inclusive at 7:55 PM, August 29, 2018. President Matt Demny opened the meeting at 9:15 PM.

**9.1 Personnel (if needed) Resignations, hire new employees, and possible reassigning some employees: Discussion. Action Item**

**10. Open session: Take appropriate action resulting from closed session.** President Matt Demny opened the meeting at 9:15 PM, August 29, 2018 and certified that there was no variance from the posted agenda in executive session. There was no action taken.

**11. State of the District:** Superintendent Brian Thompson updated the board on the State of the District.

**12. 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.

**13. Adjourn:** After having completed all agenda items, Myles Marek moved with a second by Felix Martinez, II to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. President Matt Demny adjourned the meeting at 9:17 PM, August 29, 2018.