

BRAZOS ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 2018 (UNOFFICIAL)

1. The Brazos ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 24, 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, Christopher Nanez, Felix Martinez, II, Wayne Jetelina and Mark Fernandez. Myles Marek and Brian Demny were absent.

2. **Moment of silence:** A moment of silence was held for Chelsea Spartlin - Niece of BES teacher Harvey Fajkus and BES aide Carrie Fajkus.

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

4. **Honor campus principals for Principals Month:** Board President, Matt Demny, and Superintendent, Brian Thompson, presented the BES, BMS, BHS and PH principals with a certificate. Matt Demny explained that the board understood that the principals have a thankless, but important job and thanked them for doing what they do.

5. **Principal Reports:** The principal reports were enclosed in the board packets for Brazos High School, Brazos Middle School, Brazos Elementary School and Prairie Harbor Alternative School. On the BES report, Christopher Nanez requested clarification on ELAR working on vertical alignment for Reading and Writing. Mrs. Dotson explained that her campus is going to group students based on their understanding of a subject as to not hold any student back and to lessen frustrations of students who may need extra help. Matt Demny requested clarification on the BMS failing rate at progress report time. Mr. Hudgins explained how teachers work with the students to get missing work turned in and test corrections completed and how that may not be done at progress report time but is completed before reports are sent to the parents. Matt Demny requested that the BHS report include failing and attendance rates.

6. **Maintenance and transportation report:** Superintendent, Brian Thompson, reviewed the maintenance and transport reports with the board, which included recent bus repairs.

7. **Approval of minutes:** Christopher Nanez moved with a second by Mark Fernandez to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2018 regular board meeting and the October 3, 2018 special meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Business office:

8.1 – 8.5: 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.

9. Presentation and discussion only:

9.1 School Health Advisory Council Annual Activities

Report: This item was tabled and moved to the November regular meeting as district Nurse, Kim Fischer, was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency.

9.2 TPRI Results – K-2nd: BES principal, Shelly Dotson, reviewed the TPRI results with the board. Matt Demny asked if there is a state-wide comparison so we can better understand the BES results. Mrs. Dotson and Mrs. Ressler will work on getting that information to the board.

9.3 Review plato update/changes at BHS: Superintendent, Brian Thompson, presented plato updates/changes to the board. Matt Demny questioned how the classes are graded and how the grades are being entered on report cards. BHS counselor, Nanette Kubena, explained how assignment dates are entered and the plato classed are paced so grades can be entered like regular classes. Matt Demny requested this information be added to the handbook.

9.4 Review Prairie Harbor Handbook: PH principal, Jamie Bates, reviewed the Prairie Harbor handbook with the board. Matt Demny asked if the Prairie Harbor plato grading guidelines will be added to the PH handbook. Dr. Bates explained that there is also a PH teacher handbook and the grading guidelines are included in that handbook and the teacher handbook will be included with the Prairie Harbor student handbook.

9.5 Review of the ELL program: Special Programs Coordinator, Teresa Ressler, presented information to the board about the ELL program. Any student new to the district that does not speak English must take an ELL test and must be exited once they are proficient in the English language.

9.6 Discussion of Annual Financial and Compliance

Report findings by TEA: The board discussed the Annual Financial and Compliance report findings by TEA.

10. Action Items

10.1 Consideration and action to approve Brazos ISD

Attendance Review Committees: Wayne Jetelina moved with a second by Christopher Nanez to approve the Brazos ISD Attendance Review Committees as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

10.2 Consideration and action to approve Brazos ISD Textbook Committee: Felix Martinez, II moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to approve the Brazos ISD Textbook Committee as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

10.3 Consideration and action to reschedule the December regular board meeting: Mark Fernandez moved with a second by Felix Martinez, II to reschedule the December regular board meeting to December 19th. The motion passed unanimously.

10.4 Consideration and action to allow Superintendent to explore electricity options and grant authority to approve a new electricity contract: Christopher Nanez moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to allow the Superintendent to explore electricity options and grant authority to approve a new electricity contract beginning at the end of the current contract in 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

10.5 Consideration and action to approve extra duty pay for employees assisting in maintenance duties in the absence of a maintenance director, at the discretion of the superintendent: This item was tabled and revisited after closed session. Christopher Nanez moved with a second by Mark Fernandez to approve a one-time extra duty pay, not to exceed \$500, for employees assisting in maintenance duties in the absence of a maintenance director, at the discretion of the superintendent. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Closed Meeting: President Matt Demny closed the meeting for executive session as allowed by Texas Government Code Sections 551.017-551.084, inclusive at 8:45 PM, October 24, 2018. President Matt Demny opened the meeting at 10:08 PM.

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

12. Open session: Take appropriate action resulting from closed session. President Matt Demny opened the meeting at 10:08 PM, October 24, 2018 and certified that there was no variance from the posted agenda in executive session.

12.1 Release of Prairie Harbor Alternative School Principal from Contract under Ch. 21, Texas Education Code: Mark Fernandez moved with a second by Christopher Nanez to release the Prairie Harbor Alternative School Principal from Contract. The motion passed unanimously.

13. 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.

14. State of the District: Special Programs Coordinator, Teresa Ressler, updated the board on grants that she is working on for the district. Superintendent Brian Thompson updated the board on upcoming sports games and events.

15. Adjourn: After having completed all agenda items, Mark Fernandez moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. President Matt Demny adjourned the meeting at 10:17 PM, October 24, 2018.