

BRAZOS ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 25, 2020 (UNOFFICIAL)

1. Establish a quorum – Call to Order: The Brazos ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in the Brazos High School Commons. President Matt Demny called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM, and declared a quorum. Members present were, Matt Demny, Myles Marek, Christopher Nanez, Brian Demny and Mark Fernandez. Tiffany Meyer and Wayne Jetelina were absent.

2. Moment of silence: A moment of silence was held for Anita Chapman Kubes, mother of BHS teacher Deena Kolafa and for Linda Williams, mother of BHS teacher Brook Williams.

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

4. Principal's and Athletic Director Reports: The principals gave verbal updates of the success in getting the student academic work packets, either by paper or online, to each student. There were not many who did not receive the packets and the principals will work those families to find a good time to arrange packet pickup. Athletic Director, Ryan Roecker, gave a UIL status update to the board regarding the possible first day a practice/game may be held.

5. Maintenance and transportation report: Maintenance Director, Pete Robles, reviewed the maintenance and transportation reports with the board. Mr. Robles informed the board that BISD was awarded a grant to help with the purchase of new buses for the district.

6. Approval of minutes: Mark Fernandez moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve the minutes of the of the February 19, 2020 regular meeting, March 4, 2020 special meeting, March 13, 2020 emergency meeting and the March 19, 2020 emergency meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Business office:

7.1 – 7.5: 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.

8. Presentation and discussion only

8.1 Statement of Impact: The board discussed three Statement of Impact letters recently received by Harmony Public Schools, IDEA Public School and Yes Prep. Mr. Thompson will send letters to TEA regarding the impact that each of these new school openings will have on Brazos ISD

8.2 Facilities needs list: The board reviewed the facilities needs list.

9. Action Items

9.1 Deliberate or take action regarding the COVID-19 Virus, including impacts to students, staff and facilities: There was no action taken on this item. The board discussed what actions Governor Greg Abbott has taken so far regarding school closings.

9.2 Consideration and action to approve Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification, 2020-2021: Christopher Nanez moved with a second by Mark Fernandez to approve Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification for school year 2020-2021. The motion passed unanimously.

9.3 Consideration and action to approve a facilities lease agreement with Precinct 4 Austin County Commissioner: After a brief discussion suggesting that Superintendent, Brian Thompson, advises the Precinct 4 Austin County Commissioner to clean up the ditches at the facilities, Myles Marek moved with a second by Mark Fernandez to approve a facilities lease agreement with Precinct 4 Austin County Commissioner as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

9.4 Consideration and action to approve a budget amendment for playground equipment upgrades at BES: Mark Fernandez moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve a budget amendment for playground equipment upgrades at BES. The motion passed unanimously.

9.5 Consideration and action to approve a stipend schedule beginning the 2020-2021 school year: There was some discussion on the stipend schedule presented. Mr. Brian Demny suggested that it would be beneficial to include the “grandfather clause” on the stipend schedule. Mr. Myles Marek said that some of the stipend payments were too low for specific positions. Myles Marek moved with a second by Mark Fernandez to table this issue until the next regular board meeting so that the board can discuss stipends that seem too low for some positions presented. The motion passed 3-2 with Matt Demny and Brian Demny voting against the motion.

9.6 Consideration and action to approve Interquest Detection Canines for substance awareness and detection services for the 2020-2021 school year: Myles Marek moved with a second by Mark Fernandez to approve Interquest Detection Canines for substance awareness and detection services for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

9.7 Consideration and action to cancel Brazos ISD Board election for May 2, 2020/Cancelacion de eleccion de las mesa directive de Brazos ISD para el 2 de mayo 2020: Mark Fernandez moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve the cancellation of the Brazos ISD Board election for May 2, 2020 due to all of all candidates being unopposed. The motion passed unanimously.

9.8 Consideration and action to suspend policies EIA (LOCAL) and EIC (LOCAL) due to the COVID-19 virus until further notice: The purpose of suspending policy EIA (LOCAL) is due to grading policies and EIC (LOCAL) is due to graduation grading calculations. Once this event is over, the board will reinstate these policies. Christopher Nanez moved with a second by Myles Marek to suspend policies EIA (LOCAL) and EIC (LOCAL) due to the COVID-19 virus. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Closed Meeting: There was no closed meeting.

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

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

14. Adjourn: After having completed all agenda items, Myles Marek moved with a second by Mark Fernandez to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. President Matt Demny adjourned the meeting at 8:45PM, March 25, 2020.