

BRAZOS ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 31, 2020

1. Establish a quorum – Call to Order: The Brazos ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 31, 2020 in the Brazos High School Library. President Christopher Nanez called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM, and declared a quorum. Members present were, Matt Demny, Brian Demny, Tammy Benz, Dale Divin, Tiffany Meyer, Christopher Nanez and Myles Marek. Tiffany Meyer left the meeting at 8:33PM and returned at 9:17PM.

2. Moment of silence: There was no moment of silence.

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

4. Introduction of New Staff: Due to COVID-19 and social distancing restrictions, new staff for the 2020-2021 school year were not in attendance at the meeting. The introduction of new staff was included in each principal report.

5. 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 Alternative School. The board discussed allowing students back to in-person learning at any time as opposed to the end of a grading period. The board also discussed hiring new personnel at the elementary school for Special Education classes, one Special Education teacher and one Special Education Paraprofessional.

6. Maintenance and transportation report: Maintenance Director, Pete Robles, reviewed the maintenance and transportation reports with the board. The board asked that the maintenance reports and facilities list be cleaned up by removing old projects that have been completed. They also discussed a leak in Hall 4 at the high school that needs to be repaired.

7. Athletic Director Report: The board discussed the Athletic Director report with Athletic Director, Ryan Roecker. Discussion included the new online ticketing program.

8. Approval of minutes: Tammy Benz moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2020 special meeting, July 22, 2020 regular meeting, August 3, 2020 special meeting and the August 12, 2020 special meeting. as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Business office:

9.1 – 9.5: 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.

10. Presentation and discussion only

10.1 Review old business: The board had the opportunity to discuss old business during this time. Items discussed were completing of staff evaluations and dual credit classes.

10.2 Board review of the 2020-2021 DAEP, FFA, Band and Athletics Handbook: The board reviewed DAEP, FFA, Band and Athletics handbooks with the responsible advisors/teachers. There were minimal changes to all of the handbooks but some changes included, the removal of FFA dues in the FFA handbook, the BMS and BHS band handbooks being combined to create one handbook for the entire band program.

10.3 Board review of Facilities Needs: The board reviewed the facilities needs list with Maintenance Director, Pete Robles. Items that were discussed were HVAC units throughout the district.

10.4 Review and discuss Brazos ISD Vision and Goals and corresponding Superintendent goals: The board previously discussed the Brazos ISD Vision and Goals and completed their discussion of the corresponding Superintendent goals.

10.5 Discussion of certain secondary courses that will be offered as asynchronous: The board discussed certain high school classes to be offered as asynchronous instead of synchronous.

11. Action Items

11.1 Consideration and action to order a playground cover for the BES playground: After a lengthy discussion on the pros/cons of the playground cover, the cost of the cover and questions about the PTE purchasing a portion of the cover, Myles Marek moved with a second by Brian Demny to not approve the order of a playground cover for the BES playground. The motion passed unanimously.

11.2 Consideration and action to approve the 2020-2021 Brazos ISD budget at the fund and function level: Matt Demny moved with a second by Tammy Benz to approve the 2020-2021 Brazos ISD budget at the fund and function level as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

11.3 Consideration and action to adopt the district's tax rate for the 2020-2021 school year: Myles Marek moved with a second by Matt Demny that the property tax rate be decreased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.21582, which is effectively a 9.27 percent decrease in the tax, to approve maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.9221 per \$100.00 value and to approve interest and sinking tax rate of \$0.29372 per \$100.00 value. The motion passed unanimously.

11.4 Consideration and action to approve Policy Update 115 affecting local policies (see attached): After discussion of policy DIA (LOCAL) and the wording under "Discrimination", Tiffany Meyer moved with a second by Dale Divin to approve Policy Update 115, affecting local policies. The motion passed 4-3 with Matt Demny, Myles Marek and Brian Demny voting against.

BF(LOCAL): BOARD POLICIES DED(LOCAL):
COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS - VACATIONS AND
HOLIDAYS DIA(LOCAL): EMPLOYEE WELFARE - FREEDOM
FROM DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND RETALIATION
DMD(LOCAL): PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT -
PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AND VISITATIONS EI(LOCAL):
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FB(LOCAL): EQUAL
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FD(LOCAL): ADMISSIONS
FEB(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE - ATTENDANCE ACCOUNTING
FFG(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - CHILD ABUSE AND
NEGLECT FFH(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - FREEDOM
FROM DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND RETALIATION
FNG(LOCAL): STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES -
STUDENT AND PARENT COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES
GF(LOCAL): PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

12. Closed Meeting: President Christopher Nanez closed the meeting for executive session as allowed by Texas Government Code Sections 551.017-551.084, inclusive at 9:58 PM, August 31, 2020. President Christopher Nanez opened the meeting at 11:03 PM.

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

13. Open session President Christopher Nanez opened the meeting at 11:03 PM, August 31, 2020 and certified that there was no variance from the posted agenda in executive session.

14. State of the District: Superintendent Brian Thompson updated the board on the state of the district including the restrictions due to COVID-19 BHS Fall Sports Kickoff and a reminder on how to purchase online tickets on the new ticketing system.

15. Discussion of future agenda items. If anyone needs to put an item on the agenda please call President, Christopher Nanez, or the Superintendent, Mr. Thompson.

16. Adjourn: After having completed all agenda items, Myles Marek moved with a second by Tiffany Meyer to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. President Christopher Nanez adjourned the meeting at 11:05PM, August 31, 2020.