

BRAZOS ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2021 (UNOFFICIAL)

1. Establish a quorum – Call to Order: The Brazos ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 in the Brazos High School Commons. President Christopher Nanez called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, and declared a quorum. Members present were, Matt Demny, Brian Demny, Tammy McCain, Dale Divin, Christopher Nanez, Tiffany Meyer and Myles Marek.

1.1 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: The invocation and pledge of allegiance was led by Tiffany Meyer.

2. Moment of silence: A moment of silence was held for Earl Jarrett, former BISD Superintendent and Mary Reyes Gonzales, mother-in-law of BMS employee Mary Gonzales.

3. Recognition

3.1 Athletic Director recognition of Cougar/Cougarette Athlete of the Month: Athletic Director, Ryan Roecker, honored Taylor Kolojaco and Kasey Zientek as Athletes of the Month. Taylor was chosen because she shows up every day and gives it her best setting an example for other. Kasey was chosen because he is extremely driven to be the best he can be and while doing that constantly improves the others around him.

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

5. Action Items

5.1 Consideration and action to approve order authorizing the issuance of Brazos Independent School District unlimited tax refunding bonds, taxable series 2021; setting certain parameters for the bonds; authorizing the Superintendent or Business Manager to approve the amount, the interest rate, price and the terms thereof; and certain other procedures and provisions related thereto: Steve Perry with D.A. Davidson Companies presented bond information to the Board. Clay Holland with Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP was also in attendance. Tiffany Meyer moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve the order. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Board Appreciation Month: The board was recognized for their dedicated leadership in public education and continuing service to the children of this community. BMS student, Sophia Vykukal, delivered a speech to the board expressing an appreciation for all that they do.

7. COVID-19 Update: The board heard a COVID-19 update from Superintendent, Brian Thompson. It has been decided that temperature checks will no longer be taken for students when entering the school each day.

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

9. Athletic Director Report: The board reviewed the Athletic Director Report with AD, Ryan Roecker.

10. Maintenance and transportation report: Maintenance Director, Pete Robles, reviewed the maintenance and transportation reports with the board. Topics discussed were remodeling old classrooms for the SPED department and the DAEP classroom.

11. Approval of minutes: Tiffany Meyer moved with a second by Tammy McCain to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2020 special meeting and the December 16, 2020 regular meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Business office:

12.1 – 12.6: The board reviewed and discussed the bills, current bank reconciliation and balances, current tax collection report, utility cost comparison, the monthly budget summary report and the quarterly investment report.

13. Presentation and discussion only

13.1 Discuss attorney engagement for any future 313 agreements: This item was taken after item 13.4. The board discussed using the current school attorney, who has experience with 313 agreements, as Brazos ISD's 313 agreement attorney. The board would like the attorney to speak to the board regarding 313 agreement information and answer questions from the board. There would be a separate engagement letter because the fee schedule would be different.

13.2 Review old business: This item was taken before item 13.1. The board had the opportunity to discuss old business during this time. David Gladem, Operations and Maintenance Director with Acconia spoke to the board during this time regarding their solar farm project.

13.3 Facilities Upgrades List: This item was taken after 13.1. The board reviewed the district facilities upgrades list.

13.4 Discussion of potential Education Foundation: This item was taken after 13.2. Superintendent, Brian Thompson, presented information to the board about establishing an Education Foundation and what an Education Foundation can do for the school district.

13.5 Review Policy Update 116 affecting local policies (see attached): This item was taken after 13.3. Superintendent, Brian

Thompson, reviewed the local policy updates with the board, including:

CQB: TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES, CYBERSECURITY

DCD: EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, AT-WILL EMPLOYMENT

DCE: EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, OTHER TYPES OF CONTRACTS

FFAC: WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES, MEDICAL TREATMENT

GKA: COMMUNITY RELATIONS, CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

13.6 Statement of Impact: The board reviewed statement of impact requests from Aristoi Classical Academy and YES Prep Public Schools. Correspondence will be sent stating that Brazos ISD does not support these school expansions.

13.7 Review Cheerleading Handbook: The board reviewed the Cheerleading handbook for the 2021-2022 school year.

13.8 Discussion of Austin County Appraisal District Board of Directors: Due to unforeseen circumstances, Tiffany Meyer had to resign from the Austin County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Superintendent, Brian Thompson, reviewed the qualifications required to become a board member for Austin County Appraisal District. The school board has 90 days to appoint someone new to that position.

14. Action Items

14.1 Consideration and action to approve Brazos ISD early resignation incentive: Brian Demny moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve the Brazos ISD early resignation incentive as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

14.2 Consideration and action to approve House Bill 3 Goals: After a presentation by Special Programs Coordinator, Teresa Ressler and BES Principal Tracy Boss, Dale Divin moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve House Bill 3 goals. The motion passed

unanimously.

14.3 Consideration and action to adopt the 2021 budget calendar: Matt Demny moved with a second by Tammy McCain to adopt the 2021 budget calendar as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

14.4 Order Calling for a Board of Trustee Election for May 1, 2021: Position IV – Myles Marek and Position V – Matt Demny: Myles Marek moved with a second by Brian Demny to approve order calling for a Board of Trustee Election for May 1, 2021; Position IV – Myles Marek and Position V – Matt Demny. The motion passed unanimously.

14.5 Consideration and possible approval for administration to move forward with Request for Qualifications from architect firms for the weight room/concession/restroom project: After a brief discussion, Matt Demny moved with a second by Tammy McCain to approve the administration to move forward with Request for Qualifications from architect firms for the weight room/concession/restroom project. The motion passed unanimously.

14.6 Discussion and possible action to amend the 2020-2021 instruction calendar: Dale Divin moved with a second by Tiffany Meyer to amend the 2020-2021 instructional calendar to include February 15, 2021 as a staff holiday. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Closed Meeting: There was no closed meeting.

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

15. Open session: Take appropriate action resulting from closed session. No action taken.

16. 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.

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

18. Adjourn: After having completed all agenda items, Brian Demny moved with a second by Tammy McCain to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. President Christopher Nanez adjourned the meeting at 10:28PM.