

BRAZOS ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 28, 2020 (UNOFFICIAL)

1. Establish a quorum – Call to Order: The Brazos ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 in the Brazos ISD Board Room. President Christopher Nanez called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM, and declared a quorum. Members present were, Matt Demny, Brian Demny, Tammy Benz, Dale Divin, Christopher Nanez, and Myles Marek. Tiffany Meyer was absent.

2. Moment of silence: A moment of silence was held for Josephine "Jo" Mikeska - former BISSD employee 1965 – 1995 and Clark Main, Sr - husband of former employee Rita Main.

3. Public comments: Megan Dickerson signed up to speak on hair discrimination/length at Brazos ISD as allowed by policy BED public participation.

4. Honor 2019-2020 Business Recognition Program

Recipients: The board recognized three local businesses that support Brazos ISD. The businesses include; Brazos Athletic Booster Club; Championship Trophies and Allens Creek Storage. The board thanked them for their support.

5. Honor campus principals for Principals Month: The board recognized and thanked Tracy Boss – BES Principal; Clay Hudgins – BMS Principal and Eric Cormier – BHS Principal, for their hard work and dedication to their campus and Brazos ISD. Each principal received a personalized gift basket from the board.

6. Principal's reports: The principal reports were enclosed in the board packets for Brazos High School, Brazos Middle School, and Brazos Elementary School. The board discussed COVID-19 updates for the current week.

7. Athletic Director Report: This item was moved to after Honor campus principals for Principals Month. Coach Roecker honored Maddie Kneip and John Demny as Athletes of the Month. Maddie was chosen because of the leadership and attitude/effort she brings daily. John was chosen leads by example in all that he does. John is there every day helping with any type of set up needed and working on his craft as an Athletic Trainer. The board then reviewed the Athletic Director Report with AD, Ryan Roecker.

8. Maintenance and transportation report: Maintenance Director, Pete Robles, reviewed the maintenance and transportation reports with the board. The board discussed new buses and current AC issues.

9. Approval of minutes: Dale Divin moved with a second by Matt Demny to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2020 regular meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Business office:

10.1 – 10.6: 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.

11. Presentation and discussion only

11.1 Review old business: The board had the opportunity to discuss old business during this time. Dale Divin thanked maintenance for removing the tree limbs from BES property.

11.2 Facilities Upgrades List: The board reviewed the district facilities upgrades list. The board has requested a special meeting to prioritize the list and possibly commit funds to specific projects.

11.3 Discuss virtual instruction students: The board discussed virtual instruction students in regards to the timing of returning to campuses.

11.4 Discussion of Austin County opting out of Governor Abbott's mask order: The board discussed that although Austin County has opted out of the mask order, school districts are still required to wear masks while at school facilities.

11.5 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Annual Activities Report 2019-2020: District Nurse, Amy Sodolak, presented the SHAC report to the board.

11.6 Discussion of current 313 Agreement with Diode Ventures: The board discussed, in detail, the current 313 Agreement with Diode Ventures and a possible new agreement with a different company on the same property.

12. Action Items

12.1 Consideration and action to approve the members of the 2020-2021 Brazos ISD SHAC Committee: This item was moved to after item 11.5. District Nurse, Amy Sodolak, presented the 2020-2021 SHAC committee members to the board. Brian Demny moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve the 2020-2021 Brazos ISD SHAC Committee as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

12.2 Consideration and possible action to consider Superintendent's recommendation to terminate probationary contracts associated with the Prairie Harbor Campus at the end of the contract period: Matt Demny moved with a second by Tammy Benz to terminate probationary contracts associated with the Prairie Harbor Campus at the end of the contract period. The motion passed unanimously.

12.3 Consideration and action to approve a budget amendment for the purchase of three new buses: Myles Marek moved with a second by Tammy Benz to approve a budget amendment for the purchase of three new buses. The purchase of the buses was previously approved by the board. The motion passed unanimously.

12.4 Consideration and action to approve Brazos ISD Attendance Review Committees: Matt Demny moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve the Brazos ISD Attendance Review Committees as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

12.5 Consideration and action to approve Brazos ISD Textbook Committee: Myles Marek moved with a second by Brian Demny to approve the Brazos ISD Textbook Committees as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

12.6 Consideration and action to move the November regular meeting: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Dale Divin moved with a second by Tammy Benz to move the November regular meeting from November 25, 2020 to November 18, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

12.7 Consideration and action to accept a donation from Energy for Schools: Energy for Schools donated \$7000 to Brazos ISD to assist with the 2020-2021 school year. Brian Demny moved with a second by Myles Marek to accept a donation from Energy for Schools. The motion passed unanimously.

12.8 Consideration and action to approve a budget amendment for the donation from Energy for Schools: Brian Demny moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve a budget amendment for the donation from Energy for Schools. The motion passed unanimously.

12.9 Consideration and action to approve the Asynchronous plan: Brazos ISD is required to have an Asynchronous plan which has been approved by the TEA. Myles Marek moved with a second by Dale Divin to approve the Asynchronous plan. The motion passed 5-1 with Matt Demny voting against.

13. Closed Meeting: President Christopher Nanez closed the

meeting for executive session as allowed by Texas Government Code Sections 551.017-551.084, inclusive at 10:16 PM, October 28, 2020. President Christopher Nanez opened the meeting at 11:16 PM.

13.1 Discuss and consider giving the Superintendent authority to extend written authorization under CKC (LOCAL) to school employees.

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

14. Open session President Christopher Nanez opened the meeting at 11:16 PM, October 28, 2020 and certified that there was no variance from the posted agenda in executive session.

14.1 Discuss and consider giving the Superintendent authority to extend written authorization under CKC (LOCAL) to school employees. Matt Demny moved with a second by Myles Marek to give the Superintendent authority to extend written authorization under CKC (LOCAL) to school employees. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

17. Adjourn: After having completed all agenda items, Matt Demny moved with a second by Tammy Benz to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. President Christopher Nanez adjourned the meeting at 11:20PM, October 28, 2020.