

BRAZOS ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2024

1. Establish a quorum – Call to Order: The Brazos ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 in the Brazos ISD Board Room. President Myles Marek called the meeting to order at 7:00PM, and declared a quorum. Members present were Myles Marek, Brian Demny, Tiffani Shirley, Justin Richardson, Jenny Stroud, Tammy McCain and Matt Demny.

1.1 Invocation: The invocation was led by Tammy McCain.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance/Texas: The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge was led by BES Student of the Month, Emily Hudgins.

2. Moment of silence: A moment of silence was held for Helen Kelner - mom of BISD employee Anthony Kelner; Domingo Corporan - brother of BISD employee Margarita Corporan; George Fojtik - father-in-law of BISD employee Brad Reinecker.

3. Public comments: Amber Lockhart signed up to speak as allowed by policy BED public participation. The topic was transfer students.

4. Recognition

4.1 Recognize FFA State Qualifiers: The board recognized the Greenhand Chapter Conducting Team who placed 3rd at 2023 Texas-State Leadership Development Event.

4.2 Athletic Director Recognition of Cougar/Cougarette Athlete of the Month: Athletic Director, Ryan Roecker, honored Jessica Ramos and Carson Grobe as Athletes of the Month.

4.3 Fine Arts Director Recognition of Outstanding Fine Arts student: Fine Arts Director, Allynn Garcia, honored Ethan Lewis as Outstanding Fine Arts students of the month.

4.4 Board Appreciation Month: Superintendent, Scott Rogers, read a proclamation declaring January 2024 School Board Appreciation Month and expressed his appreciation of the school board and all they do for the students, staff and community.

5. Superintendent Updates

5.1 Board Goal #1 - Secondary: BMS Principal, Clay Hudgins and BHS Principal, reviewed Board Goal #1 with the board and explained what was implemented to complete this goal.

5.2 Athletic fields update: Athletic Director, Ryan Roecker, updated the board on the conditions of the fields and the work that has been completed at this time. Maintenance of the fields will continue under the direction of the Athletic Director.

6. Informational Reports: Included in the informational reports were; Athletic Director Report, Fine Arts Report, Principal's Reports; Attendance Report (SAT1100); and Financial Reports.

7. Presentation and Discussion with possible action

7.1 Budget amendments: Superintendent Scott Rogers reviewed budget amendments including; additional revenue from tax settlements, bond defeasance, food service equipment, and payment for the weight room project. A phone call was made to budget manager Courtney Marek to clarify why another \$20,000 was needed for the weight room project. She explained that it was due to a revised accounting entry since the last report. Justin Richardson moved with a second by Jenny Stroud to approve the budget amendments as presented. The motion passed 6-1 with Matt Demny voting against the excess proceeds budget amendment.

7.2 Discussion of little league field improvements: Matt Demny moved with a second by Brian Demny to approve the addition of a water meter/line at field #4. The motion passed unanimously.

7.3 Consideration and action to authorize the superintendent to purchase one activity bus not to exceed \$90,000.00: After a lengthy discussion regarding the primary uses for an activity bus, confirmation that there is no lift on this activity bus, confirmation that a CDL is not required to drive this bus and the actual cost of the activity bus; Tiffani Shirley moved with a second by Jenny Stroud to authorize the superintendent to purchase one activity bus not to exceed \$80,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

7.4 Presentation of the 2024 budget calendar: Superintendent, Scott Rogers, reviewed the 2024 budget calendar with the board and they were in agreement the major budget deadlines would be met and that no board action was necessary for the budget calendar.

7.5 Consideration and possible action to approve Policy update 122: No action was taken on this item. The board will review local policies as needed. The superintendent was instructed to review new local policies as they come available and bring to the board any policy that is in need of revision.

7.6 Consideration and possible action to approve the Instructional calendar for the 2024-2025 school year: After a brief discussion of the required amount of instructional minutes and the benefits of more planning days throughout the school year; Jenny Stroud moved with a second by Justin Richardson to approve the Instructional calendar for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Consent Agenda: Tiffani Shirley moved with a second by Brian Demny to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Included in the Consent Agenda were approval of the minutes from the November 29, 2023 special meeting, November 29, 2023 regular meeting, accepting a donation from Brazos Athletic Booster Club and approving statements of impact. The motion passed 5-2 with Justin Richardson and Tammy McCain abstaining.

9. Action Items

9.1 Order Calling for a Board of Trustee Election for May 4, 2024; Position IV – Myles Marek and Position V – Matt Demny: Tammy McCain moved with a second by Brian Demny to order a Board of Trustees election for May 4, 2024; Position IV – Myles Marek and Position V – Matt Demny as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

9.2 Consideration and action to approve a Joint Election Agreement with Austin and Fort Bend Counties for the May 4, 2024 Board of Trustees election: Brian Demny moved with a second by Tammy McCain to approve a Joint Election Agreement with Austin & Fort Bend counties for the May 4, 2024 Board of Trustees election as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

9.3 Consideration and action to approve Brazos ISD's Early Resignation Incentive: Tammy McCain moved with a second by Tiffani Shirley to approve Brazos ISD's Early Resignation Incentive as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

9.4 Consideration and action to approve the 2024-25 Cheerleading Handbook: After a brief review of the handbook explaining a correction that BMS cheerleaders will have 8 instead of 10, Tiffani Shirley moved with a second by Tammy McCain to approve the 2024-25 Cheerleading handbook as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

9.5 Consideration and action to approve updates to the employee handbook for the 2023-24 school year: After a discussion about the placement of the board agendas and food service charges being deducted from payroll two times a year, Tiffani Shirley moved with a second by Jenny Stroud to approve updates to the employee handbook for the 2023-24 school year as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

9.6 Consideration and action to approve pay during closing per policy DEA for reasons of public health and safety: Tiffani Shirley moved with a second by Tammy McCain to approve pay during closing per policy DEA for reasons of public health and safety as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Closed Meeting: President Myles Marek closed the meeting for executive session as allowed by Texas Government Code Sections 551.017-551.084, inclusive at 9:05PM, January 24, 2024. President Myles Marek opened the meeting at 11:08PM, January 24, 2024.

10.1 Pursuant to TX Gov't Code Section 551.072, Real Property

10.1.1 Phone conference with First National Bank - Bellville

10.2 Pursuant to TX Gov't Code 551.074 – Personnel

10.2.1 Chapter 21 contract resignation

10.2.2 Superintendent formative evaluation and discussion of Superintendent contract

10.3 Pursuant to TX Gov't Code 551.076 – Security

10.3.1 Evacuation Memorandum of Understanding

11. Open session: Take appropriate action resulting from closed session. President Myles Marek opened the meeting at 11:08PM, January 24, 2024 and certified that there was no variance from the posted agenda in executive session.

11.1 Consideration and action to accept the resignation of BHS Counselor: Justin Richardson moved with a second by Jenny Stroud to accept the resignation of BHS Counselor as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

11.2 Consideration and action to approve Evacuation Memorandum of Understanding as presented in closed session: Justin Richardson moved with a second by Tammy McCain to approve Evacuation Memorandum of Understanding as presented in closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Adjourn: After having completed all agenda items, Justin Richardson moved with a second by Tammy McCain to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. President Myles Marek adjourned the meeting at 11:10PM, January 24, 2024.

President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees