

BRAZOS ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Unofficial)
January 21, 2015

1. The Brazos ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 in the Brazos ISD Board Room. President Matt Demny called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and declared a quorum. Other members present included Mark A. Fernandez, Christopher R. Nanez, Wayne Jetelina, and Myles Marek. Board member, Felix Martinez II arrived shortly thereafter. Board member, Brian Demny was absent.

1.1 Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Myles Marek.

1.2 There was no moment of silence but board president, Matt Demny, acknowledged a thank you note from the family of Jeraldine Szymanski for the plant.

2. Board Appreciation Month: Superintendent Earl Jarrett presented each board member with a certificate of appreciation. The superintendent, principals, administrators, and teachers that were present thank the board for all they do for the school and banners, food, and gifts made by the children were presented to the board

3. Open forum: No one signed up to speak as allowed by policy BED public participation or for student related issues as per HB 1226.

4. Principal's reports: The reports were enclosed in the board packets. Mrs. Glenda Hooper, Prairie Harbor Administrator/Teacher stated that the numbers had changed in her report and now they had 38 students at Prairie Harbor with 24 of those requiring special services.

5. Approval of minutes: Christopher R. Nanez moved with a second by Felix Martinez II to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2014, regular board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Business office:

6.1 The board reviewed and discussed the bills. Wayne Jetelina moved with a second by Christopher R. Nanez to approve payment of the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

6.2 – 6.6 The board reviewed current tax collection report, current bank reconciliation and balances, utility cost comparison, monthly budget summary report and monthly investment report.

7. Presentation and discussion only:

7.1 Bus and Transportation Concerns: Superintendent Earl Jarrett included in the board packet a spreadsheet that included the age, mileage, and current condition of the Brazos ISD bus fleet. Due to the current issues the district is having with the buses, the superintendent stated it may be necessary to amend the budget and purchase an additional bus and asked the board to discuss and consider this now with the option of taking action in February. Board discussion followed. The board requested that administration come back in February with a recommendation for a bus and to look at new and used buses preferable with air conditioning.

7.2 Update on construction of sign to acknowledge past and future Brazos ISD championship teams: The board and superintendent agreed to wait on purchasing a marquee and to review this at budget time due to the pressing need to purchase a bus. The superintendent recommended and the board agreed to move forward with the sign to acknowledge past championship teams.

7.3 Discuss adding a polling place to the May 9, 2015 School Board Trustee Election: The superintendent and board discussed adding the City of Orchard on Election Day as a polling place. Board President, Matt Demny, had had request from elderly residents in Orchard to make this recommendation. The cost is minimal to add the polling place and the board members agreed to it.

8. Action Items: Consideration and approve Update 101 affecting the following local policies: BE (LOCAL): BOARD MEETINGS
CH (LOCAL): PURCHASING AND ACQUISITION
DGBA (LOCAL): PERSONNEL-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS - EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES
EB (LOCAL): SCHOOL YEAR
FFG (LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
FMG (LOCAL): STUDENT ACTIVITIES - TRAVEL
FNG (LOCAL): STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - STUDENT AND PARENT COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES
GF (LOCAL): PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

Christopher R. Nanez moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to add (Local) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 101 with the following change to BE (Local): “change third Wednesday to third Monday”. The motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Consideration and action to approve budget calendar for 2015-2016 fiscal year: Wayne Jetelina moved with a second by Felix Martinez II to approve the 2015-2016 Budget Calendar as recommended by administration. The motion carried unanimously.

8.3 Consideration and action to approve a Resolution concerning the Math Essential Knowledge and Skills: Superintendent Earl Jarrett explained to the board that by passing this resolution the board will suspend for one year the requirement in EIE (Local) the language relative to remediation and retesting for the 5th and 8th grade math students. Felix Martinez II moved with a second by Christopher R. Nanez to approve the resolution concerning the Math Essential Knowledge and Skills as recommended by administration. The motion carried unanimously.

8.4 Consideration and action on the Brazos ISD Board Vision and Goals: Christopher R. Nanez moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to adopt the Brazos ISD Vision and Goals. The motion carried unanimously.

8.5 Consideration and action to change the March Regular Meeting: Felix Martinez II moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to change the regular board meeting from March 16th to March 23 due to spring break. The motion carried unanimously.

8.6 Consideration and action to schedule a Special Meeting to Conduct a District Local Policy Review on Monday, March 16, 2015: Christopher R. Nanez moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to approve March 16, 2015 at 7 PM for a special meeting to conduct a district local policy review. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Closed meeting: President Matt Demny closed the meeting for executive session as allowed by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071- 551.084, inclusive at 8:03 PM, January 21, 2015. President Matt Demny opened the meeting at 10:10 PM, January 21, 2015, and certified that there was no variance from the posted agenda in executive session.

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

9.1 The board discussed the summative evaluation for Superintendent Earl Jarrett.

10.1 Consideration and action on Superintendents Contract: Christopher R. Nanez moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to extend the superintendent's contract one year. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Discussion of future agenda items: If you have anything to put on the agenda please contact Board President, Matt Demny or Superintendent, Earl Jarrett.

12. Adjourn: After having completed all agenda items, President Matt Demny adjourned the meeting at 10:11 PM, January 21, 2015.