

BRAZOS ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Unofficial)
March 23, 2015

1. The Brazos ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 23, 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, Wayne Jetelina, Felix Martinez II, and Brian Demny. Myles Marek arrived shortly thereafter. Board member, Christopher R. Nanez was absent

1.1 Opening: Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Brian Demny.

1.2 Moment of silence: A moment was held for Doris Stuessel, mother of Eric Stuessel, Brazos ISD Director of Technology Maintenance and for Lacey Tanner, Brazos High School Class of 2013 graduate.

2. Open forum: The following people signed up to speak as allowed by policy BED public participation or for student related issues as per HB 1226: Ginger Nice spoke on bullying and children with learning disabilities, Bernie Garner spoke on threats of physical violence (incident awareness), Donald Karl on the English honors course at the high school, Daniel Martinez on bullying and Rick Martinez on bullying.

3. 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 Campus.

4. Approval of minutes: Felix Martinez II moved with a second by Brian Demny to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2015, regular board meeting and the minutes of the March 16, 2015, special board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Business office:

5.1 The board reviewed and discussed the bills. Mark A. Fernandez moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve payment of the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5.2 – 5.6 The board reviewed current tax collection report, current bank reconciliation and balances, utility cost comparison and monthly budget summary report.

6. Presentation and discussion only:

6.1 Quarterly maintenance report: Superintendent Earl Jarrett reported that Brad Reinecker, Director of Maintenance/Transportation said there are no significant maintenance issues. The transmission in one of the vans had to be replaced and a copy of the current transportation fleet was included in the board packets.

6.2 Update on bond refunding: Superintendent Earl Jarrett said that according to our financial advisors the bond market has been fairly active since the last board meeting. Rates were slightly higher and this had an impact on our savings. A spreadsheet enclosed in the packets shows an actual savings of \$1,813,979.20 over the life of the bonds.

6.3 Changes in E-Rate funding and reimbursement and implications to Brazos ISD Technology Infrastructure: Eric Stuessel, District Director of Technology Maintenance, made a presentation to the board regarding the changes to the E-Rate program and federal money that will be available to the district that has not been available in the past. Through the E-Rate system we have accepted proposals for upgrading the wireless infrastructure at each campus with 80% of the work paid by E-Rate and the additional 20% by the district. The E-Rate allocation will be available for 5 years and the board at budget time can determine how much if any projects the district can afford to perform. The superintendent will sign a non-binding contract that will not commit the district to any expenditure of funds; however, it will provide options for the district to take advantage of the E-Rate discounts during the 2015-2016 budget year.

7. Action Items:

7.1 Discuss and consider participation in the UIL Texas State Spirit Championship: Wayne Jetelina moved with a second by Felix Martinez II to approve the recommendation by administration to participate in the UIL Texas State Spirit Championship. The motion carried unanimously.

7.2 Cancel Brazos Board Election for May 9, 2015: Mark A. Fernandez moved to approve with a second by Wayne Jetelina to issue an order to cancel the May 9, 2015 Board of Trustee Election and to accept the certificate of unopposed candidates declaring Myles Marek for Position IV and Matt Demny for Position V elected. The motion carried unanimously. (Attached.)

7.3 Consider and act upon Region 6 Education Service Center's Board of Directors election ballot: The board voted their ballots and they were returned to Region 6, Education Service Center.

7.4 Consider and approve Mutual Aid Agreement with the Gulf Coast State Planning Region: Brian Demny moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve as recommended by administration the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Gulf Coast State Planning Region. The motion carried unanimously.

7.5 Consider and approve donation of \$8,550.00 from Brazos Elementary PTE for computers in the classroom: Myles Marek moved with a second by Felix Martinez II to approve the donation of \$8,550.00 from the Brazos Elementary PTE for purchasing computers. The motion carried unanimously.

7.6 Consideration and action to upgrade the district telephone system: No action taken.

8. Closed meeting: President Matt Demny closed the meeting for executive session as allowed by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071- 551.084, inclusive at 8:12 PM, March 23, 2015. President Matt Demny opened the meeting at 9:32 PM, March 23, 2015, and certified that there was no variance from the posted agenda in executive session.

8.1 Contract Renewal/Non-Renewal or on action taken on: Teachers, Counselors, Nurse, and Librarian

8.2 Recommendation to hire Teresa Ressler as the Special Programs Coordinator for the 2015-2016 school year

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

9.1 Take action on contracts for teachers, counselors, nurse, and librarian: Brian Demny moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve the recommendations for contract renewal as presented by the administration with the exception of the contract for Denyse Fernandez

and with all contracts for one year, the 2015-2016 school year, and each employee being subject to assignment and reassignment. The motion carried unanimously.

Felix Martinez II moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve a contract renewal for Denyse Fernandez for the 2015-2016 school year subject to assignment and reassignment. The motion carried 5 to 1 with Mark A. Fernandez abstaining.

9.2 Take action to hire Special Programs Coordinator: Brian Demny moved with a second by Myles Marek to hire Teresa Ressler as the Brazos ISD Special Programs Coordinator for the 2015-2016 school year subject to assignment and reassignment. The motion carried unanimously.

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

11. Adjourn: After having completed all agenda items, President Matt Demny adjourned the meeting at 9:33 PM, March 23, 2015.