

BRAZOS ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Unofficial)  
April 20, 2015

**1.** The Brazos ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 20, 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, Christopher R. Nanez, Myles Marek, and Brian Demny. Board member, Felix Martinez II was absent

**1.1 Opening:** Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America were led by Wayne Jetelina.

**1.2 Moment of silence:** A moment was held for Cristina Leticia Vidaurri, sister of Maria Salazar, Brazos High School secretary, Lillian Divin, grandmother of Chad and Rachel Divin, Brazos High School teachers, and Terry Macha, Special Education secretary and Eddie Kolafa, father-in-law of Denna Kolafa, Brazos High School teacher and coach.

**2. Honoring nominees Brazos FFA Alumni for “Stand Up For Texas Public Schools”:** Board President Matt Demny presented a “Stand Up For Texas” packet to the members that were present. Superintendent Earl Jarrett stated that we are recognizing the hard work that these organizations do to support Texas Public Schools. Charles Havemann and Freddie Engelbrecht were present to receive the award for the Brazos FFA Alumni.

**3. Open forum:** No one signed up to speak as allowed by policy BED public participation.

**4. 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.

**5. Approval of minutes:** Brian Demny moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2015, regular board meeting, with a correction in the official minute book on page 1418, item # 9.1, last paragraph, last sentence, change “5 to 1” to “5 to 0”. The motion carried unanimously.

## **6. Business office:**

**6.1** The board reviewed and discussed the bills.

Christopher R. Nanez moved with a second by Myles Marek to approve the payment of the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

**6.2 – 6.5** The board reviewed current tax collection report, current bank reconciliation and balances, utility cost comparison and monthly budget summary report.

## **7. Presentation and discussion only:**

**7.1 Review superintendent evaluation form:** Superintendent Earl Jarrett presented the board an evaluation instrument that includes the goals the board developed, the superintendent's performance goals, and the general requirements for the superintendent. The board was requested to look over the document, make recommendations for changes, and take action to adopt at the May meeting.

**7.2 Modifications at Brazos High School to create a life skills classroom:** Superintendent Earl Jarrett said that three special education students whose IEP's require Life Skills instruction will be at the high school next year. The plan is to use the old home economics lab for this purpose which is a very economical means to provide the required services for these students. As of now the proposed estimated cost is \$8750.

**7.3 Update on the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session and the potential impact to BISSD revenue over the next biennium:** Superintendent Earl Jarrett explained to the board why at this time he could not make a recommendation on a pay scale for professional and non-professional employees for the district. This is partly due to the huge divide between the increased appropriations for public education for the next biennium between the Senate and the House. Also, the tax office has not given any preliminary values but stated that due to a 35% decrease in mineral values will result in a 10% reduction in total values. The loss in revenue could possible decrease our values to the extent that what we might gain due to the new funding formulas will be offset by the loss in property values. Mr. Jarrett stated we will plan for the worst and hope for the best.

## **8. Action Items:**

**8.1 Consideration and approval of school district auditor for school year ending August 31, 2015:** Christopher R. Nanez moved with a second by Mark A. Fernandez to approve Belt, Harris, and Pechacek as the school auditor. The motion carried unanimously.

**8.2 Consideration and approval of the Yes Prep Charter Public School Statement of Impact:** Mark A. Fernandez moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to not approve the statement of impact for Yes Prep Charter Public School because the change is expected to have an impact by ultimately reducing the state funds available to students at Brazos ISD and all traditional public schools. The motion carried unanimously

**8.3 Consideration and approval of the Life School Statement of Impact:** Myles Marek moved with a second by Christopher R. Nanez to not approve the statement of impact for Life School because the change is expected to have an impact by ultimately reducing the state funds available to students at Brazos ISD and all traditional public schools. The motion carried unanimously

**8.4 Consideration and approval of the Harmony School of Excellence Statement of Impact:** Wayne Jetelina moved with a second by Myles Marek to not approve the statement of impact for Harmony School because the change is expected to have an impact by ultimately reducing the state funds available to students at Brazos ISD and all traditional public schools. The motion carried unanimously

**8.5 Consideration and approval of the Harmony School of Science Houston Statement of Impact:** Brian Demny moved with a second by Christopher R. Nanez to not approve the statement of impact for Harmony School of Science Houston because the change is expected to have an impact by ultimately reducing the state funds available to students at Brazos ISD and all traditional public schools. The motion carried unanimously

**9., 10. Closed Meeting:** The board did not go into closed session.

**11. Discussion of future agenda items:** Superintendent Jarrett items to discuss/act upon next month will be the policy review changes, which he will email to the board, reorganizing the board, and the budget process including proposed financing buses for transportation.

**11. Adjourn:** After having completed all agenda items, President Matt Demny adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM, April 20, 2015.