

BRAZOS ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Unofficial)  
September 17, 2014

1. The Brazos ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 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, Myles Marek, Christopher R. Nanez, Wayne Jetelina, Felix Martinez II and Brian T. Demny.

1.1 Board member, Myles Marek led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

1.2 The invocation was given by board member, Myles Marek.

1.3 There was no moment of silence.

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

3. **Principal's reports:** The reports were enclosed in the board packets. It was discussed that Brazos ISD is a Met Standard District according to the Ratings awarded by the Texas Education agency. Brazos Middle School received five of a possible seven distinctions.

4. **Approval of minutes:** Christopher R. Nanez moved with a second by Brian T. Demny to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2014, special board meeting and August 20, 2014 regular board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Business office:**

5.1 The board reviewed and discussed the bills. Myles Marek moved with a second by Felix Martinez II to approve payment of the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5.2 – 5.4 The board reviewed current tax collection report, current bank reconciliation and balances, and utility cost comparison.

**6. Presentation and discussion only:**

6.1 **Report on increased bandwidth and how it is helping to serve the educational process:** Technology Coordinator, Eric Stuessel, gave the report on the update to the increased bandwidth for the campuses in the district. The increased network and internet bandwidth will allow all students and teachers of Brazos ISD to be able to access and utilize relevant web-based 21<sup>st</sup> century technology tools, resources and services in all areas of the curriculum on a daily basis.

**6.2 Brazos ISD enrollment numbers:** Superintendent Earl Jarrett reported the enrollment data as of September 11, 2014 for the campuses – Brazos High School – 250, Brazos Middle – 171, Brazos Elementary – 391 and Prairie Harbor – 30.

**6.3 City of Wallis did not receive their grant for a school resource office:** Superintendent Earl Jarrett informed the board that the City of Wallis did not receive a grant to fund a school resource office but they plan to apply for the grant again next year. Board discussion followed and the superintendent was requested to find out what other districts are doing, issues that would need to be addressed at each campus and communication with the City of Wallis as to what their intentions are.

**6.4 Report on accessibility improvement projects at the Brazos Athletic Facilities:** Superintendent Earl Jarrett reported to the board the accessibility work at the stadium is about complete with the exception of the alterations to the bleachers. The materials for the bleachers should arrive on September 29, 2014.

**6.5 Review complaint policies:** The superintendent and the board discussed the following complaint policies – Public – GF(Legal/Local), Employee - DGBA (Legal/Local) and Parent/Student – FNG(Legal/Local).

**6.6 Discuss board training for reviewing the Brazos ISD Vision, Mission, and Goals:** The board agreed to have the Vision, Mission, and Goals board training with Diana Freeman from TASB on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

**6.7 Update on Brazos High School principal search:** Superintendent Earl Jarrett informed the board that the high school principal selection committee elected not to interview any of the current applicants for the position and presented them with two options. Board discussion followed. The board decided to hire an interim for the remainder of the school year and resume the search in the spring.

## **7. Action items:**

**7.1 Consider and action for a resolution setting the district's tax rate for 2014-2015:** Wayne Jetelina moved with a second by Myles Marek to adopt a resolution setting the 2014-2015 tax rate at \$1.42172 per hundred dollar valuation with a M & O rate (local maintenance fund) of \$1.04005 and an I & S rate (for debt service, bonded indebtedness, interest and sinking fund) of \$ .38167. The motion carried unanimously.

**7.2 Consider and action on Policy Update 100 affecting local policies:** Brian T. Demny 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 100 with the following change: add Technology Director to the list of SBEC-certified employees serving full-time Chapter 21 contract employees to local policy DCB. The motion carried unanimously.

**7.3 Consideration and action to rescind motion made on February 21, 2012 at the regular board meeting on page 1269 of the official minute handbook item #10:** Brian T. Demny moved with a second by Wayne Jetelina to rescind the following motion located in the official board book on page 1269, #10: Matt Demny moved with a second by Joyce M. Stavinoha to add the following to EI (Local) policy – adopt the local requirement of Career Choices as a half credit local elective for all students for graduation from Brazos ISD to replace the half credit of Health that is no longer required by the state as recommended by the administration. The motion carried unanimously.

**7.4 Consideration and action to adopt Policy CW (Local) – Naming Facilities:** Christopher R. Nanez moved with a second by Myles Marek to adopt policy CW (Local) as recommended by administration. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. and 9.** The board did not go into closed session.

**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 8:45 PM, September 17, 2014.