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The Board of Trustees of the Breckenridge Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2011, 6:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the School Administration Building, 212 North Miller, Breckenridge, Texas.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Koby Killion, Weldon Edwards, Bryan Wood, Skip Griffith, Julie Erb, Sandy Walker, and Bryan Woodward. All board members were present.

Mr. Killion called the meeting to order at 6:30 P. M. and established a quorum.

Invocation Ms. Jessica Stapp, Junior High School Principal, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiances Mr. Killion led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Texas Flag.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Teel reported the following:

Recognitions in the District:

Students of the Month for the month of September are as follows:

- (a) Chase Wright, East Elementary first grader in Ms. Gonzales' class, presented by Molly Peterson, principal
- (b) Sydney Goswick, North Elementary third grader in Ms. Brown's class, presented by Paul Lippe, principal
- (c) Kolton Myers, South Elementary fourth grader in Ms. Durham's class presented by Danny Freeman, principal
- (d) Kaylee Roberts, Junior High seventh grader presented by Jessica Stapp, principal

Athletes of the Month for the month of September are as follows:

Junior High:

Boy – 7th Grade – Hunter Petty

8th Grade – Edwardo San Lucas accepted by Jessica Stapp, Principal

Girl – Jayden Cisneros, accepted by Jessica Stapp, Principal

All of these Junior High students have games tonight.

Special Recognitions:

Ms. Sims, Director of Instruction, presented special awards to five young ladies in support of employee wellness. Individuals who received certificates of appreciation were: Shirley Anderson, Robin Heidelberg, Darlene Hurford, Kendra Cornett, and Lisa Wright.

District ADA:

Enrollment for September 1, 2011 was 1533 which is down 43 students compared to September 1, 2010, when enrollment was 1576.

Tax Collections: 97.388% of 2010 taxes collected through 8/31/11 compared to 96.315% of 2009 taxes collected through 8/31/10.

Announcements:

- Artwork in the board room is provided by Ms. Zickefoose's High School students. The artwork displayed addresses the concept of PERCEPTION of hands and objects. Thanks to Ms. Zickefoose and her students for sharing their artwork.
- East Elementary will have a Head Start Parent Meeting tomorrow, September 13th, at 1:30 p.m., and will have a PTO Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- High School volleyball will be in play tomorrow, September 13th, as well in Munday with JV, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and Varsity at 6:00 p.m.
- East Elementary will have McClass Testing in Kindergarten from September 13th thru September 16th.
- High School Volleyball – 9, JV, and V, will play Graford here, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17th.
- There will be a Cross Country Meet in Hico on Wednesday, September 14th.
- On Thursday, September 15th, JV White will play Bowie there, beginning at 5:00 p.m., and JV Green will play Bowie here, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Junior High football (7A, 8B, and 8A) will be at Bowie on the 15th, beginning at 5:00 p.m., and JH 7B will be in Stephenville, beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- High School Varsity football will be in play against Bowie, this Friday the 17th, here, beginning at 7:30 P.M.
- This Friday at 3:00 p.m. is the deadline to order "Green Out" T-Shirts at HS.
- High School Regional Jazz Band auditions will be this Saturday, September 17th, at Decatur HS.
- Junior High will have Lifetouch pictures made on Wednesday, September 22nd.
- On September 22, Jostens will be at HS to meet with Juniors about Senior Rings.
- Varsity football will be in Godley on September 23rd, with play beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Comments from Public

No one signed in for "Audience to Patrons Desiring to Be Heard".

Consent Agenda 6-A
Through 6-B
#4

Mr. Griffith made the motion seconded by Ms. Erb to approve Consent Agenda Items as listed:

6-A Approval of minutes of 8-8-11 regular board meeting, 8-16-11 special board meeting, and 8-22-11 special board meeting

6-B Approval of SHAC committee members for 2011-2012

The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of
August 31, 2011, District
Financial Report and
Quarterly Investment
Report
#5

Becky Seale, Financial Services Manager, Region 14 ESC, reviewed the district financial report for August and the quarterly investment report. She stated that the district received \$1.2 million more than what was owed us and we should be able to add \$400 - \$450 thousand back to fund balance; \$596,962 is owed back to TEA. Food Service only needs \$15,000 to break even. There were no changes in Debt Service. The district has \$1.8 million in investments. Ms. Seale suggested that the board consider transferring \$500,000 to a CD to try and make a little more interest. Mr. Griffith remarked that Merrill Lynch would guarantee the interest rate on a minimum million dollar deposit, and that this might be a consideration. Mr. Griffith made the motion seconded by Ms. Walker that the Board approve the August 31, 2011 financial report and quarterly investment report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Receive Report on BHS
Accountability Stats

Bryan Dieterich, BHS Principal, presented additional information to board members that compared the region's data to the state data. Of the 1765 high schools in the State of Texas, only 1 high school improved from recognized to exemplary. Only 7 high schools improved from acceptable to recognized, with Breckenridge High School being one of these schools, and the only school in 2A. This is quite an accomplishment for our school. There were only 217 high schools recognized in the state. Mr. Dieterich stated that good people in the classroom made this possible. No action was required.

Receive Presentation
Regarding District Website

Pat Sullivan, BISD teacher, reviewed information that is available on the District website with board members and those present. Ms. Sullivan demonstrated several links available on the home page. There is information available on these links, such as C-Scope, School Menus, Family and Student Access, Athletic Schedules, School and District Calendars, Budget Information, District Handbooks, and Code of Conduct. There is also parent involvement information, and pull down tabs with information such as Policy, Board of Trustees, Campuses, Staff, Directory, Calendars, and About Us. The language used can be changed on the campus pages. This is powered by Google Translate and can convert the written text. Information can also be sent out from High School on Facebook to inform

the public; however, individuals cannot send information back. Yearbooks from 1925 to 1982 are located on the High School site, and additional years are in the process of being added as well. The Buckaroo football games are broadcast on the website, and the athletics information includes links to maps to the stadiums where the games will be played. Ms. Sullivan encouraged everyone to access the website; it is full of good information. No action was required.

Receive Report on AYP
Status

Ms. Linda Sims, Director of Instruction reviewed the 2011 AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) Report with board members. She explained that AYP is the Federal Accountability System, and the State and Federal systems have different standards. If you do well in one, you probably won't do good in the other. For AYP, 80% of the students have to pass Reading/English Language Arts and 75% of the students have to pass Math. We missed AYP because of Special Education. We are in Stage 1 School Improvement for Reading. Each individual campus made AYP; when combined as a district, it caught us. They are continuing to raise the standards each year. The problem was only in the Special Ed area; there are 84 students in this program. Ms. Sims stated that many districts are having problems with the standards; Abilene is in Stage 3. BISD receives Title I, Part A funds; therefore we are under the microscope. If a district does not meet AYP, the following stages apply each year until AYP is met. Stage 1 requires notification of parents and TEA with a letter, the District Improvement Plan has to be updated, and 10% of Title I funds has to be set aside for staff development. For Stage 2, the same steps have to be applied the second year. If you get to Stage 3, the federal government can come in and make recommendations or Region 14 can do their footwork and write up plans for improvement, you can lose your funding, have to write plans and personnel can be fired. Some districts are looking at ways to do without Title I funds. The letter to TEA will have to be sent by September 15th; it is required of Stage I, School Improvement. No action was required.

Receive Update on
Bilingual Program and
Consider Bilingual
Education Exception for
2011-2012 School Year
#6

Ms. Linda Sims, Director of Instruction, told the board that the bilingual program is in place in grades K-4; next year 5th grade will be added. The exception will need to be filed for 5th, 6th and Pre-K. There are three new qualified instructors in the program, Martha Cortez, Patti Duett, and Angie Baeza. 3 ESL teachers work with the students that are not in the bilingual program. The district is fortunate to have these people. Ms. Sims is pleased with the teachers and students and the progress of the program. The program now has 154 students, and with the ethnicity of BISD, this program is not an option. Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Mr. Edwards that the board approve the district's 2011-2012 Bilingual Education Exception. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Sale of Ag Farm
Property
#7

Bryan Dieterich, High School Principal, told board members that there is a concrete slab that could be used for pens by the current Ag classroom building, but there are still questions regarding clean up, run-off and smell. Also, the Ag department is trying to locate places for students to keep animals if they do not have a place. Mr. Harris, High School Ag teacher, was not present at the meeting to discuss the status of the Ag Farm property, and board members suggested that the property should be bid on. Board members also had questions. Therefore, the Board suggested tabling this item. Ms Erb made the motion seconded by Mr. Edwards that the board table the recommendation regarding the BISD Ag Farm and sale of the property. The motion passed unanimously.

Receive Status of BISD
Board Member Training

Board members discussed options to complete required board hours. All agreed to sign up for a 2 hour legislative update being offered by Region 14, distance learning, on October 3, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Teel stated that he will look into lining up other training as well. No action was required.

Executive Session

The Board went into closed session at 8:25 P.M. under (Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071) for consultation with attorney.

The Board returned to open session at 9:18 P.M.

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Consider Action on 2011
Appraised Values
#8

Mr. Griffith made the motion seconded by Ms. Walker that the Board not take action regarding the 2011 certified taxable values appraised by Stephens County Tax Appraisal District

Adjournment

Mr. Killion adjourned the meeting at 9:22 P.M.

Koby Killion, President

Date

Julie Erb, Secretary