

## BOARD OF EDUCATION DOCUMENT 7

The Board of Trustees of the Breckenridge Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2006, 6:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the School Administration Building, 212 North Miller, Breckenridge, Texas.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Bonnie McClymond, Jim Thompson, Kevin King, Mike Herrington, Mark McCullough, Bill Heatley and Jacky Walker. All Board members were present.

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

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

Invocation                                      Dr. Robert Carruthers, East Elementary Principal, gave the invocation.

### Superintendent's Report

Ms. Martin reported the following:

#### Recognitions in the District:

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

- (a) LaDainian Diaz, East Elementary Head Start student in Ms. Tennison's class, presented by Bob Carruthers, principal.
- (b) Samantha Cooper, North Elementary second grader in Ms. Logan's class, presented by Kim Castleberry, principal.
- (c) Katie Spencer, South Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grader in Ms. Tamara Russell's class, presented by Amy Grigsby, principal.

#### Enrollment:

- December 1, 2006 was 1646 which is down 3 students compared to December 1, 2005, when enrollment was 1649.

#### Tax Collections-

- Collected 8% of 2005 taxes through 11-30-06, compared to 9% of 2004 taxes through 11-30-05.

Announcements-

- The artwork in the Board Room was provided by Ms. Gaye Strickler's 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes and Ms. Terri Hamilton's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes. The poinsettias were done by Ms Ridgeway and Mr. Roberts' classes and the Christmas trees by Ms. Creager's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Thanks for sharing your students' talents!
- The Winter Band Concert is tonight in Bailey Auditorium at 7:00 P.M.
- The Girls and Boys Basketball teams are both playing in Vernon tomorrow, beginning at 5:00 P.M. with JV girls and Freshman boys. Varsity girls and JV boys will play at 6:30 P.M. and Varsity boys will finish up play with their game beginning at 8:00 P.M.
- South Elementary's Book Fair will be from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, with Family Night at the Book Fair being held the same evening from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.
- Freshman Boys basketball will play in a tournament at Jim Ned on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, TBA. 7<sup>th</sup> Girls and Boys Basketball will play at Lincoln at 4:30 and 5:30 P.M., and 8<sup>th</sup> Boys and Girls Basketball will play Lincoln here at 4:30 and 5:30 P.M.
- Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, the 9<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball will be at a tournament at Jim Ned, TBA, and 9<sup>th</sup>, JV and V will play against Merkel - There at 5:00, 6:30 and 8:00 P.M.
- Kindergarten Classes will be visiting the Fine Arts Center and Library on Friday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, and Pre-Kindergarten will visit the Museum on this day.
- Class parties will be at many of the campuses on Monday and Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, and classes will release early at 2:00 P.M. on the 19<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holidays with buses running promptly at 2:00 P.M.
- Classes will resume at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup>.

Comments from Public

Ten citizens spoke in regard to the current athletic program. A summary of the individuals' comments are as follows:

Button Vick expressed concern that the athletic program did not get better as the year went and that we needed to build the program. He said that the program was at a stale mate and kids had lost respect during the year.

Neil Fambro wanted to know what direction we are going in all sports. He asked why we can't excel in other sports as well. In short, he did not think that the athletic program was going as it should, in all sports.

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Butch Street stated that his son had been singled out twice. He said that his son was told that discussions were “between us” and not to tell his parents what went on. Mr. Street said that he had a problem with this. He also said that he felt that there was a lack of discipline in the athletic program and that kids had lost respect, causing them to just give up the last four games of the season.

Jay Cunningham spoke on behalf of the athletic director and his staff. Mr. Cunningham stated that he currently substitutes and has been in school systems for years. He stated that the kids here have little home support. He noted that Coach Howard in the off season teaches the kids to be smart. He said that we are in a tough district, and we must play on our terms if we are going to win. As a group of coaches, he feels that our coaches are committed to make a difference in our kids’ lives.

Mitchell Sullivan spoke as a concerned parent about the athletic program. He compared the athletic program to a school bus. He said that if the “bus” has an engine that only works 50%, the rest of the bus does not run right. He also said that he feels that part of the coaches are not allowed to produce 100%. The main thing that Mr. Sullivan was concerned about was respect. He said that the kids had lost respect. He felt that it was time to put the “bus” in the “shop” (School Board) and fix it.

Bobby Simmons stated that his complaint was a lack of discipline in football. He has lived here two years and came here from Abilene Wylie. His son is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He noted that here he has had nothing but the best in academics at Breckenridge ISD, but feels there is not enough discipline in athletics. He said that if his son does something wrong, he wants him to pay for it. He said that if the kids had respect, it might help them overall.

Darla French commended Coach Howard for working with the children and displaying care and compassion. She stated that she was concerned about what is going on in this

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town and concerned about what it teaches our children. We are all humans and make mistakes. What happened to sportsmanship? She stated that there are too many sideline coaches and many who need to check their motives. Ms. French stated that all the negative information was coming from the parents, not the kids.

Tom Davis stated that his complaint was with the athletic department. Mr. Davis gave the definition of a good coach and then said that our staff did not have these qualities. He noted that the school has a tobacco policy, yet some of the coaches dip in front of the kids. He felt that the kids have lost respect for the coaches and the game. He said that there was no leadership under pressure situations, and if something was not done that the kids will pay for it. He stated that coaches should be required to teach two classes and not allowed to council kids without permission.

Billy Miles stated that there were certain coaches that the kids did not respect, and felt that they would not play whole heartedly if that is the case. Mr. Miles also complained about the school buses on icy roads and stated that the school needs a policy to find out how bad the roads are before the buses are sent out. He wrecked his vehicle trying to get his child to school when the bus schedules were changed.

Bill Pearce works independently for BISD treating injuries of all of the student athletes. He stated that he is always within hearing range of the players in the locker room, and never during the season has he heard any talk from the kids that indicated lack of respect or dissension for the coaches. What he saw was kids hustling at practices. Workouts are organized, and he was impressed by the program of the last two years. He saw training of the players and working fundamentals. Mr. Pearce also stated that the kids are making grades and there are more starting now than ever before. He felt that as the years progress, the players will get better. The kids have been taught to listen. He said we need to get behind Coach Howard.

Consent Agenda 6-A  
Through 6-D  
#21

Mr. King made the motion seconded by Ms. McClymond to approve Consent Agenda items as listed:

- 6-A Approval of minutes of 11-13-06 special board meeting, 11-13-06 regular board meeting, and 11-30-06 special board meeting
- 6-B Receive report of district resignations
- 6-C Approval of November 30, 2006, financial report and quarterly investment report presented by Roberta Brown.
- 6-D Approval to amend 2006-2007 Budget

The motion passed unanimously.

Consider 2005-2006  
Financial Audit Report  
#22

Peter Morgan, partner with George, Morgan and Sneed reviewed the financial audit report. Mr. King made the motion seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the 2005-2006 financial audit report as presented by George, Morgan and Sneed, CPA's. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Revised DEC  
(Local) Policy  
#23

Mr. Thompson made the motion seconded by Mr. King to adopt the revised DEC (Local) policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker called for a five minute recess at this time.

The Board resumed the meeting at 7:44 P .M.

Consider Update 79 of  
TASB Legal Policies  
#24

Mr. Thompson made the motion seconded by Mr. McCullough that the Board add, revise, or delete (Local) Policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 79 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Implementing  
Drug Testing Policy  
#25

Ms. Linda Sims, Director of Instruction, stated that implementing this plan would give the district authority to go forward with planning. It was also noted that Terri O'Dell, grant writer for BISD, is working on funding for this policy if implemented. Ms. O'Dell stated that there are several grants available.

Mr. Thompson made the motion seconded by Mr. McCullough to approve implementing a district drug testing policy for students participating in extracurricular activities beginning 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of 2005-2006  
School Year Academic  
Excellence Indicator  
System Report

Ms. Linda Sims, Director of Instruction, reviewed the Academic Excellence Indicator System Report, noting that BISD was academically acceptable. The report from TEA, covers all testing that goes on in the district and compares the district to the State and Region 14. It also compares to the prior year and is used for needs assessment and campus and district improvement plans. Ms. Sims stated that to be considered academically acceptable, the district must have a 70% passing rate for all students. She noted that next year that rate will be 75% and 90% for exemplary. The report also reviews student and staff information and is basically a profile of our district. No action was required.

Consider Alternate #2  
Proposal for Multi-Purpose  
Facility  
#26

Mr. King made the motion seconded by Mr. McCullough to approve Alternate #2 to install asphalt at the parking area in lieu of chip seal for an additional cost of \$58,000.00, plus \$3,500.00 striping cost. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Alternate #4  
Proposal for Multi-Purpose  
Facility  
#27

Ms. Martin informed the Board that Gary Earnest, City Manager, is still finalizing information regarding the status of the sewer line. Mr. Thompson made the motion seconded by Mr. McCullough to table approval of Alternate #4. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Price Quote for  
AC/heating unit for South  
Elementary  
#28

Mr. King made the motion seconded by Ms. McClymond to approve the price quote from Reagle Air Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$17,220.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

The Board went into closed session at 8:15 P.M. under (Tex. Gov't Code §551.074) for deliberation regarding personnel.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:21 P.M.

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Consider Employment of  
District Personnel  
#29

Mr. Thompson made the motion seconded by Mr. McCullough that the Board and Superintendent approve the employment of the professional staff as recommended for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.

Adjournment

Mr. Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:22 P. M.

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**Jacky Walker, Board President**

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**Date**

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**Bonnie L. McClymond, Board Secretary**