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The Board of Trustees of the Breckenridge Independent School District met in special session on Thursday, August 9, 2007, 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the School Administration Building, 212 North Miller, Breckenridge, Texas.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Jim Thompson, Alissa Atkinson, Todd Pennartz, and Bryan Woodward. Mark McCullough, Mike Herrington and Bill Heatley were absent.

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

2007-2008 Budget
Workshop

Roberta Brown, BISD Business Manager, distributed handouts that detailed the 2007-2008 proposed budget compared to the 2006-2007 revised budget.

The total proposed General Fund Balance for 2007-2008 is \$12,872,688, which is based on a tax rate of \$1.04 @ 95% collection rate and an average daily attendance of 1,518.

Food service projection of revenue for 2007-2008 is \$767,715. Ms. Brown noted that with extra income from 9th grade closed campus, this should help the food service break even.

Debt service projected is \$648,062, making the total of all funds, \$14,288,645. The difference to last year's revised budget is a total of \$88,427.

Ms. Brown stated that the proposed budget shows an increase in revenue of \$174,000 for next year, due to state and federal funding dollars increasing.

Board members had several inquiries about budget items.

Mr. Woodward inquired about the \$6,000 increase in technology. A new server is being purchased to do backup. This server will be located in the Administration Office. The current server is 4 years old, and we had some problems this summer with backup.

Mr. Thompson inquired about Function 34, Public

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Transportation. Ms. Brown explained that \$40,000 was budgeted for a Suburban and \$90,000 for a bus. Mr. Pennartz inquired about seatbelts in the school buses. At this time they are not mandatory, but this will soon be a requirement. Ms. Atkinson, whose husband is a DPS officer, stated that this will be a requirement by 2011.

Mr. Thompson inquired about legal fees and was informed that \$286,000 included accounting and legal fees and appraisal district fees.

In regards to the contract with the City of Breckenridge, Ms. Atkinson was informed that the fees for this service include resource officer expenses and drug dog and random drug testing fees.

Mr. Woodward verified with Ms. Brown that part of the personnel increase includes budgeting for 2 new people for the new facility. Mr. Richey, Director of District Services, also interjected that other new costs for the new facility will include some startup, but also new "green" requirements for special supplies. Although there have been 82 rainout days to date on the construction of the new facility, RBR Construction is now only 42 days behind, and still anticipates that completion will be by the end of the year.

Other budget items reviewed were Special Education costs and Booster Club funds. Ms. Sims stated that Special Education costs are down because we have no PBM, which most districts have. Booster Club funds are down, due to budget amendments. Coach O'Dell stated that the Booster Club just met with the coaches to get their "Wish List".

Discussion was held on the school district tax rates in regards to the House Bill 1 legislation that required the Texas Legislature to make certain changes to the funding of the Texas Public Schools. A handout was presented to Board members and administrators to review. If decided by the Board, a rollback election could be held. The proposed budget is based on the \$1.04 rate. Ms. Martin stated that she will contact surrounding counties to find out what their districts are doing in regards to this legislation. Due to the promise made to the taxpayers that the tax rate

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would stand firm for a period of time, Ms. Martin and other administrators at BISD feel that we need to stand firm on this promise, especially if we want the support of the community in future bond elections.

Other items discussed were the need for more classroom space and the use of “smart boards” and palm pilots in the classrooms, with a new teacher hired to train the teachers on these technologies. Mr. Dove, Director of Technology stated that he does not want our students to be left behind in technology, but compared to several other schools, we are ahead of them.

No further questions were asked about the proposed budget.

Adjournment

Mr. Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:48 P. M.

Jim Thompson, Board President

Date

Bryan Woodward, Board Secretary