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The Board of Trustees of the Breckenridge Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, November 12, 2007, 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the School Administration Building, 212 North Miller, Breckenridge, Texas.

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

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:04 P. M. and established a quorum.

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

Invocation Tammy Wallis, North Elementary Principal, gave the invocation.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Martin reported the following:

The artwork in the Board Room and Hallway are from Ms. Teresa Everett's Kindergarten and 1st Grade classes at East Elementary.

Artwork in the hallway outside the Board Room was done by Kindergarten students who were learning about line and shape. The students colored each "square" a favorite color using cray-pas (a mix of crayons and pastels). Students then filled in each square with a line or shape. They had discussed and learned how to draw these lines and shapes in 2 previous lessons. They then traced their handprint and cut it out and glued it atop of their line/shape designs.

The artwork you see here in the Board Room are self portraits done by First Graders. These students were learning about proportion and line and shape. After discussing facial parts and proportion, the students used cray-pas to color their self portraits. A favorite color was chosen for the background. Ms. Everett said that after getting to know these children, it is interesting to see how they see themselves.

Ms. Martin thanked Ms. Everett for sharing her young students' talents.

Recognitions in the District:

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

- (a) Timothy Barton, East Elementary pre-kindergarten student in Ms. Hurford's class, presented by Molly Peterson, principal.
- (b) Anahi Cruz, North Elementary second grader in Ms. Coplen's class, presented by Tammy Wallis, principal.
- (c) Daniel Smith, South Elementary 6th grader in Ms. Karger's class, presented by Amy Grigsby, principal.

Athletes of the Month for October:

- (a) 7th Grade
Nighjael Stephens – Boy
Janice Davis – Girl
- (b) 8th Grade
J. T. Scurlock – Boy
Anissa McCullough – Girl
- (c) High School
Blaine Vick – Boy
Margaret Arnot – Girl

Enrollment:

November 1, 2007 was 1586 which is down 76 students compared to November 1, 2006, when enrollment was 1662.

Tax Collections-

Collected 1% of 2006 taxes through 10-31-07 compared to 1% of 2005 taxes through 10-31-06.

Announcements-

- Tomorrow, November 13th, Thanksgiving Dinners will be served at the High School cafeteria at 11:00 a.m. and at Junior High at 12:25 P.M. Everyone is invited.
- Six weeks tests are this week, with the Six Weeks ending this Friday, November 16th.
- Picture retakes for High School will be at 8:00 A.M. in Bailey Auditorium on Weds, Nov. 14th.
- November 20th, Tuesday, students will be released early for Thanksgiving Holidays and will return to class on Monday, November 26th.

Comments from Public

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

Consent Agenda 6-A
Through 6-D
#10

Mr. McCullough made the motion seconded by Mr. Woodward to approve Consent Agenda items as listed:
6-A Approval of minutes of 10-9-07 regular board meeting
6-B Approval of October 31, 2007, financial report presented by Roberta Brown.
6-C Approval to amend 2007-2008 Budget
6-D Report of resignations
The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Casting Ballots
For Stephens County
Appraisal District Directors
#11

Mr. McCullough made the motion seconded by Mr. Pennartz that the Board cast ballots for the directors of the Stephens County Appraisal District Board. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Thompson abstained from voting.

Public Hearing Regarding
Taxation of Goods in
Transit

Roberta Brown, Business Manager, explained to the Board that House Bill 621 exempted goods in transit within the state from taxation. The taxing jurisdictions can choose to opt out of this exemption, but must hold a public hearing prior to the Board deciding if they want to continue to tax inventory. A public hearing was held. No action was required.

Consider Resolution
Regarding Taxation of
Goods in Transit
#12

Mr. McCullough made the motion seconded by Mr. Woodward to adopt a resolution for taxation of goods in transit. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Energy
Consumption Reduction
Plan
#13

Mr. McCullough made the motion seconded by Mr. Woodward that the Board adopt the energy consumption reduction plan as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Options for
Electricity Contract
#14

Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Mr. Pennartz that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into an electricity contract, negotiated by Rapid Power Management and approved by school attorneys, if rates can be obtained to lower current electricity costs. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Furniture and
Equipment for New
Multi-Purpose Facility
#15

The Board discussed approximate costs of new items needed for the new multi-purpose facility. Mr. Woodward stated that the suggested allocation of \$550,000 was a lot to spend for furniture and equipment. After some discussion, the Board agreed to lower the allocated amount to \$400,000. Ms. Brown, Business Manager, noted that this suggested amount had been earned in interest on the bond money. Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Mr. McCullough that the Board approve the allocation of \$400,000 for the purchase of furniture and equipment for the multi-purpose facility. The motion passed unanimously.

Review AYP (Adequate
Yearly Progress) Report

Linda Sims, Director of Instruction, reviewed the AYP report with Board members and noted that all five campuses have met AYP requirements. No action was required.

Review BISD Student
Drug Testing

Linda Sims, Director of Instruction, reviewed the current status of student drug testing at BISD. The drug testing was initiated in September, for all students in UIL or driving. Ms. Sims noted that 528 students were initially tested in September, with 3 students refusing testing. Of these students, 6 tested positive. Two of these 6 completed counseling, with 4 refusing counseling. The 4 students who refused counseling are now out of athletics or UIL and cannot park on campus. In November, there was a random test of 60 students, with 2 testing positive. These 2 students did counseling. Ms. Sims stated that the drug testing program was working as it should. No action was required.

Adjournment

Mr. Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:13 P. M.

Jim Thompson, Board President

Date

Bryan Woodward, Board Secretary