

## BOARD OF EDUCATION DOCUMENT 10

The Board of Trustees of the Breckenridge Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, March 10, 2008, 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the School Administration Building, 212 North Miller, Breckenridge, Texas.

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

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 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                                      Jeff Fleenor, Assistant Principal for South Elementary and Breckenridge Junior High, gave the invocation.

### Superintendent's Report

Ms. Martin reported the following:

#### Recognitions in the District:

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

- (a) Noelia Saucedo, East Elementary Pre-Kindergarten student in Ms. Hurford's class, presented by Molly Peterson, principal.
- (b) Guerin Boles, North Elementary second grader in Ms. Angie Brown's class, presented by Tammy Wallis, principal.
- (c) Jadyne Cisneros, South Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grader in Mr. Crawford's class, presented by Jeff Fleenor, assistant principal.

#### Other District Recognitions:

The athletes for the month of March are as follows:

Boys:

- (a) HS – Brooks Mc Clanahan
- (b) 8<sup>th</sup> – Scotty Roberson
- (c) 7<sup>th</sup> – Drake Aguero

Girls:

- (a) HS – Kali Moss
- (b) 8<sup>th</sup> – Erin Curtis
- (c) 7<sup>th</sup> – Anahi Palacios

Congratulations to these students!

Special District Recognition:

The Texas ACT Council recognized seven of our junior students who demonstrated that they are on target to meet or exceed ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks by graduation. This recognition was a result of 2006-2007 testing scores when these students were sophomores. Only 17% of Texas PLAN tested students reached that level of proficiency. The recognized students at BISD are as follows:

Hannah Langford	Jackylin Merson
Lisa Koger	Holly Lane
Cheyanna Russell	Sara Tonne
Tye Thompson	

Congratulations to these students and the teachers, parents, administrators, and staff that helped make it happen!

Enrollment:

- March 3, 2008 was 1585 which is down 59 students compared to March 1, 2007, when enrollment was 1644.

Tax Collections-

- Collected 95% of 2007 taxes through 2-29-08, compared to 94% of 2006 taxes through 2-28-07.

Announcements-

- The artwork this month in the Board Room and outside hallways has been furnished by Mrs. Sharon Toland's Junior High art classes. The students have drawn self-portraits of themselves. Mrs. Toland provided us with self portraits last year and due to popular demand, she is sharing her students' talents with us again. Take time to view the students' work. It is amazing how so many of them really do resemble the students! Thank you, Sharon, for sharing with us!

- On Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Lifetouch Spring pictures and class pictures will be taken at North Elementary in the Cafeteria.

- Elementary classes will hold class Easter parties on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Early release for Spring Break will be this Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 P.M., and students will return to class on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

- Our Spring sports are in full swing with games in Baseball and Softball. Powerlifting, Track, and Golf are also busy with tournaments and meets. There are events during Spring Break, and the newspaper will keep you informed. Go out and support our kids.

Comments from Public	No one signed in for “Audience to Patrons Desiring to Be Heard”.
Consent Agenda 6-A Through 6-D #48	Mr. Herrington made the motion seconded by Ms. Atkinson to approve Consent Agenda items as listed: 6-A Approval of minutes of 2-11-08 regular board meeting 6-B Approval of February 29, 2008, financial report and quarterly investment report 6-C Approval of 2007-2008 Budget amendments 6-D Receive report of district resignations The motion passed unanimously.
Receive Information on Junior High SWIM Team Program	A slide presentation was given to Board members by Brent Evans, Breckenridge Junior High principal, and Robert Burchett and Belinda Duett, both Junior High teachers. The program, Succeeding While Improving Morale (SWIM), is the brain child of Mr. Spencer Henry. In 2003-2004, Mr. Burchett and Ms. Gail Edwards attended Mr. Henry’s presentation in San Antonio. These teachers brought the concept back to the Junior High campus and have been developing their own program to promote a team attitude on campus and work to change the culture of the campus. The program has a campus committee that continually works towards improving campus environment by having teachers work as a team to solve academic problems and gain social success for students. Misbehavior is seen as a teaching opportunity, rather than a negative. This program requires teacher leadership, attitude and time. Part of the philosophy is, “Don’t assume anything! Teach everything!” The campus committee members are: Belinda Duett, Robert Burchett, Gail Edwards, Brent Evans, Kim Fuller, Janice Smith, Mary Anna Snyder, Dorothy Johnston, Donna Grider, Jeff Fleenor, and Cindy Dodds. This group, along with input from all campus teachers, has put together a Standard Operating Procedure Book (SOP) for situations on their campus. Each teacher has a book and goes over the expectations with the students.

The campus is working to improve relationships in several ways:

1. Five for Five – Spend 5 minutes with a child for 5 days.
2. Tardy Sweep – Teachers encourage students in the hallways to get to class on time (2 minutes before the tardy bell).
3. Nobody sinks. Everybody swims. – Help students with problem areas in study halls. Refuse to take zeros.
4. Life Savers – Students are issued “Lifesaver Cards” for helping others and can redeem these cards for a free ice cream or coke.
5. Hallway traffic has been redirected to avoid heavy congested areas.

The new SWIM program sees improvements daily in grades and attendance, and attitudes and respect among the students, and the plan will eventually be implemented on the other campuses to suit the individual campus situations. South Elementary is currently looking at the program. No action was required.

Consider Adopting  
Textbooks for 2008-09  
School Year  
#49

Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Mr. Pennartz that the Board adopt the list of recommended textbooks as presented by the BISD District Textbook Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Release of  
Securities for Citizens  
National Bank  
#50

Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Ms. Atkinson to approve the release of securities as requested by Citizens National Bank. Mr. Thompson abstained from voting. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

The Board went into closed session at 7:00 P.M. under (Tex. Gov’t Code § 551.074) for personnel.

The Board returned to open session at 8:33 P.M.

Consider Superintendent’s  
Recommendations  
Regarding Employment and  
Contract Status of  
Classroom Teachers &  
Other Non-Adm Personnel  
#51

Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Mr. Pennartz that the Board of Trustees approve the superintendent’s recommendations regarding employment and re-employment of classroom teachers and other non-administrative personnel as shown on exhibits attached for the 2008-2009 school year and issue new contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

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Adjournment

Mr. Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

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**Jim Thompson, Board President**

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**Date**

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**Bryan Woodward, Board Secretary**