

## BOARD OF EDUCATION DOCUMENT 8

The Board of Trustees of the Breckenridge Independent School District met in regular session on Thursday, February 12, 2009, 6:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the School Administration Building, 212 North Miller, Breckenridge, Texas.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Bryan Woodward, Mike Herrington, Mark McCullough, Skip Griffith, Koby Killion and Todd Pennartz. All board members were present.

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

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

Invocation                                      Brent Evans, Junior High School Principal, gave the invocation.

### Superintendent's Report

Ms. Martin reported the following:

#### Recognitions in the District:

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

- (a) Hazel Donohue, East Elementary Prekindergarten student in Ms. Hurford's class, presented by Molly Peterson, principal
- (b) Luis Medina, North Elementary third grader in Ms. Susan Moore's class, presented by Susan Fambrough, principal
- (c) Abigail Reyes, South Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grader in Mr. Keith Crawford's class, presented by Brent Evans, principal

#### Other District Recognitions:

##### Athletes of the Month for January

- (a) 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Boy – Pecos Wooten
  - Girl– Patricia Cooper
- (b) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Boy - Jesse Ritchey
  - Girl – Yuri Guevara
- (c) High School
  - Boy – Aaron Roberson
  - Girl – Brooklyn Moore

Enrollment:

- February 2, 2009 was 1530 which is down 63 students compared to February 1, 2008, when enrollment was 1593.

Tax Collections-

- Collected 91% of 2008 taxes through 1-31-09, compared to 93% of 2007 taxes through 1-31-08.

Announcements-

- The artwork in the Board Room and on the hall bulletin board this month was provided by Mrs. Sharon Toland's Junior High art students. The title of their assignment was "Making a Landscape Painting". The students chose a personal event to illustrate. They had to include at least one person, one animal, one object and a season of the year in their painting. The painting was organized into foreground, middle ground and background. The students created the illusion of space by using overlapping, size, focus, placement, intensity and value, and linear perspective.

Ms. Toland noted that the students enjoyed this project, which took a great deal of planning and painting. Ms. Martin thanked Ms. Toland and her students for sharing their work.

- Girls Basketball Playoff game will be in Mineral Wells on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.
- The TSTC/BHS Scholarship Luncheon will be on Thursday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at the Athletic and Fine Arts Center at 12:00 Noon.
- Friday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, is the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks.
- At this time, no one has officially filed for School Board Trustee, but several have picked up packets to file. The deadline for filing is Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 5:00 P.M. for Place 5 and Monday, March 9, 2009, at 5:00 P.M. for Places 1 and 2.

Comments from Public

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

Consent Agenda 6-A  
Through 6-D  
#25

Mr. Griffith made the motion seconded by Mr. Herrington to approve Consent Agenda items as listed:

- 6-A Approval of minutes of 1-15-09 regular board meeting
- 6-B Approval of January 31, 2009, financial report
- 6-C Approval to amend 2008-2009 Budget
- 6-D Approval to change board meeting date in May 2009

The motion passed unanimously.

Receive Presentation of  
Outstanding Programs  
Offered to BISD Students  
Throughout the District

Linda Sims, BISD Director of Instruction, introduced Jenny Coffee, BHS Counselor, who presented information to the board about the Career & Technology Program. She noted that 85% of our students had received scholarships. She also discussed the benefits of dual credit classes, not only for the students and the district, but also for the community. Class enrollment at TSTC has almost doubled due to the partnership with BISD and dual credit classes. These classes also increase the district's funding.

Steve Toliver and his robotics class students at BJHS, demonstrated robots that had been built by the students. Each robot has a computer that is programmed and tells the robot what to do, such as picking up objects, shooting objects, or even operating on a wire with a pulley.

South Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Tracey Blackshear, presented information about "Science Camp" that was held at Camp Grady Spruce at Possum Kingdom. Funding for attendance to this camp was earned from fundraisers as well as donations from parents, teachers, local companies and private citizens. Ms. Blackshear stated that the cost per student was \$114 and the experience for the students was an invaluable "hands on" situation that she would like to continue annually with her students. She noted anyone wanting to sponsor or chaperon would be gladly welcomed.

Ms. Leslie Dempsey, North and East Elementary Counselor, informed those present that she is using a therapy dog named Ellie that is a King Charles Cavalier Spaniel in her counseling program. The dog is used as an icebreaker for new students, a reward for students, is used to achieve goals, and is also a wonderful stress reducer for students, parents and teachers.

Susan Fambrough, North Elementary Principal, explained a program that has been initiated on their campus. The program, "Pats for Encouragement", targets kids that need special attention and makes contact with them on a daily basis. She noted that her campus staff is also doing small group counseling.

Molly Peterson, East Elementary Principal, reviewed the Dual Language Program that was initiated on her campus last year. The district's goal is to include North Elementary in this program next year. Breckenridge ISD is the only school in Region 14 with this program at this time. Ms. Peterson also stated that senior students from BHS are mentoring kids at East Elementary on a weekly basis.

The board and Ms. Martin thanked the administrators and staff for their presentations of the outstanding programs that are available for students at BISD. No action was required.

Consider 2009-2010  
School Calendar  
#26

Ms. Linda Sims distributed the proposed calendar for 2009-2010 to board members for their review. Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Mr. Griffith to approve the 2009-2010 BISD School Calendar as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Board President's Report  
On Board Member  
Training Hours

Mr. Woodward, Board President, presented the annual board member training hours report. No official action was taken.

Consider Trustee Election  
Order & Appointing Judge  
& Clerks for School Trustee  
Election  
#27

Mr. McCullough made the motion seconded by Mr. Killion that the Board adopt the Trustee Election Order for Places 1, 2, and Place 5, appoint Ms. Jan Boles as Election Judge, and appoint the early voting clerks as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Scheduling Date  
& Time to Canvas & Certify  
School Trustee Election  
Results & Administer Oath  
of Office  
#28

Mr. Herrington made the motion seconded by Mr. Griffith that the Board schedule a special board meeting for Monday, May 18, 2009, 6:00 P.M., to canvas and certify the May 9, 2009, election results, administer oath of office to new board members, elect board officers and TASB delegates. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

The Board went into closed session at 7:35 P.M. under (Tex. Gov't Code § 551.074) for personnel.

The Board returned to open session at 10:30 P.M.

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Consider Superintendent's  
Employment  
Recommendation for  
Business Manager &  
Discussion of Other  
Administrative Contracts  
#29

Mr. Griffith made the motion seconded by Mr. Killion to approve the employment of business manager as recommended for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year and the 2009-2010 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Woodward adjourned the meeting at 10:31 P.M.

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**Bryan Woodward, Board President**

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**Date**

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**Skip Griffith, Board Secretary**