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The Board of Trustees of the Breckenridge Independent School District met in regular session on Tuesday, May 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: Weldon Edwards, Sandy Morris, Julie Erb, Skip Griffith, Bryan Woodward, and Todd Pennartz. Koby Killion was absent.

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

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

Invocation Bryan Dieterich, High School Principal, gave the invocation.

Superintendent's Report

Campus principals and supervisors presented service pins to staff members.

Ms. Martin reported the following:

Recognitions in the District:

Retirement and Administrative Recognitions in the District:

Ms. Martin recognized John Richey, Director of District Services, for 12 years with the district and presented him a plaque of appreciation for his services to the district. Mr. Richey served as principal from 1994 to 2000 and returned in 2003 as Director of District Services. He will retire at the end of June 2009.

Mr. Jay Clack, High School teacher, was congratulated by Ms. Martin for being awarded Humanities Teacher of the Year for the State of Texas. This award is presented annually to an exemplary teacher of the humanities in one of the state's elementary, middle and high schools. In recognition of his achievements, Mr. Clack will receive a check for \$5000 next fall, and the school will receive \$500 for the purchase of humanities instructional materials and /or improvement of humanities courses and programs. Ms. Martin praised Mr. Clack for his fine work in advancing the study of the humanities, not only in BISD, but in Texas!

Also recognized was Mr. Jeff Fleenor, South Elementary Assistant Principal. Mr. Fleenor has been named District 14 Assistant Principal of the Year by TEPSA (Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association). This recognition is for educational leadership and dedication to children. Mr. Fleenor will be recognized at the TEPSA Awards Banquet on Wednesday, June 10, at the Austin Renaissance Hotel. Ms. Martin congratulated Mr. Fleenor on a job well done.

Students of the Month

For the Month of May

- (a) Devan McGee, East Elementary Kindergarten/PPCD student in Ms. Crenshaw's class, presented by Molly Peterson, principal
- (b) Stephanie Thurmon, North Elementary second grader in Ms. Cheryl Ridgeway's class, presented by Susan Fambrough, principal
- (c) Joe Huerta, South Elementary 6th grader in Ms. Tamara Russell's class, presented by Brent Evans, principal
- (d) BHS Students of the month for their part in the Collaborative Novel: Broken Promises include: Sydney Caffey, Jacob Dye, Nicole Fambro, Forrest Fuller, Tyler McNabb, and J. T. Wood.

Athletes of the month for the month of May are as follows:

Boys:

- (a) HS – Nathan Rincon
- (b) 8th – Angel Duron
- (c) 7th – Kristian Martinez

Girls:

- (a) HS – Shelbie Davis
- (b) 8th – Libbie Speer
- (c) 7th – Jaiden Jones

Congratulations to these students!

Mr. Edwards BISD Board President, recognized Ms. Martin for 31 years of service with the district. Ms. Martin, BISD Superintendent, will also be retiring at the end of June 2009. Mr. Edwards presented her with a plaque of appreciation. Ms. Martin's employment in the educational system has been totally at Breckenridge Independent School District. She has served as teacher, Junior High Principal, Director of Instruction, Interim Superintendent and Superintendent. Mr. Edwards praised Ms. Martin for her dedication to the district and her successful efforts in motivating staff to improve the educational quality for all students.

Ms. Martin also recognized Mark McCullough and Michael Herrington, board members that will not be returning. Both Mr. McCullough and Mr. Herrington, who were absent from the meeting will receive plaques of appreciation for their years of service on the BISD Board.

Ms. Martin announced the newly elected Board members. They are as follows:
Sandy Morris, Place 1, Weldon L. Edwards, Place 2, and Julie Erb, Place 5.

Enrollment:

- Enrollment for May 1, 2009 was 1524 which is down 50 students compared to May 1, 2008, when enrollment was 1574.

Tax Collections:

96% of 2008 taxes collected through 4/30/09, compared to 96% of 2007 taxes collected through 4/30/08.

Announcements:

- (a) The artwork in the boardroom and on the hallway bulletin board has been furnished by Teresa Everett's first graders. The "Still-Life" paintings of a vase of daisies uses the technique of finger painting with finger paints. The students have studied about "Still-Life" and they spent two weeks studying the flowers of Georgia O'Keefe and earlier they studied the flowers of Van Gogh. This work is their first attempt at using their finger as a brush.
- (b) The Regional Track Meet will be in Lubbock on Friday & Saturday, May 22nd and 23rd.
- (c) The BHS Leadership Team will be in Austin Weds. & Thurs, May 13th & 14th.
- (d) South Elementary Talent Show will be this Thursday, May 14th at 6:00 P.M. in Bailey Auditorium.
- (e) South Elementary Book Fair will be Friday, May 15th from 8:30 – 12:00, and North Elementary 2nd graders will be taking a field trip to the National Theatre and City Park on May 15th also.
- (f) Six Weeks Tests are the week of May 18th.
- (g) 6th Grade orientation will be at BJHS at 1:30 P.M. on May 18th.
- (h) 6th Grade parent orientation will be on May 19th at 6:00 P.M. in the HS Cafeteria.
- (i) 7th and 8th Grade Awards Program will be on Friday, May 22nd in Bailey at 1:00 and 2:00 P.M.
- (j) The Athletic Program will be in Bailey Auditorium on May 28th at 6:00 P.M.
- (k) Graduation is May 30th at 1:00 P. M. in the Athletic and Fine Arts Center.

Comments from Public Several citizens signed in for "Audience to Patrons Desiring to Be Heard".

Deedra Boaz, South Elementary teacher, spoke on behalf of South Elementary fellow workers that were also in attendance. The staff at South had compiled a list of concerns about South Elementary. Ms. Boaz noted that there had been 5 principals in the last 8

years at South. She stated that the staff wants to be included in the hiring process of their new principal, and that the principal should be in place by July 1st; otherwise, most good applicants will already be hired elsewhere. Ms. Boaz stated that to date, 20 applications had been received. The group requested that a campus committee be formed; this would allow the campus to be a part of the interviewing process. Ms. Martin stated to those in attendance that in the past a campus committee and a leadership team have done this. She also reinforced that timing on hiring a new principal is a main concern, and the administrators and board would take their request into consideration.

Robert Burchett, Breckenridge Junior High teacher spoke on behalf of junior high teachers that were also in attendance. A letter of concern was distributed to the board that requesting the hiring of Lee Garner as junior high principal. Mr. Garner is currently assistant principal at Junior High. Mr. Burchett stated that Mr. Garner had 27 years experience on the junior high level, he knows the teachers, and the staff feels like he is the person that Junior High needs as their next principal. This group was also concerned about the time frame for hiring.

Mr. Edwards, board president, inquired as to the status of district administrators positions. Mr. Evans stated that he would submit his resignation letter May 19th. It was also clarified that everyone was in agreement that the district should go back to 1 head principal at Breckenridge Junior High and 1 head principal at South Elementary with the need for an assistant principal only at South Elementary due to the larger number of students. Mr. Edwards told both concerned groups that after receiving board input, they will follow up on both requests.

Consent Agenda 6-A
Thru 6-D
#47

Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Mr. Griffith to approve Consent Agenda items as listed:
6-A Approval of minutes of 4-13-09 regular board meeting and 4-29-09 special board meeting
6-B Approval of April 30, 2009, financial report
6-C Approval of 2008-2009 budget amendments
6-D Receive report of district resignations
The motion passed unanimously.

Review of BISD Gifted/
Talented Program

Ms. Linda Sims, Director of Instruction, presented an informational slide show to profile the gifted and talented students. Students can be nominated by teachers, parents, or any interested party. There are certain criteria to identify gifted students that include various tests that are taken. The selection committee includes at least three professional educators. Members are trained and the committee evaluates each nominee according to the established criteria. Parents are notified of selection and participation is voluntary. Written permission by the parent

is required. Committee members do not know who the nominees are. There are now 104 students district-wide in the gifted/talented program. In grades K-6 the program concentrates on enrichment and secondary grades concentrate on academics. Students in the gifted/talented program by grade are as follows: East Elementary – 1 – Kindergarten; North Elementary – 3 – Second Grade, 3 – Third Grade; South Elementary – 3 – Fourth Grade, 12 – Fifth Grade, 9 – Sixth Grade; Junior High – 12 – Seventh Grade, 12 – Eighth Grade; High School – 13 – Ninth Grade, 17 – Tenth Grade, 10 – Eleventh Grade, and 9 – Twelfth Grade. All students are encouraged to participate in activities both in and outside of school.

Currently the committee is in the process of updating the gifted/talented program. Concerns of the committee are the need in the future of a GT facilitator to assist all campuses, the need to pass student portfolios to the next grade level, the need for teachers to understand the nominating and testing process, and for students to have the opportunity to group with other GT students.

Students can test again if they do not qualify the first time, and once in the GT program, students are not retested. The GT program assists the district in offering the best programs to students so their learning can be extended.

Consider Financial Audit
Proposal
#48

Mr. Marrs, BISD Business Manager, recommended to continue with George, Morgan and Sneed as auditors. They have completed audits for the district the last several years and are familiar with the district. The proposal submitted is for \$19,500, which is unchanged from last year's fee. Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Ms. Morris that the Board approve the audit proposal submitted by George, Morgan, & Sneed, P.C. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Deed Without
Warranty
#49

Mr. Griffith made the motion seconded by Mr. Woodward that the Board approve the execution of the Deed Without Warranty as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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Consider Out of State Trip
for FCCLA National
Officer Candidate
#50

After discussion with Bryan Dieterich, High School Principal, and James Marrs, Business Manager, regarding costs and funds available, Mr. Griffith made the motion seconded by Ms. Morris that the Board approve the out of state trip for Ryan Rhodes to Nashville, Tennessee. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Update 85 of
TASB Legal and Local
Policies
#51

Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Mr. Edwards 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 85 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Edwards adjourned the meeting at 8:11 P.M

Weldon Edwards, Board President

Date

Julie Erb, Board Secretary