

BOARD OF EDUCATION DOCUMENT 2

The Board of Trustees of the Breckenridge Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 2006, 6:30 p.m., in the Breckenridge High School Library, 500 West Lindsey Street, Breckenridge, Texas.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Mike Herrington, Kevin King, Jacky Walker, Mark McCullough, Jim Thompson, and Bill Heatley. Bonnie McClymond was absent.

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

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

Invocation Ms. Amy Grigsby, South Elementary 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 October are as follows:

- (a) Dannica VanMeter, East Elementary kindergarten student in Mr. David Brownrigg's class, presented by Robert Carruthers, principal
- (b) Alfredo Arellano, North Elementary second grader in Ms. Juana Ash's class, presented by Kim Castleberry, principal
- (c) Marisol Acosta, South Elementary 5th grader in Ms. Cargal's class, presented by Amy Grigsby, principal

Other District Recognitions:

- (a) Mrs. Martin commended Tommy Wolfe, BISD Director of Maintenance and Transportation, for being recognized by the Texas Association for Public Transportation as a Certified Public Transportation Official. She noted that the safety of the children at BISD has been a success due largely to Mr. Wolfe's dedication, time and effort. Mr. Richey will deliver the certificate to Mr. Wolfe, who was unable to attend.

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- (b) JH/HS Cafeteria Staff was recognized for October. They have experienced an increase in sales this year that was not expected and have done so with no problems. The staff includes:

Sue Ritter, Manager
Sara Perez
Amelia Moreno
Vanessa Dooley
Nancy Boyd

Carrie Martin, Director of Nutrition made the presentation.

Enrollment:

October 1, 2006 was 1661 which was down 4 students compared to October 3, 2005, when enrollment was 1665.

Tax Collections-

-Collected 30% of 2005 taxes through 9-30-06; 42% of 2004 taxes through 9-30-05.

Announcements

- Tomorrow, October 10th, High School Volleyball will be playing Burkburnett at home, with games beginning at 5:00 P.M.
- Fire Prevention is being recognized this week at several of the campuses with visits to the Fire Station, as well as Fire Dept representatives coming on campus to give programs.
- Cross Country girls and boys, High School and Junior High, will be in Cisco at Cisco High School on Wednesday, Oct 11th for a meet.
- Stuco will have a trip on October 11th, Wednesday to a leadership training camp, known as (Ropes).
- Juniors will meet with Jostens at Baily Auditorium on Wednesday, Oct 11th at 10:00 A.M.
- JH Volleyball will be here against Iowa Park, starting at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, Oct 12th.
- The JH Drama Class will have a performance at Bailey Auditorium on Friday, October 13th. Parents are welcome!
- Next week, October 15th thru 21st, is National School Bus Safety Week.
- Band Boosters will meet at the Band Hall on Monday, Oct 16th at 6:30 P.M.
- HS Volleyball, Black team will be playing Abilene Cooper at Home at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 17th, and the HS White, Green and Varsity Volleyball will play Iowa Park at home that same day at 5:00 and 6:00 P.M.

- PSAT testing will be at Bailey Auditorium on Wednesday, October 18th, from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
- The Pep Rally for Friday, October 20, 2006, will be at L.T. Cook Gym at 10:00 A.M. The Bucks have no game this week.

Comments from Public No one signed in for “Audience to Patrons Desiring to Be Heard”.

Consent Agenda 6-A
Through 6-G
#6 Mr. King made the motion seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve Consent Agenda Items as listed:
6-A Approval of minutes of 9-11-06 regular board meeting
6-B Approval to declare October 23-31st, 2006, as BISD Safe and Drug Free School Commitment Week
6-C Approval of 2006-2007 District Textbook Committee
6-D Approval to schedule a special board meeting for Thursday, October 12, 2006, at 7:30 A.M.
6-E Approval to reschedule Board, Administrators, and Directors District Planning 2006-2007 Workshop to set goals in November
6-F Approval to amend 2006-2007 Budget
6-G Approval of September 30, 2006, financial report
The motion passed unanimously.

Receive Information
Regarding Texas Educator’s
Excellence Grant Mr. Brent Evans and his department heads, which make up the grant committee for this junior high grant, presented a slide show that explained the grant. It was noted that in order to be eligible for this grant, the campus must have a high percentage of economically disadvantaged. The grant available is for a total of \$40,000, \$30,000 of which is distributed to classroom teachers only, with a maximum amount available to each teacher of \$1500. The other \$10,000 of grant funds is available for administrators, paraprofessionals and part-time employees. These employees can receive from \$200 to \$1000 each. The dollars received have to be earned, and are distributed after TAKS scores are announced.
No action was required.

Review Information
Regarding Stephens County
Appraisal District Litigation
with Winn Exploration

Mr. Troy Sloan of Stephens County Appraisal District addressed the Board regarding the Winn Exploration litigation. October 30th is the court date that is set, but the other alternative is arbitration, which would cost less. Arbitration is the way Mr. Sloan would like to go, but he stated that the Appraisal District would only accept arbitration in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, not in the Houston area. He also stated that the Appraisal District's lawyers recommended arbitration. Mr. Sloan said that the issue is valuation, not tax dollars. He also noted that the Appraisal Board sets all of the values. The Board agreed that whatever Mr. Sloan decides is up to him. No action was required.

Public Hearing on 2006
School FIRST Rating

Ms. Linda Sims, Director of Instruction at BISD distributed handouts with information regarding the 2006 School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Rating. She reviewed comparisons with other districts and stated that there were twenty one items considered in the scoring. Breckenridge ISD for the first time, has received a perfect score, or Superior Achievement. No action was required.

Consider Approval of
Annual Investment Report
And Adoption of Board
Resolution
#7

Mr. King made the motion seconded by McCullough, to approve the 2005-2006 Annual Investment Report and adopt a resolution stating that the investment policy and strategies have been reviewed, and no changes are proposed. The motion passed with five voting for and Mr. Thompson abstaining from voting.

Consider Release of
Securities for Citizens
National Bank
#8

Mr. King made the motion seconded by Mr. McCullough to approve the release of securities as requested by Citizens National Bank. The motion passed with five voting for and Mr. Thompson abstaining from voting.

- Review and Act on Update GKD and GKDA (Local) Policies #12
- Mr. Thompson made the motion seconded by Mr. Heatley that the Board add, revise, or delete (Local) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update GKD and GKDA as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- Consider Calling for Bids for School Buses #13
- Mr. Thompson made the motion seconded by Mr. McCullough to approve Breckenridge ISD calling for bids on 2 – 2005 Bluebird All-American 78 passenger buses with AC system. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Heatley requested a list of the current fleet from Mr. Richey, Director of District Services. Mr. Richey stated that he would supply the list to the Board for review.
- Consider Implementing District Drug Testing Policy for Students Participating In Extracurricular Activities Beginning 2007-2008 School Year
- Ms. Linda Sims, Director of Instruction at BISD, presented information from other districts and their status with drug testing and reviewed information from other policies. Ms. Sims noted that the big plus in this testing is that it gives kids the opportunity to say, “No.” It also helps keep the campus a safer place. Other information presented was Stephens County Probation Officer reports from 2002-03 thru current.
- Additional concerns discussed were the fact that drugs are in and out of the system within 48 hours, the budgeting for the costs of counseling required, controlling the privacy of students, and voluntary testing for students, other than athletes or UIL participants.
- Ms. Sims stated that costs for drug testing currently was anywhere from 11,000 to 15,000 dollars. Overall, other districts do not have many kids coming up positive on the testing. These districts feel that the testing serves as a deterrent. This program is not set up as a “Gotcha” program, but rather as an opportunity to try and help. The program is for grades 7th thru 12th, and grant money is available.
- No motion was required.
- Executive Session
- The Board went into closed session at 7:29 P.M. under (Tex. Gov’t Code §551.072 and 551.074) for deliberation regarding acquisition/sale of real property and quarterly

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evaluation of Superintendent and review of District Goals.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:54 P.M.

Consider Acquisition/Sale
of Real Property and
Related Delegation of
Authority to Superintendent
#14

Mr. King made the motion seconded by Mr. McCullough to delegate authority to BISD Superintendent to take any and all action to acquire/sale property for the District, by purchase or legal action. The motion passed unanimously.

Quarterly Evaluation of
Superintendent/ Review
Of District Goals

The Board evaluated the Superintendent for the quarter and reviewed district goals. Mr. Walker stated that the Board was pleased with the school district's progress and also pleased with Ms. Martin's performance.

Adjournment

Mr. Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:56 P. M.

Jacky Walker, Board President

Date

Jim Thompson, Acting Board Secretary