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The Board of Trustees of the Breckenridge Independent School District met in regular session on Thursday, July 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: Bryan Woodward, Mike Herrington, Mark McCullough, Koby Killion, Skip Griffith and Alissa Atkinson. Todd Pennartz was absent.

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

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

Invocation Mr. John Richey, Director of District Services, gave the invocation.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Martin reported the following:

Tax Collections:

97% of 2007 taxes collected through 6-30-08 compared to 97% of 2006 taxes collected through 6-30-07.

Announcements:

- The next budget workshop will be on Monday, August 11th at 5:00 P.M.
- The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, August 11th at 6:00 P.M.
- New board members were reminded to complete online training before August 8th for the Open Meetings Act. The training is available at the TASB website or a CD will be available at the Administration Office.
- There will be a Board Workshop next Tuesday, July 15th from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M. with Dennis Eichelbaum in the Board Room.
- A second Board Workshop will be on August 5th with Steve Maikell from Region 14. This meeting will also be from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M. in the Board Room. Both of these meetings are mandatory and sandwiches, etc. will be provided.

- School registrations will be in August, and school supply lists should already be posted at the various stores that carry school supplies. Registration information has already been in the Breckenridge American, but if you missed it, please give the Administration Office a call for the times and dates.
- Chandler Snow, Business Manager updated the Board on the completion of issues with the new facility, warranty work on the air conditioner and flooring installation problems. He stated that the contractors were close to completion.
- John Richey, Director of District Services, reviewed project status on power line completion at the new facility, portables at North Elementary, press box, fencing and blacktop at the stadium.

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

Consent Agenda 6-A
Through 6F Ms. Atkinson requested to move all handbook items to the regular agenda for further consideration due to concerns regarding cell phone usage. The following consent items were requested to be moved to the regular agenda:

- 6-E Consider 2008-2009
 - a. Students Handbooks
 - d. Employee Handbook
 - e. Cheerleading Handbook
 - f. Coaches Handbook
 - g. Substitute Handbook

#91 The remaining consent agenda items to be considered are as follows:

- 6-A Receive and consider minutes of previous board Meeting
- 6-B Report of resignations
- 6-C Consider approval of June 30, 2008, financial report
- 6-D Consider amending 2007-2008 Budget
- 6-E Consider 2008-2009:
 - b. Student Code of Conduct
 - c. Extracurricular Code of Conduct
- 6-F Consider 2008-2009 professional appraisal calendar and list of appraisers

Mr. McCullough made the motion seconded by Mr. Killion to approve Consent Agenda items 6A thru 6F excluding 6E – a,d,e,f and g. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Review of
Student Handbooks,
Employee Handbook,
Cheerleading Handbook,
Coaches Handbook, and
Substitute Handbook

Alissa Atkinson had concerns about cell phone usage at schools and wanted the handbook information on this topic to be reviewed before approving all handbooks. Linda Sims, Director of Instruction informed the Board that at present, cell phones can be taken up if they are visible or ring in class. A fine of \$15 is also assessed, and if the phones are not picked up from the office in 30 days, they are destroyed. Discussion was held to ban the cell phones completely at the elementary level. It was also suggested to raise the level of discipline if students are misusing cell phones, such as taking inappropriate pictures, etc. Susan Fambrough, administrator, suggested to do a good job of communicating to both the parents and students by giving them six weeks to absorb information regarding cell phone usage policy before it is enforced. Also, getting statistics from other campuses out to the public or sending out a survey were suggested. If students cannot have cell phones, members agreed that teachers should not have them in the classroom.

Even though cell phones are capable of broadcasting messages in case of emergencies, as noted by Dwayne Dove, Technology Director, safety radios for this purpose are already in place on all campuses.

Board members decided to hold handbooks for one more week to allow more review. Another special meeting will be held to complete approval of handbooks and additional personnel to be hired. Handbook approval was tabled and no action was required.

Review of District Security/
Safety Audits

Linda Sims presented a slide show, reviewing district security and safety audits performed by Region 14 auditors. These audits are required by law. Recommendations were reviewed as well as areas that were approved on all campuses. No action was required.

Consider Accepting Bids
for 2008-2009 Athletic
& Instructional Catalog
& Supplies

Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Mr. Griffith to approve all athletic catalog supply vendors and instructional catalog supply vendors submitting bids for the 2008-2009 school year as presented. The motion passed

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unanimously.

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Consider Accepting
Proposal for Student
Accident Insurance for
2008-2009

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Chandler Snow, Business Manager, reviewed areas of concern that were taken into consideration when choosing student accident insurance. He noted that co-curricular activities are covered and that the insurance is secondary insurance. Mr. Griffith made the motion seconded by Ms. Atkinson to accept the proposal for student accident insurance for the 2008-2009 school year from Bene-Marc, Inc. in the amount of \$36,203. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Accepting Bids
For Asphalt Surface and
Related Curbing Repairs
#94

Several project bids for repairs and surfacing in the district were presented to the Board. John Richey, Director of District Services stated that the bid prices were fair and to do the repairs is a preventative measure to keep areas from deteriorating. It was noted by Chandler Snow, Business Manager, that bond money is available to cover all projects to be considered. Mr. Killion made the motion seconded by Mr. Griffith that the Board approve all surface proposals as submitted. The motion passed unanimously with Mark McCullough abstaining from voting.

Consider City of
Breckenridge School
Resource Officer
Interlocal Cooperation
Agreement
#95

Ms. Martin informed the Board that Gary Ernest, City Manager, is currently amending the agreement to include no comp time or overtime, designate working hours, and to make changes to payment amounts. These changes were discussed with the Board. Ms. Martin also stated that the Resource Officer is a City employee; therefore a police emergency overrides school business, but the school does send the officer to training sessions. Ms. Atkinson made the motion seconded by Mr. McCullough to approve the School Resource Officer Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for 2008-2009 as per agreement with the City of Breckenridge, Gary Ernest, City Manager. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

The Board went into closed session at 7:57 P.M. under (Tex. Gov't Code §551.074 and §11.159) for deliberation regarding personnel.

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Mr. McCullough left executive session at approximately 8:40 P.M. and did not return. Ms. Atkinson also left executive session at approximately 9:00 P.M. and did not return.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:23 P.M.

Consider Employment of
Professional Personnel for
the 2008-2009 School
Year
#96

Mr. Herrington made the motion seconded by Mr. Griffith that the Board approve the employment of the professional staff as recommended for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

Quarterly Evaluation of
Superintendent & Review
of District Goals

Mr. Woodward stated that the Board is pleased with the progress the District is making and want to continue to go the same route. No action was required.

Adjournment

Mr. Woodward adjourned the meeting at 10:25 P. M.

Bryan Woodward, Board President

Date

Skip Griffith, Board Secretary