

BOARD OF EDUCATION DOCUMENT 2

The Board of Trustees of the Breckenridge Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, September 16, 2008, 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, Todd Pennartz, Skip Griffith, and Koby Killion. Alissa Atkinson and Mark McCullough were absent.

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 Mr. 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 September are as follows:

- (a) Savanah Fade, East Elementary Head Start student in Ms. Calsoncin's class, presented by Molly Peterson, principal
- (b) Jaynae Mendez, North Elementary second grader in Ms. Coplen's class, presented by Susan Fambrough, principal
- (c) Jasiel Medina, South Elementary 4th grader in Ms. Myer's class, presented by Brent Evans, principal

Athletes of the Month:

Boys – HS – David Howard

Girls – HS – Sara Tonne

Tax Collections:

-Collected 98% of 2007 taxes through 8-31-08; 97% of 2006 taxes through 8-31-07.

Announcements:

- All Volleyball teams were to play here tonight against Lake Worth. These games have been cancelled.
- 7th and 8th Grade Football are playing Vernon here tonight with games at 5:00 and 6:30 P.M.
- North Elementary PTO is having a Cookie Dough Fundraiser now thru September 19th. Cookie dough will arrive the week of October 13th.

- This Thursday, September 18th, 9th and JV Football will be in play here against Vernon at 5:00 and 7:00 P.M.
- On Friday, September 19th, the Pep Rally will be in the new gym at 9:40 A.M. and the Varsity Football game will be that night in Vernon, beginning at 7:30 P.M.
- Volleyball teams will be in Bridgeport on Friday, the 19th, beginning at 4:30 P.M. and 9, JV will be in tournament play in Bridgeport on Saturday, Sept 20th.
- Homecoming will be on Saturday, September 27th against Midland Christian, with the game beginning at 7:30 P.M. There will be a downtown pep rally and parade that morning at 10:00 A.M.
- Little Bucks Football will be on Friday night, Sept 26th, at 4:00, 5:30 and 7:00, due to Homecoming festivities.

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

Consent Agenda 6-A
Through 6-C
#1 Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Mr. Herrington to approve Consent Agenda Items as listed:
6-A Approval of minutes of 8-11-08 special board meeting, 8-11-08 regular board meeting, 8-19-08 special board meeting and 8-28-08 special board meeting
6-B Approval of August 31, 2008 financial report and quarterly investment report
6-C Approval of 2008-2009 District and Campus Improvement Plans
The motion passed unanimously.

Review of 2008 District
Accountability Ratings Ms. Janice Smith, BISD Testing Coordinator, reviewed the district's accountability ratings which were as follows for 2008:

Breckenridge ISD	Acceptable
High School	Acceptable
Junior High	Recognized
South Elementary	Acceptable
North Elementary	Recognized
East Elementary	Recognized

Ms. Smith compared the percentages from last year to this year and stated that the improvement from last year is good. She also said that the standards continue to go up but the district's staff is working hard to keep improving. Teachers are tutoring at lunch and after school. She stated

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that next year's goal is 2 recognized and 3 exemplary ratings. No action was required.

Update on Technology

Dwayne Dove, Technology Director for the district, presented a power point regarding the current status of technology in the district. He noted that the Texas Legislature now requires the submission of a survey from the technology department. This survey is prepared by Texas Education Agency (TEA).

According to Mr. Dove, the district has 12 primary file servers, 6 secondary file servers, 10 routers, 8 subnets (portioned network), 1 Hi-Speed Wireless WAN Primary Internet Access from Education Service Center 14 (Region 14), 1 3-MG backup internet access, and 7 wireless access points.

High School technology equipment includes 1 general use lab with 25 computers, 2 classroom labs with 55 student computers, 2 credit recover labs with 20 student computers, and current technology P4 (penium 4) teacher computers.

Junior High has 1 general use lab with 24 computers, library lab and current technology (P4) teacher computers with Windows XP and Office 2003.

South Elementary has 1 classroom with 24 computers and current technology (P4) teacher computers with Windows XP and Office 2003.

North Elementary has 1 general use lab with 24 computers and current technology (P4) teacher computers with Windows XP and Office 2003.

Mr. Dove told the board that there is a card available that can plug into 1 computer and make 4 student computers. The only cost to the district would be 3 more monitors and keyboards, which currently run about \$1300. This avenue for expansion will definitely be pursued.

As far as the technology department duties, the department (Mr. Dove and Mr. Keating), maintain Skyward (software), backup servers, take care of network access and network

wiring (maintenance and new), district wide virus protection and updates, network security (protection of student and personnel data), new equipment installs – computers, smart boards, LCD projectors, update technology plan, and apply for E-Rate discounts. The district receives approximately \$55,000 – \$60,000 a year from E-Rate that helps pay for telephones.

Mr. Dove explained that standards for technology are put out by SBEC (State Board for Educator Certification). He stated that his department is rated by the teachers. Teachers are asked to fill out what is called a STAR chart every year, which is a rating system. Principals then evaluate teacher averages and fill out a campus STAR chart. This is how the technology department is rated in comparison to other districts. It was noted by Ms. Martin that Breckenridge is way ahead of some larger districts in the technology area and she commended Mr. Dove. There were no questions and no action was required.

Update on Bilingual
Program & Consider
Bilingual Exception for
2008-2009 School Year
#2

Ms. Linda Sims, Director of Instruction, presented a power point on the dual language enrichment program. Ms. Sims told the board that currently there were 24 students in kindergarten and 23 students in first grade that speak no English (Limited English Proficient Students). She explained that if there are 20 or more students in any grade level that are Limited English Proficient, the district must file for a Bilingual Exception. A survey is sent home with all students, and according to the results of the survey, a determination is made as to the number of students that are Limited English Proficient.

Ms. Sims explained that the Dual Language Program is 50% English and 50% Spanish. According to experts, from birth to 10 years, there is an open window for brain connection and learning. Currently, BISD has dual language classes in kindergarten and 1st grade and will be adding 2nd grade next year. Ms. Sims said that research shows that Dual Language students experienced excellent results on TAKS tests, but she added that we must find a way to bridge the gap between parent and school. Communication is a difficult hurdle that we must continue to try to overcome.

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Mr. Griffith made the motion seconded by Mr. Killion that the board approve the district's 2008-2009 Bilingual Education Exception. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider CNB Request for
Release of Letter of Credit
With Federal Home Loan
Bank of Dallas
#3

Chandler Snow, Business Manager, explained the reason for the letter of credit was to cover securities if the bank were to fail, we could recover our funds. Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Mr. Pennartz that the board approve Citizens National Bank's request for an updated letter of credit in the amount of \$2,500,000 with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Woodward adjourned the meeting at 7:52 P.M.

Bryan Woodward, Board President

Date

Skip Griffith, Board Secretary