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The Board of Trustees of the Breckenridge Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, January 23, 2012, 6:30 p.m., beginning at the Board Room of the School Administration Building, 212 North Miller, Breckenridge, Texas.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Sandy Walker, Julie Erb, Bryan Wood, Skip Griffith and Bryan Woodward. Koby Killion and Weldon Edwards were absent.

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

Invocation Mr. Danny Freeman, South Elementary Principal, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiances Ms. Walker led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Texas Flag.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Teel reported the following:

Recognitions in the District:

Board Appreciation Month:

Mr. Teel announced that January is board appreciation month, and he and campus principals conveyed to board members how much they are appreciated for the long hours they spend conducting school business for the betterment of our schools. Campuses showed their appreciation to board members by presenting them with cards, signs, goody bags and a meal.

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

- (a) Jackson Curtis, East Elementary Kindergarten student in Ms. Haigwood's class, presented by Molly Peterson, East Elementary Principal
- (b) Sydney Overman, North Elementary 3rd grader in Ms. Shelby Kennedy's class, presented by Paul Lippe, North Elementary Principal
- (c) Savannah Oliver, South Elementary 5th grader in Ms. Richardson's class, presented by Danny Freeman, South Elementary Principal
- (d) Brooklyn Hill, 7th grader, presented by Jessica Stapp, JH Principal

Athletes of the Month for the month of January are as follows:

Junior High:

Girls – 7th grade, Shelby Lipps

8th grade, Kaylynn Voyles

Boys – 7th grade, Demarcus Johnson

8th grade, Drew Boggs

All of these students had games and will be given their awards.

Special Recognitions:

Safe Employee of the Quarter is Isabel Escobar, presented by Sue Brown, Director of School Nutrition.

District ADA:

Enrollment for January 9, 2012 was 1487 which is down 46 students compared to January 3, 2011, when enrollment was 1533.

Tax Collections-

-Collected 44.951% of 2011 taxes through 12-31-11 compared to 35.94% of 2010 taxes collected through 12-31-10.

Announcements –

The Christmas wreaths displayed in the board room and throughout the Administration building are the handiwork of some of the Junior High students that participated in the Christmas wreath contest. Over 100 wreaths were made from scratch and decorated the entire Junior High over the Christmas season. These wreaths were so unique that Mr. Teel asked to display them. Thanks to all the students that participated. The wreaths were very creative.

Comments from Public	No one signed in for “Audience to Patrons Desiring to Be Heard”.
Consent Agenda 6 #39	Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Ms. Erb to approve Consent Agenda Items as listed: Approval of minutes of 12-12-11 regular board meeting The motion passed unanimously.
Receive Presentation from Superintendent’s Council of Presidents	The officers for this year’s council are Ms. Erin Curtis, President, Ms. Maggie Tubbs, Vice President, and Ms. Autumn Taylor, Secretary. Ms. Curtis, headed the presentation that the council put together and explained that the group had decided to have a new award at BHS. This new award is the “Bucks Award”, which will be the ultimate award for a student to receive. The award will be based on six different criteria: GPA of 3.8 or higher, UIL Participation, Honors Classes, Discipline, Attendance of 97% or better, and Extracurricular Activities. Extra curricular activities may be one or more, and as many awards will be given out to as many students as qualify. No action was required.

Review 2011 Texas
Assessment of Knowledge
and Skills Exit Level
Results

Karen Lawson, BISD Testing Coordinator, reviewed the results of the 2011 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills Exit Level Results. Ms. Lawson stated that only two students retested; one tested early and was commended 3 out of 4. All students passed. No action was required.

Consider Approval of
December 31, 2011,
Financial Report
#40

Ms. Becky Seale, Financial Services Manager, Region 14 Education Service Center, reviewed the financial with the board. Currently BISD is below budget by \$161,000. Food Service revenues are up and expense are down. Ms. Seale projected Cash Flow to August 31st, and with current information, cash will only be \$125,000 at this point. However, the District is carrying a lot of old tax collections; these will be investigated further with the Tax Office. Also, ADA is monitored and updated weekly. The cost to operate monthly is \$1.1 million. Mr. Wolfe, District Services Director, told those present that one of the used buses has been sold for \$28,000. Mr. Teel and Ms. Seale commended the administrators for all of their hard work to help cut expenses throughout the District. Ms. Woodward made the motion seconded by Mr. Griffith that the board approve the December 31, 2010, financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider 2010-2011
Financial Audit Report
#41

Cheryl Merritt and Caroline McLane of Merritt, McLane and Hamby, CPA's, reviewed the 2010-2011 financial audit report with those present. Ms. Merritt stated that BISD received a clean opinion, the highest opinion that can be received. There were no findings or deficiencies on the Audit of Compliance; this deals with federal expenditures. There were no deficiencies regarding Government Auditing Standards. The only finding regarded excess expenditures over appropriations, and this was very immaterial and was due to timing.

In regards to Changes in Fund Balances, the fund balance was increased by \$460,225 less \$10,039 transfers for a net increase of \$450,186. Net Worth is \$12 million, with \$10 million of this being property. Merritt, McLane and Hamby audit 12 school districts, and only one other district increased their fund balance. Currently, there are \$246,000 in taxes owed to the district, and as of September 1, 2010, receivables were \$904,369. Ms. Seale remarked that part of this will be written off. She will obtain a list from the

tax office to tie to this number, and is meeting with an attorney regarding this matter.

Ms. Erb made the motion seconded by Ms. Griffith that the Board approve the 2010-2011 financial audit report as presented by Merritt, McLane and Hamby. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider TEA Application
For Missed Instructional
Days for 2011-2012
School Year
#42

Mr. Griffith made the motion seconded by Mr. Wood that the Board approve the Texas Education Agency application for missed instructional days as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Options for Field
Turf Repair

Tommy Wolfe, Director of District Services, and Steve Freeman, Athletic Director, shared their input regarding the condition of the turf. Mr. Wolfe stated that in September, he noticed the turf was coming loose. John Rogers, a Field Turf representative evaluated the field and want to spray the field to extend the life of the field.

Coach Freeman stated that the key point is that Field Turf knows they have a problem with one of their vendors. Aledo and Midlothian ISD have had the same problem as we are dealing with. It took a year for these schools to get what they needed without legal action. A third situation Mr. Freeman is aware of used their school attorney and field analysis. Coach Freeman stated that there is a big difference between wear and deterioration. Field Turf needs to take care of this problem. The turf is going indoors; this is a big problem. It is like a tire throwing rubber.

The District has an 8 year guarantee on the field turf. The cost to spray the field is \$30,000. The District needs to keep on top of this and get it done right. The field is safe, but the players are "taking the field home". It is not performing as it should. There needs to be a formal legal statement made that if they do spray the field, this is not fixing the problem. Fiberguard only protects the fibers that are left.

Mr. Teel stated that we need to get legal council involved and also contact council that has dealt with Field Turf for another school. Coach Freeman agreed and said that Aledo also used an independent to give an analysis of the field as well that was not connected to the school or to Field Turf.

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Mr. Teel stated that he will get with council and send a letter that Field Turf's suggestion is not acceptable and move forward. No action was required.

Executive Session

The Board went into closed session at 7:43 P.M. under (Tex. Gov't Code § 551.074) for personnel.

Consider Superintendent's
Evaluation and
Superintendent's Contract
And Compensation
#43

Mr. Griffith made the motion seconded by Mr. Woodward that the superintendent appraisal be postponed until all board members are present, and reschedule a special meeting on January 30, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Ms. Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:37 P.M.

Sandy Walker, Vice President

Date

Julie Erb, Secretary