



- (b) Kade Killion, North Elementary second grader in Ms. Myra Razo's class, presented by Paul Lippe, principal
- (c) Lane Berkley, South Elementary fifth grader in Ms. Tracey Blackshear's class presented by Danny Freeman, principal
- (d) Courtney Spoon, Junior High eighth grader nominated by Cory Boles, presented by Jessica Stapp, principal

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

Junior High:

Boy – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – David Howeth

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Derek Sumpter presented by Coach Tex Mercer

Girls – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Stormie Mayo

8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Karina Cruz

Coach Andrea Conley and these girls are at a volleyball game in Bangs and will not be present to accept their awards.

Tax Collections-

-Collected 97.466% of 2010 taxes through 9-30-11 compared to 96.435% of 2009 taxes collected through 9-30-10.

Enrollment-

-Enrollment compared last year to this year is down 44 students. East Elementary is down 2 students, which is normal. North Elementary is down 6 students, due to parents moving and some went to other districts. South Elementary is up 5 students. Junior High is down 12 students due to moving, troubled kids, and home school. High School is down 29 students due to moves, drop outs, etc. Attendance has been better on all campuses. BISD will be staying 2-A next year.

Announcements-

- The artwork displayed is a project from North PTO, with Ms. Terri Hamilton's art classes. Student art will be reproduced as a page of stickers for them to keep regardless if parents purchase other items. Products range from keychains to aprons to T-shirts to coffee mugs. There are about 40 items to choose from. The "fish" were created by using pencil to draw, markers to outline, followed by crayons. What a neat way to preserve our students artwork. Thanks to Ms. Hamilton for sharing her students' work.
- TEA has approved BISD for a qualified construction bond. If the bond is approved, the District can borrow at 0% interest, or no interest. With the current bond proposal, this would be a 1.2 million dollar savings to taxpayers or 2 to 3 cents per \$100 valuation drop in taxes.

- Bond Election polling places were reviewed by Mr. Teel. Early voting will be in the Stephens County Courthouse, 200 West Walker, and will start on October 24, 2011 and go through November 4, 2011.

Polling places for election day, November 8, 2011, are as follows:

Stephens County

Precinct Number

Polling Place and Address

1

First National Bank Tower Room  
101 East Walker  
Breckenridge, Texas 76424

2

First Interbank  
(Previously Citizens National Bank Gold Room)  
301 West Walker  
Breckenridge, Texas 76424

3

Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce  
100 East Elm  
Breckenridge, Texas 76424

4

Breckenridge Independent School District  
Service Support Center  
907 US Highway 183 N  
Breckenridge, Texas 76424

- Mr. Teel discussed school board training options with board members and encouraged them to sign up for two distance learning labs available through Region 14 ESC that will be held in the board room on October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Jessica Stapp, BJHS principal, reviewed Blue Ribbon Award statistics with the board. This is the highest award given by the state and the nation. There are 10, 233 schools in Texas and 26 received the 2011 Blue Ribbon Award. Of 133,000 schools in the nation, 304 received the 2001 Blue Ribbon Award. BJHS was one of these schools. How does a school earn Blue Ribbon status? The schools are selected based on one of two criteria:
  1. Schools that dramatically improve student performance to high levels in state test
  2. Schools whose students achieve in the top 10% of their state testsThe campus must also meet AYP (adequate yearly progress). Breckenridge Junior High was selected based on improved student performance to high levels. Ms. Stapp presented a banner to the board members to be displayed. A banner will also be presented at Friday

night's football game to the staff.

- Ms. Sims introduced Ms. Carol Atkins of Wal Mart who told those present that this year Wal Mart is awarding 10 teachers each \$100 reward cards to thank them for all of the out of pocket personal funds that they spend each year to buy extra supplies for the benefit of their students. South Elementary was drawn as the campus recipient and campus principal, Danny Freeman, drew 10 teachers names to determine the recipients. The following teachers received gift cards: Tracey Blackshear, Tamara Russell, Jo Hise, Abby Moore, Melissa Myers, Ginger Dittmar, Jennifer Gonzales, Arianne Exline, Andy Shafer, and Lori Durham.

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

Consent Agenda 7-A  
Through 7-E  
#9                                        Mr. Griffith made the motion seconded by Ms. Walker to approve Consent Agenda Items as listed:  
7-A    Approval of minutes of 9-7-11 special board meeting and 9-127-11 regular board meeting  
7-B    Approval to declare October 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, as Safe and Drug Free School Commitment Week  
7-C    Approval of request for maternity leave of absence  
7-D    Approval of transfer student applications  
7-E    Approval of 2011-2012 District and Campus Improvement Plans  
The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing on 2010  
School FIRST Rating                Becky Seale, Financial Services Manager, Region 14 ESC, reviewed information regarding the 2010 School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating. BISD has received a rating of "Above Standard Achievement" based on data from the 2009-2010 school year. The district received 69 out of 80 points. In 2007, the legislature met and determined that the superintendent's contract also has to be part of the School FIRST rating or it must be published on the district's website. In 1999, the legislature came up with the report for accountability to make sure that schools are not wasting money. Audits affect this report and academic ratings also affect the report. No action was required.

Consider Approval of  
September 30, 2011  
Financial Report  
#10                                        Ms. Edwards made the motion seconded by Mr. Woodward that the board approve the September 30, 2011, financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of  
Annual Investment Report  
& Adoption of Board  
Resolution  
#11

Becky Seale, Financial Services Manager, told board members that the investment policy has not changed from the prior year. The Annual Report reflects current information with Citizens National Bank and Lone Star Investment Pool. Current interest rates were discussed and Ms. Seale suggested that she could check with the bank to determine what rate is available for Jumbo CD's. These CD's could be set up short term in order to earn more interest.

A comparison to last year's figures was presented showing a monthly drop in payroll per month this year from \$950,000 last year to \$803,000 this year. Payables also dropped from \$350,000 to \$250,000. Mr. Woodward made the motion seconded by Mr. Griffith that the board approve the 2010-2011 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 unanimously with seven members voting for and zero voting against.

Consider Nominees for  
Stephens Co Tax Appraisal  
District Board of Directors  
#12

Mr. Edwards made the motion seconded by Ms. Walker that the board approve nominations for the Stephens County Appraisal District Board of Directors as follows:

Stan Carstens  
David Duggan  
Skip Griffith  
Curt McClymond  
Jerry Toland

The motion passed 6 members voting for and one member, Mr. Griffith abstaining from voting.

Receive Annual Progress  
Report on ESL for  
2010-2011

Margie Thompson, District Coordinator for ESL (English as a Second Language) presented an annual evaluation report for the 2010-2011 school year. She gave examples of contradictions in the English language to stress that fact that there are a lot of exceptions to rules in learning the English language. Ms. Thompson reviewed testing results for all ESL testing and stated that the district has improved in all areas with a 100% completion rate. The district has also gone down in parent denials. There are 23 teachers with ESL certification. They are focusing on vocabulary development; there is frequent staff development training. The program is transitioning to content based ESL where the students are not taken out of the classroom.

A big help to students has been the “Tell Me More Program” which is internet based. The cost for this is \$5000 for 100 licenses; this program is paid for by Region 14 Education Service Center.

Ms. Thompson stated that she continues to provide an Adult Program that is on Tuesday nights from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at East Elementary.

The ratio of teachers to students in the ESL program is one to four. No action was required.

Consider TEA Expedited  
General State Waiver  
#13

Ms. Linda Sims, Director of Instruction, explained that the waiver being requested is to continue the use of Eduphoria software for 2011 through 2014. Ms. Walker made the motion seconded by Ms. Erb that the Board approve the Texas Education Agency Expedited General State Waiver application for the waiver of participation in the teacher portal component of the Texas Assessment Management System in order to continue using Eduphoria Management System for the 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014 school years. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Title I Program

Linda Sims, Director of Instruction, explained the Federal Title I program and other Federal programs that fund academic services for qualified public schools, private school students, and home schooled students. This funding can be refused by parents, but they provide school wide programs and are based on the percentage of free and reduced lunches. There are targeted assisted programs that don't target any one child but the funds can be used for any child in need. All of BISD's elementary schools have Title I funds. In order to receive these funds, a comprehensive needs assessment must be completed.

There are 10 components of a school-wide program that are as follows:

1. *Comprehensive needs assessment*
2. *School-wide reform strategies*
3. *Highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals*
4. *Highly qualified, ongoing professional development*
5. *Strategies to attract highly qualified teachers*
6. *Parent involvement*
7. *Transition from Early Childhood programs*
8. *Include teachers in the decisions*

9. *Effective timely additional assistance*
10. *Coordination and integration occurs between federal, state, and local service programs*

In regards to a Written Parent Involvement Plan, this is jointly written and reviewed each year, 1% of the funds are used for parent involvement activities, and there is an annual meeting for all parents to be involved in planning, review and improvement of the school parent involvement policy.

Ms. Sims writes the application each year for Title I funds, and the money must be spent in the right place in order for it to qualify. Entitlement funds of \$440,604 were received for 2011-2012. The funds can be used for tutorials in needed areas, such as math, reading, and science. The majority of these funds are used for teachers salaries. Funds can also be used to provide staff development, professional and contracted services, supplies and materials, and other operating costs. One percent of the funds are used for the homeless or non-school-wide campuses, such as High School and Junior High (since they are not Title I campuses). There are currently 24-26 homeless children district-wide. Another 1% is designated for parent involvement. DAEP is required, but there is not funding for this. No action was required.

Review of BISD Gifted/  
Talented Program

Ms. Sims told those present that the district policy on the Gifted/Talented Program must be in compliance with the state plan. The district does receive some funding, but this must go to testing and services for the GT kids. BISD currently has 92 students in the GT program. Special tests are taken and TAKS scores are reviewed to determine if a student should be considered for GT. Anyone can refer a child for GT testing. Once they are in the program, they are in it. A student can also refer themselves, but they can also exit the program. GT teachers have 30 additional hours of training plus 6 hours additional training each year. Principals also have to be trained. Region 14 Service Center is now offering a new learning system, Renzulli, available to the district at a cost of \$40 per child that has been a good addition to the GT program. Students are assessed each year in January. No action was required.

- Consider Update of EIA, EIAB, and EIC (Local) Policies #14
- TASB Policy Service has reviewed local policies EIA, EIAB, and EIC and recommended changes; however, additional changes have been requested by Bryan Dieterich, High School Principal. These changes have not yet been received by the district. Therefore, Mr. Dieterich recommended tabling this agenda item until the corrected updates are received or until the next regular scheduled board meeting. Mr. Edwards made the motion seconded by Mr. Griffith that the board table this agenda item until such information is available or until the next scheduled board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- Executive Session
- The Board went into closed session at 8:11 P.M. under (Tex. Gov't Code §551.074 and §11.159) for deliberation regarding professional personnel.
- The Board returned to Open Session at 9:00 P.M.
- Consider Contractor Services Agreement #15
- Mr. Edwards made the motion seconded by Ms. Walker that the board approve the agreement for independent contractor services between Breckenridge ISD and Norma Whitis as per proposed agreement. The motion passed unanimously.
- Adjournment
- Mr. Killion adjourned the meeting at 9:02 P.M.

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**Koby Killion, President**

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**Date**

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**Julie Erb, Secretary**