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The Board of Trustees of the Breckenridge Independent School District met in special session on Thursday, November 19, 2009, 6:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the School Administration Building, 212 North Miller, Breckenridge, Texas.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Weldon Edwards, Todd Pennartz, Skip Griffith, Julie Erb, Sandy Morris, Koby Killion and Bryan Woodward. All board members were present.

Mr. Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:32 P. M. and established a quorum.

Presentation by Huckabee Architects Regarding Facility Needs Assessment

Daron Kirbo of Huckabee Architects presented a facility needs assessment report to those present. A 350 page booklet containing architectural reports and other special reports was distributed to board members. TEA compliance deficiencies, building code deficiencies and ADA compliance deficiencies were reviewed by campus. Mr. Kirbo explained that “core capacity” numbers shown do not include portables or offices, only classrooms. Information provided also included a summary of upgrade recommendations and a common term sheet. Mr. Kirbo also stated that the current schools are “grandfathered in” as far as codes. If additions were added to current structures, compliance on the old part would be retro, depending on city codes. The next step in the assessment process will be to meet with a citizen committee that will be formed and review the assessment report with this committee. This committee will come back to the board with recommendations. Mr. Teel stated that he was amazed at how the old buildings were in such good shape, but if the district is to take it to the next level, they must go forward with improvements. No action was required.

Mr. Teel congratulated the BHS group on their Region 14 project, a BHS infomercial, that won first place. Twenty four high schools participated with 41 projects. BJHS won third place out of 11 schools with 21 projects. KRBC judged the contests. Dwayne Dove, technology director, stated that quality was the winning factor.

Presentation by Coastal Securities, Inc. Regarding Construction Bond Financing

Lewis Wilks, Managing Director of Public Finance for Coastal Securities, Inc., presented information regarding construction bond financing. Mr. Wilks has been with Coastal for 11 years, and was with TASB for 12 years prior to this. He works mainly with mid-size schools, and his team represents close to 100 years of advisory experience.

Mr. Wilks explained that Coastal's role is to "quarterback" the financing team to obtain funds at the lowest rate possible. The firm has a bond attorney that handles the selling of bonds and close of transactions.

Several different types of bonds are available. Qualified School Construction Bonds are on a first come, first serve basis, and you can get from zero to 2% if you qualify. You have 6 months to sell the bonds. BISD would qualify for about 5.560 million under this program. There are also "BABS" (Build America Bonds) that the government will rebate 35%. It all depends on if the market is "workable". If these bonds are chosen, there is no application to file. Other bonds can be applied for, once the bond election is passed. There is also the IFA program. Mr. Wilks presented several different scenarios for the board to review and discussed the tax impact for taxpayers.

Mr. Woodward inquired about payment to Coastal. Mr. Wilks stated that there would be an engagement letter to pay Coastal according to how many bonds were sold. If the bond does not pass, Coastal is paid nothing. No action was required.

Consider Engaging Coastal Securities, Inc. as BISD Financial Advisor
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Mr. Griffith made the motion seconded by Mr. Woodward that the board approve the proposed financial advisory services agreement by Coastal Securities, Inc. for construction bond financing as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Applying for Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB)
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Mr. Lewis Wilks recommended to the board to get on the list now for bond money. He explained that it was a timing game. Two applications can be filed, one for 2009 and one for 2010, and money can be received both times. Mr. Griffith made the motion seconded by Mr. Woodward that the board approve the application to participate in the Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) program. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

The Board went into closed session at 8:52 P.M. under (Tex. Gov't Code § 551.074 and §11.159) for personnel.

The Board returned to open session at 10:18 P.M.

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Adjournment

Mr. Edwards adjourned the meeting at 10:19 P.M.

Weldon Edwards, Board President

Date

Julie Erb, Board Secretary