

APRIL 12, 2017 BRONTE ISD BOARD MEETING

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on April 12, 2017. Those in attendance were:

- Board Members: Shane Kelton, Jodie Arrott, David McWright, Josh Schoenfield, Blake Braswell and John Seales.
 - Administration: Tim Siler, Jenny Baker and Josh Barton.
 - Guests: Maureen Youngblood, Heather Middleton and Margaret Charlesworth.
1. **PRAYER:** The meeting was opened at 7:11 pm with a prayer by Josh Schoenfield.
 2. **ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUOROM:** Quorum was established with six members present. Ashley Braswell was absent.
 3. **READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the last meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve as presented made by Blake Braswell. Seconded by Josh Schoenfield. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Motion passed.
 4. **AUDIENCE ITEMS:** No audience items.
 5. **DISCUSS/APPROVE BILL LISTING:** Motion to approve the bill listing as presented was made by David McWright and seconded by Jodie Arrott. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion passed.
 6. **FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Mr. Siler presented the finances of the district to the Board.
 - The district appears to be on-track financially for this years' budget with a final budget very close to the balanced budget passed.
 - The finances for next year will not be as good as for the current year due to declining enrollment. The current projections for ADA are for 216 to 219 compared to the ADA of approximately ~240 estimated for this year. The board may be forced to pass a deficit budget next year for normal operations. (Note that this does not include the required major repairs to the HVAC or track that the board has been discussing.)
 - The Board must seriously consider a Tax-Rollback Election (TRE) to raise the current tax rate of the district to cover the expenses projected for coming years. Mr. Siler ran eight different scenarios and noted that the scenarios with a positive outcome will require that we pass a TRE and increase the tax rate. Bronte ISD has a very low tax rate compared to similar schools in the area and needs to consider this in order to meet financial requirements of the district in the future.
 7. **DISCUSS/APPROVE 2016/2017 BUDGET AMENDMENTS:** No action taken on this item.
 8. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:** Josh Barton presented the principals' report to the Board.
 - A. Update on Activities:
 - i. Elementary campus enrollment: 132 students.
 - ii. Secondary campus enrollment: 127 students.
 - iii. Total attendance is 95.8% for the year, which is lower than previous years due to illness. This higher illness rate is apparently running state-wide due to more cases of influenza and other illnesses.
 - iv. Activities:
 - District tennis is in the regional tournament.
 - One-act play was held last week for the citizens of Bronte.
 - National Honor Society inducted five children last week; Peyton Arrott, Darby Duncan, Tanner Bedford, Karen Davis, Lisa Gilbert, and Melissa Perez.
 - The ladies gold team won first place in district. They advance to regionals, which will be held at Bentwood on Monday and Tuesday of next week.
 - Junior high district track meet was yesterday and the high school meet is today and tomorrow. Bronte is being represented well in these meets.
 - Pre-k thru third grade will participate in Easter egg hunts this week.

- HEB camp will be held on April 26th thru the 28th.
- Jackson Chantrill qualified in UIL Regional Science competition.
- May 1st is the Student Council Banquet and May 2nd is the Sports Banquet.

9. **DISCUSS / APPROVE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ALLOTMENT AND TEKS CERTIFICATION:** Mr. Siler presented this certification document. This document certifies that Bronte ISD is teaching in accordance with the state requirements and TEKS guidelines. Motion to approve was made by David McWright and seconded by Blake Braswell. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion passed.
10. **DISCUSS / APPROVE SUMMER SCHOOL DATES:** Summer school dates were presented by Mr. Barton. Testing will be done on June 20th and 21st. School days are; May 24th thru 26th, 29th thru 31st, June 1st and 2nd, 6th thru 9th, 12th thru 16th and 19th thru 21st. Nineteen instruction and two testing days are included in the total. Motion to approve the summer school dates was made by Jodie Arrott and seconded by Josh Schoenfield. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion passed.
11. **DISCUSS / APPROVE 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR:** Mr. Siler presented the calendar options as developed by the staff of BISD. There were two remaining options presented; B and C. After discussions, John Seales made a motion that the board adopt option B for the 2017-2018 school calendar, (first day of school for students is August 23, 2017 and the last day is May 17, 2018. Motion seconded by Blake Braswell. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion passed.
12. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Siler presented the superintendents' report to the Board.
- A. Site-based Retreat: The retreat will be held May 8th with details to follow.
 - B. Board Training: Board training will be held in June.
13. **CORRESPONDENCE**
- TASA / TASB convention will be held October 6th thru 8th in Dallas this year.
 - Next regular meeting will be held May 11, 2017, at 7 pm in the district offices.
14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** These items require a closed meeting as authorized by Section 551.001 through 551.146 of the Texas Government Code. The Board entered into executive (closed) session at 7:59 pm.
- A. Personnel
 1. Candidate Interviews for head football coach position.
 2. Discuss personnel matter with the Superintendent.
 3. To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
 4. Seek advice from the District's legal counsel regarding legal issues pertaining to real property.
- The Board reconvened in regular (open) session at 9:49 pm.
15. **PERSONNEL ITEMS:**
- A. Discuss/approve Auxiliary Personnel List: No action taken on this item.
 - B. Consider/Discuss renewal of Recommended Non-renewal Probationary Contract – Texas Government Code, Section 551.074. A motion to renew the Probationary Contracts as presented was made by Shane Kelton and seconded by Josh Schoenfield. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, (Blake Braswell abstained). Motion passed.
 - C. Discuss / Renew Term Contracts for Certified Secondary Personnel: See below
 - D. Discuss / Renew Term Contracts for Certified Elementary Personnel: Motion to renew both the Certified Elementary and Secondary Personnel contracts as presented, (agenda items C and D), was made by Josh Schoenfield and seconded by Jodie Arrott. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion passed.
 - E. Discuss/Approve Head Football Coach Position: Motion to authorize Mr. Siler to make an offer to Mr. Aaron Long was made by Shane Kelton. Seconded by Josh Schoenfield. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion passed.
 - F. Resignations and Recommendations. No action taken on this item.

16. **DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON PARCEL 1248, WILLIAM CHRISTIAN AND AMY CHUMNEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600:** See item 18 below.
17. **DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON PARCEL 6498, DEED TO THE COKE COUNTY COWBOY CHURCH:** See item 18 below.
18. **DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON PARCEL 1012, DAVID AND DONNA SCOTT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$330:** With regard to agenda items 16, 17 and 18; a motion was made by Shane Kelton to direct Mr. Siler to consult with legal counsel to draft a letter of the Board's concerns to the City of Bronte. Motion was seconded by David McWright, Ayes: 6, Nays: 6. Motion passed.
19. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to Adjourn was made by Blake Braswell and seconded by Josh Schoenfield. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.