

## APRIL 13, 2016 BRONTE ISD BOARD MEETING

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on April 13, 2016. Those in attendance were:

- Board Members: Shane Kelton, Nick Arrott, David McWright, Blake Braswell, Ashley Braswell, Kay Styles, John Seales.
  - Administration: Tim Siler, Susan Henderson, Donna Poehls, Rose Whitehurst
  - Guests: Maureen Youngblood, Heather Middleton, Robert Doyle & Rusty Reeves from Trane, Brandon McKeska from Anthony Mechanical Services, (Linc)
1. **PRAYER:** The meeting was opened at 7:01 pm with a prayer by Blake Braswell.
  2. **ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUOROM:** Quorum was established with 7 members present.
  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 Ashley Braswell. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed.
  4. **AUDIENCE ITEMS:** No audience items.
  5. **HVAC PRESENTATIONS:** Representative from both Trane and Anthony Mechanical Services, (Linc), made presentations to the board concerning the HVAC issues.
    - Trane: Mr. Doyle and Mr. Reeves presented their findings from the study they performed.
      - They investigated the lighting, building automation and systems.
      - BISSD is apparently very efficient based on the national standards with regards to utility usage and the recovery of funds based on this would net really be possible.
      - Many of the 77 units in the district are well past their useful life and exceed 15 years old.
      - The estimated costs based on local averages to replace all units at one time would be approximately \$1.2 million dollars. Trane feels this number is high and can be reduced with competitive bids on the installation.
      - If the district wishes to change to modern lighting, this upgrade would cost ~\$320,000.
      - If this plan was put into action, it would take six weeks to manufacture the units; the system could be installed during the summer if the district elects to proceed within the next month.
      - Trane offers 5 year parts and 1 year labor warranty as their base offering. A 10 year 'bumper to bumper' warranty is available at added cost.
      - If the district intends to move forward, Trane would need a Letter of Commitment to begin the process. This letter would carry a requirement for payment of ~\$10,400 to cover a more detailed Trane study and to begin the project.
    - Linc: Mr. McKeska of Anthony Mechanical Services presented a proposal for the installation of a new universal control system for the HVAC systems. Mr. McKeska also suggested that Linc could provide a maintenance program for the HVAC systems that would provide a full responsibility maintenance program where the district would pay Linc to operate and maintain, (including replace as needed), HVAC units. While Mr. McKeska was not prepared to provide the costs for such a program, he estimated this costs would be around ~\$160,000 per year. He stated that Linc could provide additional information to the district by the end of the week.
  6. **DISCUSS / APPROVE BILL LISTING:** Motion to approve the bill listing for April as presented was made by David McWright and seconded by Blake Braswell. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed.
  7. **FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Mr. Siler presented the finances of the district to the Board.
    - The district is about 50% expended through the budget and it appears as if the district is on-track financially for this years' budget. That being said there are a number of issues that are decreasing the

income for the district such as: declining enrollment, delinquent taxes not being collected by the county and increasing maintenance concerns for district facilities.

- Mr. Siler mention and Mr. Arrott clarified the situation with the delinquent taxes. The county has a large amount of back-taxes owed, but the county's law firm that handles these issues has not taken any significant corrective action to resolve this issue. This cost the district considerable revenue last year and was the main reason that BISD finished with a deficit budget.
- In addition to the HVAC issues and track repairs that must be addressed, the district also needs a new lawnmower as the current mower is out. A new mower identical to the current model is \$6,000, but the district is looking into a different commercial model that could be obtained for \$3,000.
- Based on the information given, the district will have in excess of a million dollars in costs over the next few years for the various maintenance concerns, such as HVAC, track and other repairs. The district has the appropriate fund balance according to state guidelines, but does not have the balance to fund all of these repairs without significant planning. Based on this, the board discussed their options on how to handle these increasing costs including using fund balance and a tax rollback election.

8. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:** Donna Poehls presented the principals' reports to the Board.

A. Update on Activities:

i. Elementary campus enrollment: 126 students with an attendance of 96.7%.

- The elementary campus had five children leave the district the last six weeks. In addition, our economically disadvantaged population is going up. There appears to be a transient population that is leaving Bronte due to changes in the economy and lack of work.
- The pre-K roundup is scheduled for Tuesday of next week.
- BISD applied for the governor's pre-K grant program.
- The 'Little Longhorn Rodeo' is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 m.

ii. Secondary campus enrollment: 129 students with an attendance of 96.1%.

- The secondary campus had four children leave the district the last six weeks.
- The girls' golf team is headed to the state competition.
- The district track meet is tomorrow.
- The Ag department is currently in the middle of contest season.
- BISD has two ladies advancing in the high school UIL contests.

9. **DISCUSS / APPROVE SUMMER SCHOOL DATES:** Summer school dates and schedule was presented by Donna Poehls. Motion to approve the summer school dates was made by Nick Arrott and seconded by David McWright. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

10. **DISCUSS / APPROVE 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR:** Mr. Siler presented the calendar options as developed by the staff of BISD. There were two options presented; A and B. After discussions, Kay Styles made a motion that the board adopt option B for the 2016-2017 school calendar, (first day of school for students is 8/22/2016 and the last day is 5/18/2017). Motion seconded by David McWright. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

11. **DISCUSS/ APPROVE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY GRANT:** Mr. Siler presented the grant, which is a program for economically disadvantaged students with extra-curricular activities. BISD would be a site for the grant, but Winters ISD would be the fiscal agent. Five sites are needed for the grant. Shane Kelton made a motion to approve the grant as presented and Kay Style seconded the motion. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

12. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Siler presented the superintendents' report to the Board.

- A. Site-based Retreat: The board reviewed the results of the site-based retreat. The Mission and Vision statements of BISD that resulted from this retreat are,

- i. Mission Statement, "***Bronte ISD will continuously provide increased opportunities for learning. Our school will be an updated facility utilizing 21st century learning and teaching through current and relevant staff development, increased career and technology education opportunities, and enrichment curriculum.***"
- ii. Vision Statement, "***We strive to provide students with skills and knowledge to be competitive and successful in post graduate endeavors.***"

B. Board Training: Mr. Siler was asked in previous meetings to review the board requirements for training. Mr. Siler presented his review findings; the board is required to have 3 hours of 'Team of Eight' training as well as 2 additional hours of training. Mr. Siler is working to get certified to provide this training.

#### 11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- The TASB Region 14 Spring workshop will be held Thursday May 12, 2016 at the Region 14 ESC starting at 5:30 pm. Board members wishing to attend need to inform Mr. Siler before the May 6<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- Next regular meeting will be held May 12, 2016, at 7 pm in the district offices.
- A special meeting will be held April 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

12. **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 9:35 pm.

#### A. Personnel

1. To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
2. Resignations and Recommendations.

The Board reconvened in regular (open) session at 10:46 pm.

#### 13. **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 David McWright, and seconded by Blake Braswell. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed.
- C. Discuss / Renew Term Contracts for Certified Secondary Personnel: Motion to renew the Certified Secondary Personnel contracts as presented was made by Nick Arrott and seconded by Kay Styles. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed.
- D. Discuss / Renew Term Contracts for Certified Elementary Personnel: Motion to renew the Certified Elementary Personnel contracts as presented was made by Ashley Braswell and seconded by David McWright. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed.
- E. Resignations and Recommendations. Rose Whitehurst provided her resignation Mr. Siler today; effective the end of the school year.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to Adjourn was made by Blake Braswell and seconded by Ashley Braswell. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 pm.