

NOVEMBER 12, 2015 BRONTE ISD BOARD MEETING

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on November 12, 2015. Those in attendance were:

- Board Members: Shane Kelton, Nick Arrott, David McWright, John Seales, Blake Braswell, Ashley Braswell, Kay Styles
- Administration: Tim Siler, Donna Poehls, Rose Whitehurst, Susan Henderson
- Guests: Maureen Youngblood, Heather Middleton, Jim and Monica Allen, Nancy Cooper, Jimmy Rodriguez, Gina McCutcheon, Burl Lowery, Mrs. Durande

1. **PRAYER:** The meeting was opened at 7:03 pm with a prayer by David McWright.
2. **ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUOROM:** Quorum was established with seven members present.
3. **READING AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 8th MINUTES:** Minutes were presented and read. Motion to approve as presented made by Blake Braswell. Seconded by David McWright. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed.
4. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL BILL LISTING:** The bills were presented by Mr. Siler and Mrs. Henderson. Motion to approve as presented made by Nick Arrott. Seconded by Blake Braswell. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, (John Seales abstained), Motion passed.
5. **DISCUSS / APPROVE 2014-2015 AUDIT BY BURL LOWERY, CPA:** Mr. Lowery presented the financial audit report for the 2014-2015 school year. According to this report the district expenses were within budget although revenues fell short last year mainly due to lower overall tax revenues. The district did realize a deficit budget but BISD is financially sound according to Mr. Lowery. Motion to approve as presented made by David McWright. Seconded by Ashley Braswell. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed.
6. **AUDIENCE ITEMS:** Mr. Allen spoke for a number of parents about their displeasure and concern pertaining to an incident that happened on October 18th while a picture was being taken on school grounds. A number of students were questioned and some were reprimanded during the investigation into this incident. Mr. Allen expressed serious concerns about the inconsistent actions and responses from school employees during this incident and the follow-up investigation. While the board cannot respond directly to audience items, Mr. Kelton as board president did assure Mr. Allen that this incident would be examined by the board.
7. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**
 - A. **Update on student activities:** Donna Poehls presented the elementary campus principal's report. There are currently 131 students in the elementary school. The attendance rate is currently 97.8%, with the 4th and 5th graders over 99% attendance.

Activities and items in elementary include; new wood chips were purchased and spread over the playground last month, there were 30 veterans in attendance for the veteran's day assembly, and the family Thanksgiving lunch was held today on campus with several parents in attendance.

Rose Whitehurst presented the secondary school report. There are 131 students in secondary school with an attendance rate of 97.0%. Activities include a student council food drive and the football playoff game in Crane this week.
8. **DISCUSS / APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO 2015 / 2016 BRONTE ISD SCHOOL CALENDAR:** With the passing of HB 2610, the school is now required to provide 75,600 minutes of instruction rather than the 180 days of instruction previously required. This will affect the Bronte ISD school calendar since our current calendar meets and greatly exceeds the requirements assuming no bad-weather days are required this winter. The board and Mr. Siler did discuss immediate changes to the calendar including taking the entire week of Thanksgiving off, but no action was taken due to the proximity to Thanksgiving. The board requested that Mr. Siler propose a new calendar aligned with HB 2610 requirements that decreases the days of instruction as appropriate.
9. **DISCUSS / APPROVE CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PLANS:** The campus improvement plans were presented to the board and discussed. Although this document is constantly under revision, there are no significant changes from the previous years' plans. Motion to approve as presented made by David McWright. Seconded by Ashley Braswell. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

10. **DISCUSS / APPROVE ADDING SUSAN HENDERSON TO FNB SIGNATURE CARD:** The board discussed adding Mrs. Henderson to the FNB signature card since she is handling much of the district's finances and must be able to pay bills. Nick Arrott made a motion to approve adding Susan Henderson to the FNB Signature Card. Seconded by John Seales. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed.
11. **DISCUSS / APPROVE BY RESOLUTION TO CAST BALLOT FOR BOARD DIRECTOR FOR THE COKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT:** The district has 559 votes to be dispersed to the CCAD directors. Since it is clear that the total number of votes in the county are greatly skewed to the east side of the county, the board agreed that all the votes should be provided to a single director. Kay Styles made a motion to assign all 559 votes to Mr. Michael Cervenka. Seconded by Nick Arrott. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed.
12. **SET SCHOOL FIRST HEARING:** Mr. Siler suggested the date and time for the School First Hearing to be December 10th at 7 pm, with our regularly scheduled board meeting to follow. Shane Kelton made a motion to set the School First meeting on December 10th at 7 pm as presented. Seconded by Ashley Braswell. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed.
13. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Siler presented the superintendents' report to the Board.
 - A. Finance: Mr. Siler discussed that the district is currently on-budget for the 2015 – 2016 year.
 - B. Update on Marketing Project: Mr. Siler suggested that the board receive presentations from two marketing firms to finalize our goals and set a plan of action. The board suggested that two firms be brought in for the December meeting and be allowed 30 minutes each including discussion time.
14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
 - ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ACCORDING TO SECTION 551.012 THRU 551.146 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE. The Board entered into executive (closed) session at 8:41 pm.
 - A. Personnel
 - RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION FOR ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board reconvened in regular (open) session at 9:49 pm.
15. **ADJOURNMENT:** David McWright made a motion to adjourn and Ashley Braswell seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.