

## BRONTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Y



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Board of Trustees Bronte ISD PO Box 670 Bronte, Texas 76933

To the Board Member Addressed:

I wish to inform you that there will be a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 5:15 pm in the Board Room.

Copies of the Agenda and Minutes from the previous meeting are enclosed along with other items for your consideration.

- 1. Prayer
- 2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum
- 3. Consider and Vote to Approve Candidate to Fill Board Vacancy
- 4. Issue Certificates of Election
- 5. Administer Oath of Office to Newly Elected Board Members
- 6. Reading and Approval of Minutes
- 7. Audience Items
- 8. Pay Bills
- 9. Principal Reports
  - A. Update on Student Activities
  - B. Student Counts
- Superintendent's Report 10.
  - A. Financial Update
- 11. Discuss Second Quarter Facilities and Vehicle Update
- 12. Discuss/Consider 2024-2025 West Texas Food Service Coop Interlocal Agreement
- 13. Discuss/Amend 2023/2024 Budget
- 14. Executive Session

These items require a closed meeting as authorized by Section551.001 through 551.146 of the Texas Government

- A. Discuss Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract
- B. Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, consultation with the District's attorney concerning legal issues related to a bond election
- 15. Consider Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract
- 16. Consideration and approval of a resolution approving an engagement agreement for bond counsel legal services with Walsh Gallegos Treviño Kyle & Robinson, P.C and Cantu Harden Montoya LLP; and other matters

in connection therewith.

WRITTEN NOTICE OF FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BRONTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, RELATING TO THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR BOND COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICES WITH WALSH GALLEGOS TREVIÑO KYLE & ROBINSON, P.C AND CANTU HARDEN MONTOYA LLP; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION BY THE DISTRICT ON FEBRUARY 7, 2024

- 1. The Board of Trustees of the District intends to engage Walsh Gallegos Treviño Kyle & Robinson P.C. and Cantu Harden Montoya LLP and to provide the District with co-bond counsel and co-disclosure counsel legal services pertaining to the District's issuance of public securities on the public or private market, including advising the District on any "official statement" to potential investors pursuant to federal securities laws and issuing a legal opinion as to the foregoing;
- 2. Walsh Gallegos Treviño Kyle & Robinson P.C. and Cantu Harden Montoya LLP have consistently demonstrated its competence, qualifications, and experience as an industry leader in public finance matters through the provision of co-bond counsel and codisclosure counsel legal services, the representation of municipal advisors, issuers, and other parties in United States Securities and Exchange Commission enforcement actions, the publication of disclosure policies and the representation of state agencies and political subdivisions within the State of Texas on public securities related issues and matters;
- 3. Accessing the public or private markets through the issuance of public securities and providing an "official statement" of the District to potential investors is governed by State and federal securities and federal tax laws and requires the advice of legal advisors that specialize in public finance matters that are well versed in public finance legal matters;
- 4. Engaging an attorney in private practice who specializes in public finance matters that is well versed in State and federal securities and federal tax laws pursuant to an hourly fee arrangement would likely result in higher fees to be paid by the District, and such fees incurred would be payable by the District by amounts on deposit in the District's General Fund, whether or not the public securities are actually issued;
- 5. Fees for legal services in public finance matters, including cobond counsel and co-disclosure counsel legal services, have traditionally been paid pursuant to a contingent fee contract, where such fees become payable only upon the successful issuance of the public securities and solely from the proceeds of the public securities;
- 6. Entering into a contract for bond counsel legal services with Walsh Gallegos Treviño Kyle & Robinson P.C. and Cantu Harden Montoya LLP (a firm that specializes in public finance matters and is well versed in State and federal securities and federal tax laws) payment of which is contingent on the District's successful issuance of public securities and payable out of public securities proceeds provides the District a superior level of co-bond counsel and co-disclosure counsel legal

services and fee(s) payable under the contract are reasonable in the public finance market and would likely be less than if such services were conducted pursuant to an hourly rate contract with an attorney specializing in such public finance matters; and For each of the reasons stated above, this selection of co-bond counsel and co-disclosure counsel legal services pursuant to a contingent fee contract is in the best interest of the residents of the District.

- 17. Consideration and approval of an order calling a bond election to be held by the Bronte Independent School District, making provision for the conduct of a joint election, and resolving other matters incident and related to such election
- 18. Consideration and approval of an order calling a board member election to be held by the Bronte Independent School District, making provision for the conduct of a joint election, and resolving other matters incident and related to such election
- 19. Discuss/Consider Interlocal Agreement with City of Bronte to Conduct Early Voting for May 4, 2024 School Board/Bond Election
- 20. Designate Jennifer Burdett as Early Voting Clerk for May 4, 2024 School Board/Bond Election
- 21. Correspondence
- 22. Adjournment

Yours truly,

Tim Siler Superintendent

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the Agenda should be held in closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on 2/2/24 at  $1/2/30 \, \rho m$ .