

## MARCH 10, 2016 BRONTE ISD BOARD MEETING

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on March 10, 2016. Those in attendance were:

- Board Members: Shane Kelton, Nick Arrott, David McWright, Blake Braswell, Ashley Braswell, Kay Styles.
- Administration: Tim Siler, Susan Henderson, Donna Poehls, Rose Whitehurst
- Guests: Maureen Youngblood, Heather Middleton, Melanie Clendennen, and Mike Cothran

1. **PRAYER:** The meeting was opened at 7:04 pm with a prayer by David McWright.
2. **ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUOROM:** Quorum was established with six members present.
3. **READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were presented and read. Motion to approve as presented made by Ashley Braswell. Seconded by Nick Arrott. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Motion passed.
4. **AUDIENCE ITEMS:** No audiences items.
5. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BILL LISTING:** Motion to approve the bill listing for March as presented was made by David McWright and seconded by Blake Braswell. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Item 10 of the agenda was moved forward to allow the presenters to travel home after their presentation.

10. **HVAC Update:** Mr. Siler and the Board have requested experts come and present their study findings of the district's existing HVAC systems to determine a plan to mitigate the equipment failures observed recently.
  - A. TASB – Mrs. Clendennen and Mr. Cothran presented their preliminary report and findings of the HVAC study that TASB/E3 recently conducted on the school's HVAC, lighting and power systems.
    - The district has 63 HVAC units on campus.
    - 42 units (56%) of the HVAC units are 15 years old or older, and an additional 21 units, (28%) are 10 to 14 years old. The normal expected lifespan of a unit is 15 years.
    - The campus is very energy-efficient due to diligence of the staff.
    - E3 suggested that replacement costs for the 42 HVAC units at 15 years or older is in excess of \$500,000 based on budgetary estimates for similar installations. The HVAC replacements would be required in the near-term based on equipment remaining lifespan.
    - An additional \$400,000 was discussed for lighting retrofits and other infrastructure updates to increase energy efficiency of the district.
    - The funding and scheduling of a project such as this was discussed with E3 and TASB should the district consider using them to complete this project.
6. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:** Ms. Poehls presented the principals' reports to the Board.
  - A. Update on Student Activities:
    - Elementary campus enrollment: 131 students with an attendance of 96.7%.
    - Secondary campus enrollment: 133 students with an attendance of 96.0%. We currently have nine seniors that will graduate this year.
    - The band did well in a contest last week and should be commended for their efforts.
    - Track, tennis, and golf are all on-going. Currently, BISD only has a girls' golf team.
    - Spring break will be next week, March 14<sup>th</sup> thru the 18<sup>th</sup>.
    - All but two teachers have been evaluated for the year.
  - B. Discuss/Approve Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS certification: Mrs. Poehls presented this material to the board; it is essentially identical to previous years. Motion to approve as presented made by Nick Arrott and seconded by David McWright. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

7. **FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Mr. Siler presented the finances of the district to the Board.
  - A. Current year: The district is still on-track per the templates run by the administration. The budget keeps getting tighter due to student counts and attendance.
  - B. 2016 / 2017 Budget Expectations: The administration is working to develop the balanced budget for next year now. It was noted that the passage of the Homestead Exemption by the State reduced the district's taxable values by \$3.6 million, i.e. the district will lose revenue based on the reduced taxable value of the district.
8. **UPDATE 104:** The board read and discussed the 104 update items. Item to be added to the next month's agenda for final vote.
9. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Siler presented the superintendents' report to the Board.
  - A. Board Training: Education Service Center conducted the board training last year. The frequency of the board training that is required was questioned. Mr. Siler will investigate board training requirements and report back.
  - B. Site-based Retreat: The board agreed that the site-based retreat should be April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, prior to next month's board meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - C. Track Repair: Carter, (the track vendor in this area), visited the district and made an assessment of the track since the surface has some cracks in it. They suggested that the underlayment of the track is near the end of its service life and that repairs should be made. The vendor provided an estimated cost for these repairs; board members with experience in civil work stated that the estimated cost quoted was extremely high.
11. **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 8:35 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.
  - B. The Board reconvened in regular (open) session at 9:20 pm.
  - C. Mr. Siler informed the board that he has received and accepted the resignations of Mrs. Micah Henson on March 8<sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Donna Poehls on March 10<sup>th</sup>. These resignation are to take effect at the end of the year.
12. **DISCUSS/APPROVE PRINCIPAL'S CONTRACT:** No action was taken on this item.
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Kay Styles made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ashley Braswell seconded. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.