



# BOARD REPORT

## *BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING* January 10, 2022

The Brownwood ISD (BISD) Board of Trustees met for a regular session meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The session was called to order by Board President, Michael Cloy, who also led the invocation. Woodland Heights Elementary students, Weston Eldred, Hank Smith, Lucy Smith, and Avery Mares led The Pledge of Allegiance.

### **STUDENT PERFORMANCE**

Woodland Heights Elementary P.E. Coach, Jacob Stephenson directed students in a Drumfit Presentation. Students that performed included Hank Smith (Pre-K), Kaebri Keese (Kindergarten), Ivey Sutton (Kindergarten), Weston Eldred (1st Grade), Drake Stephenson (1st Grade), Wyatt Stephenson (1st Grade), Lucy Smith (2nd Grade), Avery Mares (2nd Grade), Charlotte Myers (2nd Grade), Charlotte Myers (3rd Grade), Leander Martin (3rd Grade), and Liam Collins (3rd Grade).



### **INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS**

BISD Deputy Superintendent, Liesa Land provided an update regarding House Bill 3 goal tracking in third grade reading and math. Progress is measured through student assessments at the beginning, middle, and end of the year. BISD has met or exceeded goals in many of the measured student groups. Reading results increased from last year, but didn't quite make the goal. Land noted that there is still some catching up to do as a result of COVID, but with 85 BISD staff signed up for the 11-month Reading Academy training, the district is on track to continue improvement.

## RECOGNITIONS

The following groups and individuals were recognized by BISD and were presented with certificates highlighting their achievements.



### **Tim Jacobs – BISD Board of Trustees Member**

BISD Trustee, Tim Jacobs was recognized for his outstanding service and dedication to the Brownwood ISD Board of Trustees. Jacobs has served on the Board since 2009. He has announced his retirement from the Board and is resigning his seat.

### **BISD Board of Trustees – School Board Recognition Month**

January is School Board Recognition Month, and Brownwood ISD joins the Texas Association of School Boards and other districts across the state to honor the countless contributions of these locally elected advocates for Texas schoolchildren and public schools. Students throughout the district created gifts to show their appreciation to the Board and Brownwood Middle School (BMS) Audio/Visual students presented a video they created interviewing each Board member. Pictured below from left to right are BISD Board of Trustees members, Roderick Jones, Sr., Michael Cloy, Diane Thompson, Amary Doremus, Tim Jacobs, and Eric Evans.





### **BISD Spotlight Teachers and Staff:**

The Brownwood ISD Spotlight recognizes members of the BISD faculty and staff who go the extra mile to ensure excellence in education for all our students. Spotlight recipients are chosen from peer nominations. January 2022 honorees were Brownwood Middle School (BMS) Health teacher and coach Corey Martinez, and East Elementary teacher's aide Malinda Mayfield. Pictured with honorees are (top) BISD Trustee Amary Doremus and BMS Counseling Intern Angie Bertrand, and BISD Trustee Eric Evans, (bottom) East Elementary Principal Dee Dee Wright, and East Elementary Campus Administrative Intern, Christi Burks.

### **UIL Awards (Elementary & Middle School)**

Pictured below are elementary and middle school students recognized for placing in their district Academic UIL contest.

#### **SECOND GRADE**

Academic UIL award winners are pictured below with BISD Trustee Diane Thompson.



### THIRD GRADE

Academic UIL award winners are pictured below with BISD Trustee Eric Evans.



### FOURTH GRADE

Academic UIL award winners are pictured below with BISD Trustee Amary Doremus.



**FIFTH GRADE**

Academic UIL award winners are pictured below with BISD Trustee Eric Evans.



**SIXTH GRADE**

Academic UIL Award winners are pictured below with BISD Trustee Amary Doremus.



**BROWNWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Academic UIL Awards winners are pictured below with BISD Trustees Eric Evans (left) and Michael Cloy (right).



## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Young provided the Quarterly Financial Report, the Enrollment/Transfer Report, and the following updates and information:

- Project Neighborhood is moving along with task forces and work on attendance boundaries. A proposal to the Board is scheduled to be made in March. Additional community meetings regarding the progress on Project Neighborhood are scheduled for the following days:
  - Tuesday, February 15, at Northwest Elementary - 5:30 p.m.
  - Tuesday, February 22, at Woodland Heights Elementary - 5:30 p.m.
  - Tuesday, March 1, at BISD Central Support Center - 6:30 p.m.
- COVID Update: Attendance is 87%. There are 63 staff members out with illness or other unrelated issues. BISD will continue to have school as long as there are adequate staff and substitutes to cover classes.
- Enrollment is up to 3450. The number of transfers into the district are 232.
- The first group of staff have completed the Reading Academy and 85 staff are scheduled for the next 11-month Reading Academy training.

## **DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2019-20 FINANCIAL AUDIT**

The annual financial audit has been completed and John Manning from Pattillo, Brown, and Hill Accounting Firm presented the BISD 2020-2021 audit to the school board. BISD received an unmodified opinion from the firm, the highest level of assurance offered. BISD Trustee Eric Evans moved that the audit be approved as presented. BISD Trustee Roderick Jones seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered executive session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss personnel matters including replacement for the Place 7 Board member, and the superintendent contract. The Board exited the executive session at 8:56 p.m. and returned to regular session.

### **Place 7 Board Member Application**

Those interested in the BISD Board of Trustees Place 7 seat may contact the BISD Central Support Center for application information. The deadline to apply is January 28.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT**

Trustee Evans made a motion to extend an employment contract to Dr. Joe Young as Superintendent of Schools from January 11, 2022 to January 11, 2027. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were listed for consideration on the Consent Agenda.

1. Policy Update 118
2. Minutes from December 13, 2021 Board Meeting

Trustee Doremus moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented, with Trustee Thompson seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Reminders were announced for the following upcoming events:

- Martin Luther King Holiday - January 17, 2022
- Next Board Meeting - February 7, 2022
- Project Neighborhood Meetings – February 15, 22 & March 1
- Team of 8 Training - February 12, 2021

*The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.*