



BOARD REPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING November 9, 2020

The Brownwood ISD (BISD) Board of Trustees met for a regular session meeting on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The session was called to order by Board President, Michael Cloy, who then gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS

BISD Deputy Superintendent, Liesa Land, presented the Instructional Focus update. The district continues to see more students coming back to face-to-face instruction. Land noted that there are still 210 remote students and 10 teachers providing remote instruction. This is down from the 672 remote students and 22 remote staff that BISD began with in August and does not include students on quarantine who are only temporarily in remote instruction.

RECOGNITIONS

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



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. November 2020 honorees were East Elementary Pre-K teacher, Kasiti Rice, and BISD Maintenance Department Secretary, Amanda Roesler. Pictured (top) are Ms. Rice along with BISD Trustee, Diane Thompson and East Principal, Dee Dee Wright, and (bottom) Ms. Roesler along with BISD Board President, Michael Cloy, and BISD Athletic Facilities and Grounds Coordinator, Bobby August.

The Brownwood VFW Auxiliary

The Brownwood VFW donated “One Flag, One America (the story of the American Star)” to all elementary school libraries, along with teacher packets. Pictured below are (left to right) BISD Trustee, Eric Evans, Harold Stieber (Chairman of the Americanism Committee of the VFW Auxiliary and President of the Central Texas Veterans Memorial), Stephanie Reed (VP of VFW Auxiliary), Chris Williams (VFW Quartermaster), Dee Dee Wright (East Elem. Principal representing the BISD elementary libraries), and Keith King (former state commander of VFW).



Julie Mize, BMS Art Teacher

Named as the 2021 Brownwood Art Association (BAA) Artist of the Year, BMS Art Teacher Julie Mize, was recognized for her accomplishments. Ms. Mize’s work is being featured at the BAA Art Center Nov. 5-21. Ms. Mize is pictured below along with BISD Trustee Dr. Lisa Fowler and BMS Principal, Sandra Richardson.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Young provided budget and staffing reports and noted upcoming events including the second meeting of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Cabinet. Dr. Young also expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Bridget Jones, Owner and Operator of Chick-fil-A Brownwood, for recognizing 100 heroes within Brownwood ISD with free meals for a year as part of their grand opening promotion.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS



BISD Trustees, Codie Smith (Place Five), Diane Thompson (Place Two), and Eric Evans (Place Four) ran unopposed for the November 3, 2020 election. Michael Cloy, Board President certified their re-election, effective November 9, 2020 per state election law.

Reorganization of the Board (Election of Officers)

At the first meeting after each election and qualification of Board members, the members of the Board organize by selecting a president, who is a member of the Board, a secretary, who may or may not be a member of the Board, and any other officers as the Board may deem necessary. No changes were made to current organization of the BISD Board with Trustee Michael Cloy serving as President, Trustee Roderick Jones serving as Vice President, Trustee Dr. Lisa Fowler serving as Secretary, and Tim Jacobs serving as Parliamentarian.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Technology Report: A technology report was provided to the board that gave an overview of the technology within Brownwood ISD as well as an update on technology projects that are taking place in the district. Dr. Young noted that the Technology Department, led by Mark Stanley, currently provides support for 5002 computing devices. The department continues to offer great service and support for technology throughout the district including rollouts, upgrades, and maintenance on laptops, Promethean boards, printers, document cameras, network related equipment and security technology.

School Safety Report: A list of security measures that have been added on each BISD campus was provided. The list noted technology updates and installations including security cameras, door access controls, new district-wide radios, and the expansion of the Watch D.O.G.S. program, which now includes all elementary campuses. Completed projects also include a new road and point of entry at Northwest Elementary.

Gifted & Talented Report: The Gifted & Talented program provided a report that included the number of students in the program at each grade level and campus, as well as other data, initiatives, and goals for the program. It was noted that the Gifted and Talented Showcase is scheduled for April 26 and 27, 2021, though it has not yet been determined if it will be a virtual or in-person event.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXTENDING CONTRACT WITH DIRECT ENERGY THROUGH TASB ENERGY COOPERATIVE

The current contract with Direct Energy expires June 30, 2024. BISD has met with Direct Energy and TASB representatives and they have offered BISD the opportunity to extend the current contract out an additional 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72 or 84 months at reduced rates. The projected rates provide an estimated savings to the district of \$27,000 to \$279,000. BISD Trustee, Eric Evans, made a motion to accept the extension of the contract with Direct Energy through 2031 as presented. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL 3 GOALS

House Bill 3 requires all school boards to adopt 5-year goals with annual targets in early childhood literacy, math, and college, career, military readiness. BISD Trustee, Codie Smith, made a motion to approve the 5-year early childhood literacy and math goals, along with the college, career, and military readiness goal as presented. Trustee Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Appointment of members to Brown County Appraisal District
2. Targeted Improvement Plan Approvals - East & Northwest Elementary
3. Purchasing Agreement Coop for Region 15 and '791 Coop'
4. Approval of budgeted purchase over \$50,000
5. Budget Amendments
6. Minutes from October 5, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

BISD Trustee, Tim Jacobs moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented, with Trustee Dr. Fowler seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made for upcoming events:

- Thanksgiving Break - Nov. 23-27, 2020
- Next Board Meeting - December 14, 2020

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.