



BOARD REPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING **August 9, 2021**

The Brownwood ISD (BISD) Board of Trustees met for a special session budget meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Board entered the regular session meeting at 6:34 p.m. The session was called to order by BISD Board President Michael Cloy. First United Methodist Church Associate Pastor Joey Wilbourn gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by BISD Board President Michael Cloy.

INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS

Deputy Superintendent Liesa Land provided an update regarding state assessment results for the 2020-2021 school year. Results showed BISD students are above the state averages in most areas indicated by Approaches, Meets, and Masters percentages for state grade level assessments. Land noted the district plans to address the few areas that were slightly below state averages but was very pleased with the overall results considering the potential gaps created by the COVID-19 shutdown and remote learning last year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Project Neighborhood is a planned re-examination of school grade levels. Elementary schools are currently Pre-K through 3rd grade. The Site-Based Decision-Making Committee, which includes teachers, district staff, community leaders and parents, has discussed the benefits to possible other arrangements for grade levels. Additional meetings are scheduled through this school year to continue discussions and collect feedback from the community regarding Project Neighborhood.
- The current Return to School plan has been released addressing the BISD COVID-19 response and plans for the upcoming school year. Vaccines are available for 12 and older through several local pharmacies, and [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). Students and staff should not attend school if they have a fever of 100.0 F or higher or new onset symptoms of illness. Masks will be optional. Masks and hand sanitizer continues to be available throughout the district, and elementary teachers are encouraged to supervise student handwashing for 20 seconds at least two times each day. The complete plan along with the most recent updates is available on the Brownwood ISD website at <https://www.brownwoodisd.org/returnplans>.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

The following reports and program updates were presented for review:

- Athletic Report – Sammy Burnett
- Assessment, District & Campus Improvement Reports – Liesa Land
- Staff & Student Handbooks – Doug Bonsal
- HB 3 Goal Update – Dr. Joe Young
- Quarterly Finance Report – Mitch Moore
- Update on CTE/Vocational Building Naming Process – William Smith, Herb Ragsdale, John Bunn

FIRST READING: TASB-INITIATED POLICY UPDATE 117:

This update included TASB localized policy manual updates including revisions to CH(LOCAL): Purchasing and Acquisition, CV(LOCAL): Facilities Construction, and DEC(LOCAL): Compensation and Benefits - Leaves and Absences. The update was presented as a first reading only, with no action on the item scheduled until next month.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT:

The Student Code of Conduct for the 2021-2022 year was provided. No major changes were reported. This is an annual approval required by the state, and the Texas Association of School Boards provides the updated document each year, ensuring that it complies with all laws on student discipline. Trustee Codie Smith motioned that the Student Code of Conduct be approved as presented, and Trustee Eric Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR PUBLIC NOTICE:

The proposed budget is based on a tax rate of \$0.9369 for Maintenance and Operations and \$0.1385 for Interest and Sinking. This tax rate reflects a decrease of \$0.00361 in Maintenance and Operations and \$0.01 in Interest and Sinking for the 2021-2022 school budget year. Trustee Tim Jacobs motioned that the proposed tax rate for public notice be approved as presented. Trustee Diane Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DESIGNATING AUGUST 26, 2021 AS THE DATE TO APPROVE THE 2021-2022 BUDGET AND TAX RATE:

The date of August 26, 2021 was presented for approval as the date to approve the 2021-2022 BISD budget and tax rate. Trustee Diane Thompson motioned to approve the date as presented, with Trustee Eric Evans seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT POLICY RESOLUTION:

A resolution for the Public Funds Investment Policy was provided for approval with no changes. Trustee Eric Evans motioned that the policy be approved as presented, with Trustee Codie Smith seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Approval of T-TESS Appraiser List
2. Approval of Teacher Appraisal Calendar
3. Approval of District Improvement Plan
4. Approval of Property/Casualty Insurance for 2021-2022
5. Approval of Extension of Janitorial Contract for 2021-2022
6. Approval of Transportation Agreement for 2021-2022
7. Approval of District of Innovation Teacher Certifications
8. Minutes from May 10, 2021

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board moved into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. They returned to open session at 8:12 p.m. No additional action was taken on executive session matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

- BISD Convocation - August 11, 2021
- First Day of School - August 18, 2021
- Special Board Meeting - Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 12:15 p.m.
- Labor Day Holiday - September 6, 2021
- Next Regular Board Meeting - September 13, 2021

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.