



BOARD REPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 14, 2020

The Brownwood ISD (BISD) Board of Trustees met for a regular session meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The session was called to order by Board President, Michael Cloy. BISD Trustee, Tim Jacobs, gave the invocation and Board President, Michael Cloy, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS

Brownwood ISD Superintendent, Dr. Joe Young, noted that face-to-face and remote numbers were holding steady at 82% and 18% respectively. Remote teachers are beginning to work with parents who have plans for their kids to return to face-to-face learning. Dr. Young reported that parent liaisons are splitting time between the elementary and middle school campuses to assist with any attendance issues. Instructional coaches have been added this year and are working to assist remote teachers with Google Classroom, grade level meetings, and provide additional instructional support. Beginning of the year testing and assessments have been administered and district interventionists are processing the data to find any possible gaps that were created due to the unforeseen COVID-19 circumstances this past spring.

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. September 2020 honorees were Northwest Elementary Pre-K Teacher, Shauntel McGlothin, and BISD Director of Nursing, Helen Lacy. Spotlight honorees are pictured with Northwest Elementary Principal, Allison Northcutt (top), Brownwood High School Principal, Lindsay Smith (bottom), and BISD Board President, Michael Cloy.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Young provided an update on the district's COVID-19 response plan, noting that Nurse Helen Lacy continues to do a great job working with the health department on contact tracing and identifying any possible close contacts. Data from each case is being collected and analyzed to help the district make the best decisions regarding how close contacts are determined and how to safely narrow down who is sent home when a positive case is confirmed.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Enrollment/Transfer Report: Dr. Young reported that enrollment numbers are down, primarily at the pre-k, kindergarten, and elementary levels. Enrollment in grades 7-12 is up from 2019. Though some drop in enrollment was expected due to COVID-19, Dr. Young cautioned that it does affect the amount of money the district has to work with. Transfers in from other districts are up. Dr. Young noted that our expanding programs, certification options, and the various choices that we offer at the secondary level are likely contributing to those additions.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Authorization for Superintendent to Submit Asynchronous Plan to TEA
2. Fundraisers
3. Examinations for Credit Dates
4. Policy Update 115
5. Brown County Extension Agents as Adjunct Faculty
6. August 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes
7. August 10, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes
8. August 27, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made for upcoming events:

- TASA/TASB Convention - Online - Oct. 2-4, 2020
- Staff Development Day - October 9, 2020
- Fall Break - October 12, 2020
- Pink-Out Day - October 23, 2020
- Next Board Meeting - October 5, 2020

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.