



BOARD REPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 16, 2020

The Brownwood ISD (BISD) Board of Trustees met for a regular session meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The session was called to order by Board President, Michael Cloy. Ken Golgrove, Pastor of Brownwood Evangelism Center, gave the invocation.

INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS

BISD Deputy Superintendent, Liesa Land, reported on BISD's COVID-19 Response Plan. She noted that BISD has a continued goal to provide education and food services to students. Administrators and staff are working through the week to make plans as teachers work to find alternate methods for instruction. A central hub for updates has been created (<https://www.brownwoodisd.org/covid19>). Updates to the BISD COVID-19 Response Plan will be posted each day on that page as they become available. Before returning to campuses, all BISD students and staff should complete the travel form found online at <https://www.brownwoodisd.org/springtravelform>. This form allows BISD to provide individualized health information to those who traveled to particular areas. Beginning Tuesday, March 17th, Brownwood ISD will be offering FREE drive-through and pick-up meals for breakfast and lunch for kids up to 18 years old, regardless of where they go to school. Land noted that there are still a lot of unknowns moving forward, including the date when kids come back, and how that will look in regards to instruction. Planning is ongoing and BISD staff are working together on solutions.

RECOGNITIONS



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. March 2020 honorees were BHS Chemistry teacher, Kerri Castaneda, and Woodland Heights Elementary Counselor, Kimber Bennett. Spotlight honorees are pictured with BISD Board President Michael

Cloy, Woodland Heights Elementary Principal Jeanette Lancaster, BHS Principal Lindsay Smith, and BISD Superintendent Dr. Joe Young.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BISD Superintendent, Dr. Joe Young provided a staffing report containing the latest retirements, resignations, and new hires within the district. Information regarding budget, personnel, and details regarding upcoming board training and team building opportunities were provided. Dr. Young noted additional updates regarding the current COVID-19 situation and how it is affecting the education system in Texas. Governor Greg Abbott has dismissed STAAR testing for this year. Daily phone calls with Texas Education Commissioner, Mike Morath have been ongoing with a Regional phone call every calendar day. Brown County superintendents are in constant contact, and many resources are coming together across Texas to help kids. Brownwood City Hall, Brown County Health Department – all agencies (sheriff, fire, health) have talked about the Brown County response. Each entity is taking it very seriously, and from the state down to the county and city level, everyone is working together to get the community through it. “In the end, we will not know if we overreacted, but we will definitely be able to tell if we underreacted,” stated Dr. Young, referring to a quote that had been circulating. “We are taking measures. If things don’t blow up and we don’t have a huge issue, that’s what we want. It’s not a sign that we overreacted. Maybe what we did, worked. A lot of people have come together and put things aside to help people in our county.”

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

BISD Community Relations Report: Dr. Young presented a summary of the communications-related data provided by BISD Community Relations Coordinator, Charles Musgrove. The report also included a summary of website and social media statistics which indicate continued growth in all social media platforms. Public relations highlights included increasing communications through press releases, teacher spotlights, utilization of BHS Audio/Visual and Photography programs, and the addition of a Communications Intern from Howard Payne University.

BISD Technology Report: Dr. Young presented information regarding recent technology projects within the district provided by BISD Director of Technology, Mark Stanley. The BISD Technology Department oversees 3742 devices, as well as over 800 other devices for which they provide technical support. Noted projects included cameras replaced at Coggin Intermediate School and a Cybersecurity Assessment and Evaluation to ensure protection from hacking and provide training for teachers on phishing scams, viruses, and other potential online threats. Dr. Young praised the Technology Department, noting their continued positive reviews among staff and their ability to keep district technology running smoothly.

ELECTION FOR EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REGION 15 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Education Service Center Region 15 Board of Directors has openings in two positions. These are three-year terms with the next cycle beginning on June 1, 2020. Board members were given the opportunity to vote for one candidate in each position.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO NOMINATE SUPERINTENDENT DR. JOE YOUNG FOR THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Since 1984, the Superintendent of the Year (SOTY) award program has honored outstanding administrators for achievement and excellence in public school administration. These school leaders exhibit exemplary and visionary leadership toward improving student performance. They are chosen for their strong leadership skills, dedication to improving the quality of education in their districts, and commitment to public support and achievement in education. Trustee, Tim Jacobs made a motion to approve a resolution nominating Dr. Joe Young for the Texas Association of School Boards Superintendent of the Year award. Trustee Evans seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. School Nutrition Contract Renewal
2. Consider approval for the use of Safety and Security Grant funds for the purchase of security radio system
3. Resolution Amending Authorized Texpool Representatives
4. Instructional Materials Allotment Annual Certification
5. February 10, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
6. February 21, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

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

EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING

CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO PAY EMPLOYEES DURING EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE

The board entered an emergency called meeting at 7:00 p.m. to consider possible action regarding a resolution to pay hourly employees during emergency school closure . Trustee Evans moved to approve the resolution as presented, with Trustee Codie Smith seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The emergency meeting concluded at 7:08 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board moved into executive session at 7:13 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. They returned to open session at 7:51 p.m. No additional action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Board Meeting - April 13, 2020
- Staff Development/Student Holiday - May 1, 2020
- 2020 Summer Leadership Institute - San Antonio, June 17-20, 2020

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.