



BOARD REPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 13, 2020

The Brownwood ISD (BISD) Board of Trustees met for a regular session meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The session was called to order by Board President, Michael Cloy. Rick Cavitt, Student Pastor at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Brownwood ISD Head Start Pre-K students Alexandria Sandoval, Aubree Mallone, Christian Hernandez, and June Keel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pre-K Head Start students performed “Rise & Shine” and “The Alphabet Song” under the direction of Head Start teacher, Misty Yoder.

INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS

BISD Elementary Curriculum Coordinator, Jenny Swanzy, presented a brief summary of the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assessment for K-6th grade. This is the second year that the district has used the assessment that helps provide early indicators for students that may need additional help with reading. The data continues to show that early intervention is the best and most effective way to prevent reading difficulties in children. Student intervention teams utilize DIBELS results to design plans for students who need additional help based on the data. One example from the assessment results showed that this year’s first graders started the year around 20% higher in their scores than last year’s first graders. Swanzy noted that if the trend continued, it would be beneficial for our students.

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. January 2020 honorees were Brownwood Middle School (BMS) teacher, Ren Yantis, and BISD Maintenance staff member, Cody Brightman. Spotlight honorees are pictured with BISD Trustee, Diane Thompson.

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. Pictured below are BISD Board of Trustees members, Michael Cloy, Tim Jacobs, Eric Evans, Diane Thompson, Roderick Jones, Sr., Dr. Lisa Fowler, and Codie Smith holding gifts made by students to show their appreciation.



Blanca Martinez, BHS Counselor

BHS Counselor, Blanca Martinez was recognized for being featured in *Texas OnCourse College and Career Strategist*, a monthly online publication aimed at helping counselors and administrators throughout public schools in the state of Texas. Ms. Martinez is pictured below with BISD Trustee, Diane Thompson.



BMS UIL One-Act Play – 1st Place in District Competition

BMS students that participated in One-Act Play were recognized for earning 1st Place in District competition. Pictured below are BMS One-Act Play students along with director, Brittany Martin and BISD Trustee, Eric Evans.



BHS International Thespian Society Troupe #429

Members of the BHS International Thespian Society competed at the state level and 17 qualified to attend the National Competition in June. Pictured below are members of the BHS International Thespian Society along with BISD Trustee, Eric Evans, BHS Theatre Director, Shannon Lee, and Assistant Director, Brittany Martin.



Academic UIL – 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade

Pictured below are BISD second-grade and third-grade students that placed in their Academic UIL events along with BISD Trustee, Dr. Lisa Fowler, Woodland Heights Assistant Principal, Kristi Owen, and Dyslexia Intervention Therapist, Lauren Mays.



Academic UIL – 4th and 5th Grade

Pictured below are BISD fourth-grade and fifth-grade students that placed in their Academic UIL events along with BISD Trustee, Dr. Lisa Fowler, and Elementary UIL Coordinator, Theresa Mosqueda.



EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The Board exited the executive session at 8:18 p.m. and returned to regular session at 8:22 p.m.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2018-19 FINANCIAL AUDIT

The annual financial audit has been completed and Kevin Randolph from Eide Bailey Accounting Firm, presented a clean audit for the 2018-19 school year. BISD Trustee, Roderick Jones moved that the audit be approved as presented. BISD Trustee Dr. Lisa Fowler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Enrollment/Transfer Report: Dr. Young presented the enrollment and transfer report. Out of district transfers has stayed consistent with 231 students for both August 2019 and December 2019. Current active enrollment is 3557 students.

Emergency Operations Plan Update: Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Hector Martinez provided an overview of the recently compiled Multi-Hazard Emergency Operation Plan. Vick Orlando, BISD Director of Student Services, worked with local law enforcement, emergency responders, and district personnel to create a comprehensive emergency response guide that has been distributed around the district. The plan provides a step-by-step outline to follow for various emergency scenarios and will help to keep responses consistent throughout the district.

Mr. Orlando presented information regarding StayALERT, a new incident reporting system that has been implemented district-wide. StayALERT is available 24 hours a day and reports can be made anytime by phone, text, email or online. Posters and other materials have been distributed to campuses to make the system easily recognized and accessible. A button for reporting has been added to the district and campus websites along with a link to the FAQ.

Quarterly Financial Report: Quarterly financials were presented and included the Quarterly Investment Summary and the November 2019 Tax Assessor Collector's Report.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT:

BISD Trustee Roderick Jones made a motion to extend an employment contract to Dr. Joe Young as Superintendent of Schools from January 14, 2020 to January 13, 2025. Trustee Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of BHS Soccer Fundraiser
2. Minutes from December 9, 2019 Board Meeting

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Young noted the following upcoming events:

- School Holiday - MLK Day - January 20, 2020
- Next Regular Meeting - February 10, 2020
- Team of 8 Training - February 21, 2020

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.