



# BOARD REPORT

## *BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING*

**February 10, 2020**

The Brownwood ISD (BISD) Board of Trustees met for a regular session meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. The session was called to order by Board President Michael Cloy. Austin Avenue Church of Christ Youth Pastor, Logan Webster, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Coggin Intermediate School (CIS) students, Kynlie Lewis, Maddi Scott, and Kailee Bessent. Following the pledge, the CIS 6th Grade Choir performed a selection of music under the direction of their music teacher, Mrs. Kayla Torres.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS**

BISD Elementary Curriculum Coordinator, Jenny Swanzy, presented an update regarding new elementary department leaders (K-6th), their role and focus on curriculum-based assessments (CBAs). The process of utilizing the CBA data has been refined to be more meaningful and useful to teachers. Elementary department leaders for Reading and Math have met with teachers and principals to create checkpoints that make it easier for teachers to track how a student is lining up with state standards. In addition to the Reading, Writing, and Math CBA checkpoints, the department leaders have created an Elementary Assessment Calendar to help teachers with pacing their instruction, and to keep principals and administrators aware of the timelines. Swanzy noted that department leaders have already been able to spot where students are doing well, and have identified areas that still need improvement.

### **RECOGNITIONS**

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



#### **BISD Spotlight Teachers and Staff:**

The BISD Spotlight recognizes members of the faculty and staff who go the extra mile to ensure excellence in education for all our students. Spotlight recipients are chosen from peer nominations. February 2020 honorees were Coggin Intermediate School (CIS) teacher, Kaylee Klein, and Transportation Director, Maria Lara. Spotlight honorees are pictured with CIS Principal, Stacy Loftin, and BISD Trustee, Tim Jacobs.

### **Telise Murray – Brownwood High School Calculus and OnRamps Teacher**

Ms. Murray was selected as a Teacher Mindset Teacher Fellow in the University of Texas OnRamps program. The OnRamps program provides dual enrollment opportunities for BISD students. Ms. Murray is pictured below, along with Brownwood High School (BHS) Principal, Mitch Moore, and BISD Trustee, Eric Evans.



### **2019 Brownwood Lions Varsity Football Honors**

Pictured below are the 2019 Brownwood Lions varsity football team players who earned individual football accolades as well as team achievements that included a 2019 Area Championship, Big Country Large School Team of the Year, and Dave Campbell's Texas Football Team of the Week for Week 13. The players are pictured along with BISD Trustee, Dr. Lisa Fowler, and BISD Athletic Director, Sammy Burnett.



### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board moved into executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. They returned to open session at 8:15 p.m. Trustee Evans moved that administrator contracts be approved as recommended, with Trustee Jones offering the second. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

BISD Superintendent, Dr. Joe Young, congratulated BISD Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Hector Martinez, who was named the lone finalist for the position of Superintendent in Brady ISD.

Information provided to the Board included the agenda for an Advocacy Training recently attended by Board members Michael Cloy and Eric Evans, budget reports, and the East Elementary Turnaround Plan feedback for review.

## **DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**Budget Calendar:** A calendar was provided that contained target dates for regular budget activities and processes through September 2020.

**School Nutrition Report:** Southwest Food Excellence representative, Hunter Aaron, presented a report regarding the status of the School Nutrition Department and ongoing initiatives. Aaron stated that Tim Wilson, who has taken over as the BISD School Nutrition Director, has done a great job. Improvements at Brownwood Middle School (BMS) that include new outdoor seating has helped increase breakfast and lunch numbers there. The Healthy Helpers program continues to be successful, as well as the "Donuts with Dad" W.A.T.C.H. Dogs events that have expanded to include all elementary schools. Aaron noted that they continue to serve between 190-200 adult free meals a day for BISD staff, with continued positive feedback.

**Pre-K, Kindergarten, & Head Start Roundup:** Dates and times for upcoming Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Head Start pre-registration events were provided. A flyer with the information has been prepared and will be released to the community.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON TEXAS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT (TAPR):**

BISD Trustee Evans made a motion to enter a public hearing for the TAPR. Trustee Jacobs seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The board entered the public hearing at 8:24 p.m.

The TAPR pulls together a wide range of information on the performance of students in each school and district in Texas every year. Dr. Young highlighted a portion of the report that included student grade point averages after their first year in public colleges and universities. Dr. Young noted that Brownwood ISD graduates show a higher average than other districts in the area, and it shows that BISD students are graduating better prepared for college.

The public hearing ended at 8:30 p.m.

## **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The District's Site-Based Decision Making Committee met, as well as solicited input from their campuses in order to develop two school calendar possibilities for the 2020-2021 school year. The BISD staff was also polled for their preference of calendar. The two options, Calendar A and Calendar B, were provided to the Board for review. A recommendation was made to approve Calendar B, due to results that indicated a large majority of those polled favored it over Calendar A. On Calendar B, staff development for teachers begins on Monday, August 10, with 5 staff development days built into the calendar and 172 student days. BISD Trustee Jacobs made a motion to approve Calendar B, as presented. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EAST ELEMENTARY TURNAROUND PLAN**

East Elementary School has developed a turnaround plan to show gaps, root cause, goals, strategies, and activities. The East Elementary plan aims to improve foundational practices at the campus and improve student achievement. The final plan, including public feedback, was provided to the Board for review. BISD Trustee Evans made a motion to approve the East Elementary Turnaround Plan as presented. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Consider Approval of BMS Fundraiser
2. Minutes from January 13, 2020 Board Meeting

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following announcements were made for upcoming events:

- Staff Development Day - February 14, 2020
- President's Day Holiday - February 17, 2020
- Team of 8/EISO Training - February 21, 2020
- Early Release - March 6, 2020
- Bluebonnet Relays - March 7, 2020
- Spring Break - March 9-13, 2020
- Next Board Meeting - March 16, 2020

*The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.*