



BOARD REPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 14, 2017

Trustees in attendance: Michael Cloy, Eric Evans, Lisa Fowler, Tim Jacobs, Brad Jetton, Roderick Jones and Diane Thompson

Trustees absent: None

The Brownwood ISD (BISD) Board of Trustees met for a regular session meeting on Monday, August 14, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. BISD Board President Michael Cloy called the meeting to order. Father Mobley from St. John's Episcopal Church gave the invocation. Mr. Cloy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Young will speak at the August Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon, in which he will highlight hiring updates, academic changes and district news;
- Quarterly Financial Report was given, indicating that the district is financially on track for the year;
- Preliminary Budget Update for the 2017-2018 school year was presented, indicating a balanced budget has been developed and will be carried through the finalization phase planned for later in the month;
- Staff Handbook Report was made, indicating that minimal changes were made, inclusive of legislative definitions and updates.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Assessment, District, and Campus Improvement Plan – Dr. Young presented information including the expansion of the Gifted and Talented program and other academic curriculum changes, staff additions, district communication tools, and the 2017 TEA Accountability Ratings. The Brownwood ISD received “met standard” ratings in all areas of accountability as measured by TEA for 2017. The report describing these ratings will be made public on the TEA website on Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

Quarterly Financial Report – The quarterly financials were presented, indicating that the BISD budget is on track, per the 2016-2017 budget.

Preliminary Budget Report – A report detailing the progress of the 2017-2018 budget was given. The proposed 2017-2018 budget has been developed and is balanced. The budget will be reviewed and adjusted accordingly, per the scheduled workshop and public meeting scheduled for later in the month.

Staff Handbook: Dr. Young presented the BISD Staff Handbook for 2017-2018, which includes updated language and definitions as directed by legislation. The handbook is accessible on the BISD website.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Dr. Young presented a detailed plan outlining steps to be taken for improving academic performance throughout the district, including focus on data-drive instruction, formative assessments and grade level meetings regarding curriculum and instruction. Tim Jacobs made the motion to approve the plan as presented, with Eric Evans seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT: Dr. Young presented the updated Student Code of Conduct for consideration. Several changes to the Code as mandated from the 2017 State Legislature were highlighted, including SB 179 (David’s Law) regarding cyber bullying and the revised regulations limiting out-of-school suspension for grades 2 and below except those permitted by law. Eric Evans made the motion to approve the updated Code of Conduct, and Lisa Fowler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR PUBLIC NOTICE: Dr. Young presented the proposed tax rate of \$1.2151 for approval for public notice, representing \$1.04 for Maintenance and Operations, and \$0.1751 for Interest and Sinking Fund. This rate is the same rate as the 2016-2017 rate. Tim Jacobs moved that the rate be approved as presented, with Roderick Jones seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF DESIGNATING AUGUST 28, 2017, AS THE DATE TO APPROVE THE 2017-2018 BUDGET AND TAX RATE: Dr. Young presented the proposed date of August 28, 2017, as the date to approve the 2017-2018 budget and official tax rate for the school year. Eric Evans moved that the date be approved, with Diane Thompson offering the second. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT POLICY RESOLUTION: Dr. Young presented the current Public Funds Investment Policy to the board for approval. The policy presented is

the same as the policy currently in place, with no proposed changes. Tim Jacobs moved that the Public Funds Investment Policy be approved as presented, and Brad Jetton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF DNA (LOCAL): Dr. Young presented to the Board the DNA (Local) language which governs the requirement of annual evaluations of teachers through the T-TESS system. Details of the schedule of evaluations, originally presented to the Board in June of this year, were reviewed. Eric Evans moved that the DNA (Local) policy be approved as presented, with Diane Thompson offering the second. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF TASB-INITIATED POLICY UPDATE 108: Dr. Young presented TASB Policy Update 108 to the Board in the June meeting. These updates were reviewed for second reading. Upon no further discussion of these updates, Tim Jacobs moved they be approved as presented. Roderick Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF DISTRICT OF INNOVATION TEACHER CERTIFICATION: Dr. Young reviewed the District of Innovation guidelines approved by the Board in May of 2017. Under the District of Innovation plan in place, BISD has the flexibility to locally certify personnel to teach in specialized trades and vocational areas. Dr. Young presented three teachers for approval, noting that specific job posting and hiring processes as outlined in the District of Innovation plan had been followed. Brad Jetton moved that the three teachers recommended for hire be approved. Roderick Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE FOR 2017-2018: Dr. Martinez presented four competitive bids for BISD Property/Casualty Insurance for the coming year, noting that the current carrier of the district's policies is going out of business. After discussing the merits of the competitive bids, Dr. Martinez recommended the acceptance of a \$194,029 bid from Public Educators Association of Texas (PEAT). Roderick Jones moved that the bid be approved as recommended, with Tim Jacobs seconding the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Dr. Young presented the following items for approval through the consent agenda:

- TEA General Waivers for shortened days and exam days to count for approved instruction time;
- T-TESS Appraisal List for approved teacher evaluators;
- Teacher Appraisal Calendar for regular yearly evaluations;
- Contract extension for All Aboard Transportation for one year under the same rate as the current contract;

- Minutes from the June 12, 2017 Board Meeting.

Eric Evans moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with Roderick Jones seconding the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

At 7:14 pm, the Board of Trustees convened into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

At 7:35 pm, the Board of Trustees re-convened into Regular Session, taking no action from Executive Session.

The following announcements were presented to the Board:

- Chamber of Commerce Luncheon – Friday, August 18, 2017
- Budget Workshop – Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:30 pm
- First Day of School – Wednesday, August 23, 2017
- Special Board Meeting – Monday, August 28, 2017 at 12:15 pm
- Meet the Lions – Monday, August 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm
- District Closed for Labor Day Holiday – Monday, September 4, 2017
- Next Regular Meeting – September 11, 2017
- 2nd Annual Lion's Pride Gala – Saturday, October 14, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.