



# BOARD REPORT

*BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING*  
**October 10, 2016**

The Brownwood ISD (BISD) Board of Trustees met for a regular session meeting on Monday, October 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The regular session was called to order by BISD Board President Michael Cloy. Father Francis Njoku from St. Mary's Catholic Church gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Coggin Elementary student, Aiden Pena.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

The following groups and individuals were recognized by BISD and presented with Certificates of Excellence for their achievements:

### **COLE FOWLER**

Brownwood High School (BHS) senior, Cole Fowler, was recognized for excellence in completing a summer Geophysics internship at the University of Texas.



*Above: (left to right) BISD Board President, Michael Cloy; Cole Fowler; BISD Board Secretary, Dr. Lisa Fowler*

### **ANN TEW & ANNALYN DEEN**

BHS Health Science teachers, Ann Tew and Annalyn Deen were recognized for above and beyond service to the BHS Health Science classes and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). A letter of thanks written by Kristi Sharpe highlighted the teachers' achievements with regard to her daughter, Emma, who now attends Texas A&M University.



*Above: (left to right) Brownwood Middle School (BMS) teacher, Kristi Sharpe; BHS Health Science teachers, Ann Tew and Annalyn Deen; BISD Board Member, Bradley Jetton*

### **KATE GREEN**

Woodland Heights Elementary student, Kate Green, was recognized for her dedication to ensuring a 'Buddy Bench' is available for all students at her school.



*Above: (left to right) BISD Board Member, Bradley Jetton; Kate Green; Woodland Heights Elementary Principal, Jenny Swanzy*

## ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

Teachers from Northwest Elementary and East Elementary who completed the Literacy or Mathematics Academy were recognized for their achievement.



**Above:** (left to right) BISD Board President, Michael Cloy; Lori Haynes (Literacy); Mandy Gillispie (Mathematics); East Elementary Principal, Nanda Wilbourn; Natasha Brown (Literacy); Kathryn Makuta (Literacy); Brenda Fisseler (Mathematics); Erin Pennington (Mathematics) **Not Pictured:** Jennifer Bowden (Literacy), Stephanie Brownlee (Literacy); Denise Castillo (Literacy); Chelsea Garcia (Literacy); Kisha Hope (Mathematics)



**Above:** (left to right) BISD Board President, Michael Cloy; Brec Moss (Mathematics); Leslie Kirwan (Mathematics); Northwest Elementary Principal, Christine Young; Laura Atchley (Literacy); Jannell Johnson (Literacy); Melissa Crow (Mathematics); Brandi Easterwood (Mathematics); Angela Fabbiani (Mathematics); Pamela Holmes (Mathematics) **Not Pictured:** Sara Bernal (Literacy); Leslie Limmer (Literacy); Kensey Martinez (Literacy); Kalla Jones (Literacy); Julie Keese (Mathematics); Tori Moore (Mathematics); Leslie Seaton (Mathematics)

## **BISD PRINCIPALS AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS**

October 2016 is Principals Month as proclaimed by Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas. Principals and Assistant Principals within the district were recognized for their dedicated leadership in public education and their continuing service to the children of this community.



*Above: (left to right) BISD Board President, Michael Cloy; BHS Assistant Principal, Lindsay Smith; BMS Assistant Principal, Sandra Richardson; BHS Assistant Principal, Andy Gill; Brownwood Accelerated High School Principal, David McCullough; BMS Principal, Richard Sweaney; Brownwood Intermediate School (BIS) Assistant Principal, Bryan Allen; BIS Principal, Charles Chesser; Coggin Elementary Principal, Todd Lewis; Woodland Heights Elementary Principal, Jenny Swanzy; Northwest Elementary Principal, Christine Young; Northwest Elementary Assistant Principal, Allison Northcutt; East Elementary Principal, Nanda Wilbourn; BHS Principal, Mitch Moore*

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- The monthly Staffing Report and Budget Update were presented to the board. Mr. Ben Runyan was in attendance to meet the board as the new Brownwood ISD Special Education Director, beginning January 2017. Financial reports regarding Infant/Toddler Head Start have been added to the monthly budget updates.
- Update 106 was discussed at the last board meeting but is not an action item due to expected revisions to be issued by the Commissioner of Education.
- Board members were provided a report noting their individual continuing education hours.

## **DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

**DISCUSSION:** BISD Nursing Director, Helen Lacy, delivered a Nursing and Wellness report. She reported that all open positions have been filled and, after assessing the medical needs of students on each campus, the nursing staff has been scheduled to maximize coverage.

**DISCUSSION:** BISD Assistant Superintendent, Kevin Gabaree provided the board with the Quarterly Investment Report. The Quarterly Reports consist of Comparisons of Revenue and Expenditures to Budget, Investment Summary, and Tax Assessor-Collector's Report. Gabaree reported healthy investment numbers along with a positive report from the appraisal district.

**ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Young provided the board an updated timeline and information relating to BISD becoming a District of Innovation (DOI) should the board approve to continue the process. BISD Deputy Superintendent, Liesa Land, provided feedback gathered from each campus relating to options that might be considered. Land noted that options that BISD would be considering as a DOI would be positive, to help solve existing problems, and to help teachers, *not* to make anything harder. One “innovation” discussed at the elementary campuses was an option to make the first week of school a short week starting on a Wednesday. BHS Principal, Mitch Moore, gave an example of offering specialized classes like photography or criminal justice that would utilize local skilled professionals as instructors.

Dr. Young noted that we would *not* be utilizing DOI status to solve problems we don’t have, such as class size ratio or adjusting certification requirements for core teachers. Only the specific “innovations” included in the final plan and approved through the very lengthy process would be available to the district to implement. Nothing can be added without beginning the whole process again, however the district would have the option to discontinue an ineffective innovation at any time.

The board considered adopting a resolution initiating the process under Education Code Chapter 12A to become a DOI. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Tim Jacobs and seconded by Eric Evans. The motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEM:** Following the approval of the DOI resolution, the board considered entering a Public Hearing to allow the public to learn more about the designation and provide any feedback. A motion to adjourn out of the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing was made by Eric Evans and seconded by Bradley Jetton. The motion passed unanimously and the board entered the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. After offering a time for public comments or feedback, Board President, Michael Cloy, adjourned the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. and the board re-entered the regular meeting.

**ACTION ITEM:** Following the approval of the DOI resolution and the public hearing, the board considered appointing members of the community and school district to serve on the Local Innovation Committee. This committee is appointed to prepare a Local Innovation Plan to address the needs of the district. This plan, if approved by the Site-Based Decision Making Committee, will be presented to the Board for final approval. A motion was made by Tim Jacobs to designate the members of BISD’s district-level Site-Based Decision Making Committee as the Local Innovation Committee. The motion was seconded by Diane Thompson and passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Items on the Consent Agenda were approved unanimously as presented, with a motion by Eric Evans and a second by Dr. Lisa Fowler.

The items on the agenda included the following:

- Resolution for Brown County 4-H Adjunct Faculty Members
- Minutes of September 12, 2016 Board Meeting

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board moved into executive session at 7:27 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:58 p.m. No additional discussion or action was needed on Executive Session Items.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Site-Based Decision Making Committee meeting - October 20, 2016, 4:00 p.m.
- Region 15 Superintendent Conference - Oct. 24-26, 2016
- Next Regular Meeting - November 14, 2016

*The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.*