



BOARD REPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING November 14, 2016

The Brownwood ISD (BISD) Board of Trustees met for a special-called joint session with the Brownwood City Council on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The session was called to order by BISD Board President Michael Cloy. Austin Avenue Church of Christ Youth Minister, Sean Fitzgerald gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 7th Grade student, Zachary Ellis, and 8th grade student, Carlee Richardson.

RECOGNITIONS

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

BHS MIGHTY MAROON LION MARCHING BAND

The band was recognized for their Division I rating at the recent UIL Region 7 Marching Band Contest at Early High School on Saturday, October 22nd.



Above: (left to right) BISD Board President, Michael Cloy; BHS Drum Majors, Devyn Ross and Colette Smith; BHS Band Director, David Lambert; Assistant Band Director, Lesley Lambert; BMS Band Director, Jake Shelton

KOHLER

Kohler Sr. Human Resource Generalist, Mitzi Dahlberg accepted a recognition certificate presented to Kohler for their support of BISD AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), and character development programs.



Above: BISD Board President, Michael Cloy; Kohler SR. Human Resource Generalist, Mitzi Dahlberg

JOINT MEETING WITH BROWNWOOD CITY COUNCIL



Above: (left to right) BISD Board Member, Brad Jetton; BISD Board Member, Tim Jacobs; BISD Board Vice President, Roderick B. Jones, Sr.; BISD Board Member, Diane Thompson; BISD Board Secretary, Dr. Lisa Fowler; BISD Board President, Michael Cloy; Brownwood Mayor, Stephen E. Haynes; BISD Board Member, Eric Evans; Brownwood City Council Member, Larry Mathis; Brownwood City Council Member, Jerry DeHay; Brownwood City Council Member, H.D. Jones

DISCUSSION

During the joint meeting between the Brownwood City Council and the Brownwood ISD Board of Trustees, both entities gave presentations providing information on areas where conversations and input could be mutually beneficial to ongoing programs and future projects.

Brownwood ISD

- BISS Assistant Superintendent Kevin Gabaree provided a financial report regarding the current state of the district's finances. Mayor Haynes inquired about our current tax rate and if any changes were expected. Brownwood ISD reported that a healthy and balanced budget has allowed the district to keep the tax rate the same and that was expected to continue.
- Dr. Hector Martinez, BISS Executive Director of Human Resources & Operations, presented a report on enrollment. Comparing figures from 2013 to present, Dr. Martinez noted that total enrollment continues to trend upwards. Dr. Martinez also provided information on retirements and upcoming positions being filled, including a Special Education Director, Assistant Principal, Administrative Intern, and an Executive Director of the Brownwood Education Foundation and Community Relations – a dual-role position to be funded by both the foundation and the district.
- BISS Deputy Superintendent Liesa Land presented information regarding progress on district and campus improvement plans that address needs and areas to improve within the district. Among the noted changes and improvements were the addition of two certified dyslexia teachers, a new GT Coordinator, grade-level professional development for reading and math, summer professional development availability, Write for Texas training, grade-level teacher meetings, additional curriculum training, technology enhancements and upgrades, hiring of Response to Intervention (RtI) Specialists, and the addition of the Aspiring Administrators Academy, headed up by Dr. Martinez.



Brownwood City Council

- Mayor Haynes presented a map of street work from 2014 to present and asked if there was anything the city could do regarding traffic flow at and around schools. BISS Superintendent Dr. Joe Young noted that the beginning of the school year is always a challenge as parents adapt to new traffic procedures, but that BISS has plans to better communicate those procedures in the Back to School Guide and on the website. Mayor Haynes suggested having additional police officers in those locations to help guide traffic may also help to alleviate the congestion.

- A recap of recent improvement to city parks and recreation facilities was presented by Mayor Haynes. This included the new walking trail connecting BMS to Gordon Wood Stadium and the new skate park constructed across from East Elementary.
- Mayor Haynes discussed the possible addition of splash pads at parks near elementary schools and asked for any input regarding them being a benefit or distraction to school students, teachers and staff. The topic will be forwarded on to the campuses for further discussion and any input will be delivered to the city council.
- A report on recent housing developments and plans was provided. Noted projects included: Indian Creed Townhouse Development (122 rental units), Waterstone (17 condos, 11 single family homes), and multiple single family housing projects currently in the planning stages. The city council led a brief discussion regarding the impacts the new developments would have on specific schools. Dr. Young noted that enrollment at the individual elementary schools varies by year and that all schools are equally equipped to accommodate any resulting new students.
- Mayor Haynes closed the city council's presentation with a discussion regarding the prospect of a new event facility. He asked BISD board members and present staff for their input on what features would benefit BISD if the city were to build a new multi-purpose event facility. Dr. Young noted that a facility that included break-out rooms would be beneficial, citing the upcoming Elementary UIL Academic Meet to be hosted at Coggin Elementary. He noted that because of lack of available facilities, students on that campus needed to be let out early to accommodate the meet. BISD Board Member Eric Evans added that Brownwood Education Foundation also struggles to find accommodations for their annual gala event that hosts around 400 individuals. BHS graduation, along with the age, configuration, and availability of the Coliseum were also discussed as considerations that might affect the layout of a new facility.

BISD Board President Michael Cloy, thanked the City Council for their attendance and participation, and at approximately 7:40 p.m. the joint meeting was adjourned. The regularly scheduled meeting of the BISD Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The Holiday Card contest is underway and each campus chose five entries to be voted on to determine the winning design. Board members were invited to view the cards and place their votes for the contest.
- The monthly Staffing Report and Budget Update were presented to the board along with financial reports for Infant/Toddler Head Start.
- Board members were provided information regarding individual continuing education hours as needed.
- Board members were invited to attend a Holiday Dessert and Retirement Reception honoring the educational careers of BISD Special Education Director Michele Cruse and Brownwood Accelerated High School Principal David McCullough. The reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. on December 12, 2016, prior to the regularly scheduled BISD Board of Trustees meeting.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION: Dr. Martinez presented a School Safety Report. Notable improvements include new fencing installed over the summer at East Elementary and Woodland Heights Elementary, and a new door improving the exit to the playground at East Elementary. Dr. Martinez also noted that all campuses now have a locked entry that requires office interaction before gaining access to the hallways. The installation of a new centralized server for security cameras has been scheduled. Dr. Martinez attended a Texas State Center for School Safety Conference with BISD School Resource Officer Fred Bastardo. Officer Bastardo noted that a Standard Response Protocol will help local law enforcement as well as school officials know the procedures that campuses will initiate in the event of an emergency.

DISCUSSION: BISD GT Coordinator Angela Fabbiani, provided the board with a report on the gifted and talented program and presented numbers of GT students at each grade level. Fabbiani noted planned improvements to the program including tracking, differentiated instruction, teacher training, and more resources for students in the program at the high school level to make sure they are enrolled in the appropriate AP classes.

DISCUSSION: The board was provided an update on the Appointment of Members to Brown County Appraisal District. Brownwood ISD has four board members on the Brown County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Members with remaining terms are Thomas Vickers and Mike Copic. David Bullion and Vincent Ornelas have expiring terms, and have agreed to serve again, if reappointed. If there are no objections, this item will be included for approval at the December board meeting.

ACTION ITEM: The Board considered approval of School Health Advisory Council (SHAC). A motion was made by Tim Jacobs to approve the 2016-2017 SHAC members, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lisa Fowler and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: Items on the Consent Agenda were approved unanimously as presented, with a motion by Tim Jacobs and a second by Brad Jetton.

The items on the agenda included the following:

- Minutes of October 10, 2016 Board Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board moved into executive session at 8:14 p.m. and returned to open session at 10:10 p.m. No additional discussion or action was needed on Executive Session Items.

NEW HIRES



Above: BISD new hires effective January 2017. (left to right) Administrative Intern, Stephanie Chesser; BIS Assistant Principal, Tim Thomas; Executive Director of Brownwood Education Foundation and Community Relations, Priscilla Monson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- District of Innovation Meeting - Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016 - 5:30 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Break - November 21-25, 2016
- Elementary UIL Meet - Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016 - 1:30 p.m. at Coggin Elementary
- Holiday Dessert & Retirement Reception - Dec. 12, 2016 - 5:30 p.m.
- Next Regular Meeting - December 12, 2016

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.