



BOARD REPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING March 15, 2016

The Brownwood ISD Board of Trustees met for a regular session meeting on Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30 p.m. The regular session was called to order by Board President Michael Cloy and Board of Trustees Member Tim Jacobs gave the invocation. Brownwood Intermediate School students, Chloe Adamez (5th grade) and Chase Churchwell (6th grade) led The Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS

The following groups and individuals were presented with a Certificate of Excellence for their accomplishments:

- **BHS ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION CLASS** - Recognized for construction of a new board room podium.
 - CUTTING, SHAPING, AND ASSEMBLY - Hayden Day, Miguel Zuinga, Daniel Arredondo, Clayton Bertand, and Luceano Perez
 - SANDING AND FINISHING - David Ynostros-Gonzales, Hugo Lugo, Corbin Algood, Conner Fitzgerald



Above: (Left to right) Brownwood ISD Board of Trustees Member, Dr. Lisa Fowler; Hayden Day (BHS Senior); Daniel Arredondo (BHS Senior); Miguel Zuinga (BHS Junior); BHS Principal, Mitch Moore

- **BHS VARSITY LADY LIONS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACH AND STAFF** (Heather Hohertz, Coach) - Recognized for Outstanding Achievements during the 2016 Basketball Season. *(25-8 overall record and reached the Region I-4A semifinals for the first time in team history)*



Above: (Left to right) Assistant Coaches, Ryan Nowell and David Edgin; Brownwood ISD Board of Trustees Member, Eric Evans; Head Coach, Heather Hohertz; Lady Lions Varsity Team Members: Kylie Ellis (#10), Mallory Garcia (#4), Dominique Revada (#12), Sarah Fox (#20), Mya McDowell (#22), Taytum Dillard (#23), Breyle Sauseda (#24), Trejour Wilson (#32), Heaven Walker (#40), Tyanne Stewart (#45)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Brownwood ISD received a report from Region 15 stating there are no contested races for the Board of Directors for the region.
- Dr. Young congratulated Brownwood Middle School for receiving the Ascend Partner School of the Month. Last school year, 73% of the students in need of intervention gained one or more grade levels in math with 33% gaining two or more grade levels. They used Ascend Math as a 20-minute warm-up block to start the day to try to better prepare students for grade level content by targeting skill gaps from previous years. This year they are focusing on helping 7th and 8th grade Special Education students. More than 38% of special ed. students using Ascend Math for at least an hour have gained one or more grade levels.
- Dr. Young reported on a meeting with Mr. Green at G4S regarding the education of the students there.
- Updates regarding the plans for a new skate park that will be constructed near East Elementary were provided to Dr. Young in a meeting with the City of Brownwood including Brownwood City Manager, Emily Crawford.
- Dr. Young attended meetings with the Brownwood Foundation for Excellence and reported that there are some new and exciting programs that are in the works, including a yearly gala and teacher appreciation events.

- A meeting with the Technology Advisory Committee was held and Dr. Young reported a healthy discussion with teachers regarding educational technology throughout the district.
- Dr. Young also briefly reported on additional meetings and events that he attended including the first UIL Organizational Meeting for the new UIL districts, the Region I-4A Girls Basketball Tournament, and the Bluebonnet Relays.
- Upcoming events scheduled include meetings with TSTC and Food Service, as well as attending the Woodland Heights Science Fair.
- Brownwood ISD has an Early Release on March 24th and will be off for Good Friday, March 25th. The next board meeting is scheduled for April 11th, 2016.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION: Brownwood ISD Assistant Superintendent, Kevin Gabaree, and Director of Finance, Kati Burke, reviewed the Budget Calendar for 2016-2017. A new budget template is in the process of being implemented and will be utilized to plan and budget for the needs of campuses and departments.

POLICY READING: First reading of TASB-initiated Policy Update 104: Update 104 is the second of two post-legislative updates. Major topics include taxes, financial reports and audits, reports to SBEC, video and audio in SPED classrooms, homeless or foster care partial credit and credit by exam requirements, substitutes for state assessments, and wellness policy requirements. Consideration for approval will be presented in April.

ACTION ITEM: Brownwood ISD Technology Director, Mark Stanley, presented the details of a Technology Infrastructure Upgrade. In order to ensure the district's network infrastructure is capable of reliably supporting technology needs, a request was made to upgrade three major components that are currently outdated. The network components that are in need of upgrading are the wired network infrastructure, the wireless network controller, and the servers that perform critical network operations. Tim Jacobs made a motion to approve the upgrades and Diane Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: The board considered approval of the updated Wellness and Health Services Policy, FFA(Local), that was presented at the last board meeting. The update was completed using TASB's Starting Points Worksheet along with input from the BISD SHAC Committee and Director of Nursing Helen Lacy. Tim Jacobs made a motion to approve the policy update and Diane Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Gabaree presented information, rates, and a price matrix regarding the proposed extension of the contract with Direct Energy through the TASB Energy Cooperative. Gabaree reported that because of the current low cost of electricity and prices that change every 15 minutes, it was recommended to extend the current contract out an additional term at a reduced rate. The projected rate provides an estimated savings to the district of \$60,000 to

\$80,000 annually. A motion to accept a contract locking in the rate from 2018 through 2024 was made by Eric Evans, seconded by Dr. Fowler, and approved 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:

- February 2016 Check Register
- February 5, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
- February 8, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board moved into executive session at 7:18 p.m. The board returned to open session at 8:58 p.m. to discuss possible action on Executive Session Items.

ACTION: A motion to accept the following personnel action was made by Tim Jacobs, seconded by Dr. Fowler, and was approved unanimously by the board members present:

NEW HIRES

- Laura Whiteley
- Kelsey Robinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Early Release – March 24, 2016
- Good Friday holiday – March 25, 2016
- Next Board Meeting – April 11, 2016

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.