

Bronte ISD posts minutes

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a Board Meeting on August 25, 2015, immediately after the scheduled budget hearing at 6:30 pm. Those in attendance were: Board Members: Shane Kelton - President, Nick Arrott, David McWright, John Seales, Blake Braswell, Ashley Braswell ; Administration: Tim Siler - Superintendent and Nancy Cooper; and guests: Maureen Youngblood and Heather Middleton

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustee Meeting was opened at 6:45 pm with a prayer by David McWright.

A quorum was established with six members present.

There were no audience items.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented and one correction was noted. The board came out of executive session at 8:27 pm. David McWright made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, which was seconded by Nick Arrott. Ayes: 6, Nayses: 0, Motion passed.

The bills were presented by Mr. Siler. Motion was made by Blake Braswell and seconded by Ashley Braswell to approve payment of the bills. Ayes: 6, Nayses: 0, Motion passed.

Mr. Siler presented the principal's reports. Enrollment stands at 261 students in all classes. The Elementary campus has 130 students while the Secondary campus has 131 students. It was noted that these numbers could vary by 4 to 5 students either way since the reporting was not finalized at this time, (the school experienced a significant computer server issue at the start of classes which kept final numbers from being processed). Mr. Siler also noted that the pre-K, kindergarten, and first grade classes appear to have increased overall while grades 4 thru 6 are smaller.

Mr. Siler also noted that this server issue happened last year but the district avoided significant loss this year due to data back-ups. The board discussed future action to consider updates or upgrades to the district's technical infrastructure to avoid these issues.

Mr. Siler presented and the board discussed the EIC (Local) policy and also the connection with this policy to EIF. These changes mainly dealt with changes stemming from House Bill 5 from the Texas legislature. During the discussion it became apparent that policy EIF may also need changes. This item was tabled until the next regular board meeting.

Mr. Siler presented this policy for board adoption. The policy is identical to the one presented last year but required annual board approval. Nick Arrott made motion that the board approve the policy as presented. David McWright seconded the motion. Ayes: 6, Nayses: 0, Motion passed.

The current state of the 2014-2015 budget was presented by Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Siler. Based on issues discussed below the district will finish with a budget deficit for last year. No action was taken to amend the budget.

Mr. Siler presented the superintendents' reports to the Board.

Mr. Siler discussed in more detail the district budget for the past year. The district was able manage the budget so that ~88% of the budget was expended; which was a significant savings for the district. Unfortunately due to less tax collections by the county than anticipated only ~93% of

the revenues expected were actually achieved which resulted in a final deficit of over ~\$130,000. It was noted by the Board that this was the lowest deficit for the district since the prison closing and that the district worked diligently to balance the budget.

Budgetary items 2014-2015 / 2015-2016: No new items were presented for budgetary items.

This old football stadium property was sold by the district.

There were no new marketing updates.

The Board next considered the following improvements.

A. Gray House: Shane Kelton made a motion for the Board to approve the sale and removal of the Gray House located at 320 W. McCaulley, Bronte Texas, and authorize the Superintendent to publish notice of the proposed sale, and receive and open sealed proposals, and present said proposals to the Board of Trustees. Motion was seconded by Ashley Braswell. Ayes: 6, Nayses: 0, Motion passed.

The 2015-2016 budget was presented by Mr. Siler and Mrs. Cooper. Motion to accept the 2015-2016 budget as presented was made by David McWright. Motion seconded by John Seales. Ayes: 6, Nayses: 0, Motion passed.

A motion to adopt the 2015-2016 tax rate at \$1.04 as presented and discussed for both Coke county and Runnels county was made by Blake Braswell. Motion seconded by Nick Arrott. Ayes: 6, Nayses: 0, Motion passed.

Mr. Siler presented the fractional funding request for the district from TEA. Nick Arrott made a motion to approve the

request for fractional funding from TEA. Motion seconded by Blake Braswell. Ayes: 6, Nayses: 0, Motion passed.

The Board entered into executive (closed) session at 7:44 pm and reconvened in regular (open) session at 8:19 pm.

No actions were taken on personnel items.

No updates were given on the TASA/TASB Convention.

No TASB delegates were selected.

Ashley Braswell made a motion and David McWright seconded to adjourn at 8:23 pm.

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The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a Special Board Meeting on September 2, 2015. Those in attendance were: Board Members: Shane Kelton - President, Nick Arrott, David McWright, John Seales, Blake Braswell, Ashley Braswell and Tim Siler – Superintendent.

The meeting convened at 7:43 pm with a prayer by Blake Braswell.

A quorum was established with six members present.

The Board entered into executive (closed) session at 7:44 p.m.

A. Personnel

1. Discuss personnel matters with Superintendent, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

2. Possible legal consultation with School Attorney regarding personnel.

The Board reconvened in regular (open) session at 10:09 pm.

David McWright made a motion and Ashley Braswell

seconded to adjourn at 10:09 pm.

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on September 10, 2015. Those in attendance were: Board Members: Shane Kelton, Nick Arrott, David McWright, John Seales, Blake Braswell, Ashley Braswell; Administration: Tim Siler, Donna Poehls, (Rose Whitehurst joined the meeting at 7:27 pm); and guests, Maureen Youngblood and Heather Middleton.

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustee Meeting was opened at 7:05 pm with a prayer by Nick Arrott.

A quorum was established with six members present.

The minutes of the previous minutes were read.

The bills were presented by Mr. Siler. Motion was made by Blake Braswell and seconded by Nick Arrott to approve payment of the bills. Ayes: 6, Nayses: 0, Motion passed.

There were no audience items.

Mr. Siler presented the principal's reports.

A. Update on student activities: The volleyball and football teams continue their schedules. The football team is upbeat after the recent victory, will play Munday next Friday night in Munday. Volleyball is playing in Rotan on Saturday.

B. Student counts: Elementary has 132 children with

98.7% attendance. Secondary has 139 students but no attendance reported. Total student count is 271 students.

Mrs. Poehls presented the Parent Involvement Policy; it is identical to last year's version but requires annual approval. David McWright made motion that the board approve the policy as presented. John Seales seconded the motion. Ayes: 6, Nayses: 0, Motion passed.

Mr. Siler recommended the board approve Mrs. Morgan Runyon, Coke County Extension Agent, by resolution as adjunct faculty. Shane Kelton made a motion by resolution that the Board approve Mrs. Runyon, county extension agent, as adjunct faculty for Bronte ISD. Ashley Braswell seconded the motion. Ayes: 6, Nayses: 0, Motion passed.

Mr. Siler presented the superintendents' reports to the Board.

A. Financial Update: Mr. Siler stated that Burl Lowery is currently gathering information for the annual audit as required. The books for the new year's financials will be opened on September 24, 2015. Currently no unforeseen expenses are anticipated.

B. Marketing Update: Mr. Siler discussed some needs for the new marketing campaign. The board discussed the naming of the new stadium; it was determined that the stadium has retained the

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