

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Poster Winners! Congratulations to Sarah Allen and Baily Torres (of Bronte Junior High) for winning the Teen Choice Award for the Teens in the Driver Seat Poster Competition. Their poster's title was "Don't be the one who lets go..." they wrote at the top of their poster about how car crashes are the #1 killer of teens in America and as young teens who do not drive yet can also help by buckling up and being responsible passengers and friends.

Bronte ISD posts December, January minutes

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session December 11, 2014, at 7 pm. Those in attendance were Shane Kelton, President, David McWright, Kay Styles, John Seales, Nick Arrott, Ashley Braswell and Dr. Skip Casey, Interim Superintendent. Also present were Elementary Principal, Donna Poehls, Gina McCutchen and Nancy Cooper and guests Heather Middleton, Maureen Youngblood, Lisa Dyess, George Tomes, Missy Boyd, Burl Lowery and Tim Siler.

The meeting opened in prayer by David McWright

The minutes were approved as corrected for the November Board Meeting.

Blake Braswell arrived at 7:05 pm.

Burl Lowery, CPA, presented the 2013-2014 Financial Audit to the Board. There were no findings and he reported that Bronte ISD was in good, sound financial position. The 2013-2014 Financial Audit was approved. All voted in favor.

Maureen Youngblood addressed the Board concerning the potential program changes and the possible effects it may have on the secondary level.

Principal's reported enrollment: Elementary- 120 with a 96.9% attendance rate. Secondary - No information was available. Ms. Poehls, Elementary Principal informed the board of the Christmas Program to be held December 18 at 6 pm including the Band and choir performances. Also the facility will be rented on December 20th for a program open to the public. Jr. High/Elementary finished second in the Academic UIL contest in Blackwell. Ms. Poehls also

reported, Bronte ISD is 100% Highly Qualified.

The Board approved the retainer with Walsh Anderson and Update 101 as presented. They also approved the Internet Safety Policy as presented and to allow the Superintendent to determine early release dates. All were in favor.

A motion was made that the Board vote to approve the program change (s) recommended by the Interim Superintendent and the Reduction in Force that such change(s) will require. All voted in favor.

The Board went into Executive session at 7:33 pm and resumed the Regular meeting at 8:46 pm.

Dr. Skip Casey, Interim Superintendent, discussed program changes based on declining enrollment at Bronte for the past few years and the current deficit budget.

Dr. Casey recommended the following programs be removed from the following years' program for BISD and the associated positions be Reduced in Force. ESL Pull-out Program, Pre-K Program and Title -I Pull-out Program. Dr. Casey also recommended that the

following three positions (currently vacant for the following year), also be reduced in force - Secondary Principal, Secondary English and Secondary Sp. Ed. /H.E.

A motion was made that the Board determine the employment areas of Pre-Kindergarten, ESL Pull-Out Program and Title I Program as the employment areas to be affected and/ or eliminated as a result of the Program Change Reduction in Force previously approved. The Board further moved that the Interim Superintendent be directed to identify the affected employee or employees in the affected or eliminated employment areas and bring contract recommendation(s) back to the Board at the appropriate meeting consistent with the Program Change Reduction in Force. All voted in favor.

The Board was provided information on the 30th Annual School Law Conference as well as the TASB Newsletter and agenda.

The December 2014 bills were approved. All in voted in favor.

The Board went into Executive session at 9:09 pm and resumed the Regular

meeting at 9:39 pm.

The Board approved a 3 year TASB Superintendent's Contract with Mr. Tim Siler beginning January 5, 2015. All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm.

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Board Meeting on January 22, 2015, at 7:02 pm. Those in attendance were Shane Kelton, President, David McWright, Kay Styles, John Seales, Nick Arrott, Blake Braswell and Mr. Tim Siler, Superintendent. Also present were Elementary Principal, Donna Poehls, and Nancy Cooper. Ashley Braswell was absent. Guests in attendance were Heather Middleton, Maureen Youngblood, Missy Boyd, Rose Whitehurst and others.

The meeting opened in prayer by Blake Braswell.

The minutes were approved for the December Board Meeting.

Missy Boyd discussed Pre-k and PPCD Programs, Rose Whitehurst discussed ESL Program, and several parents discussed how the PPCD/Pre-K program benefited their children.

Principal's reported enrollment: Elementary- 122 with a 96.42% attendance rate. Secondary -95.85% attendance rate, 144 enrolled. Ms. Poehls, Elementary Principal, informed the board that STAAR tutorials are scheduled to begin in February. She also reported that the County Stock Show was a success and basketball was in full swing.

Mr. Siler, Superintendent, discussed the District's finances and informed the Board of the May School Board election. A technology update was presented as well as transportation. He also suggested to move the teacher contract renewals to April or early May.

The board was informed of the Prom date, February 7, at Ft Concho.

School Law Conference will be held in Austin February 19 and 20. Special Olympics will be held

February 21.

The January 2015 bills were approved. All voted in favor.

The Bronte ISD School Board was recognized in appreciation for their service and commitment to Bronte ISD and were presented with clip boards from the third grade class and refreshments were served.

The Board went into Executive session at 8:22 pm and resumed the regular meeting at 9:58 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 pm.

BHS Local Scholarships available

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship applications are now available to graduating seniors at Bronte High School. Applications are available online at www.bronteisd.net on the Counselor's Corner page under Scholarship Information, or may be picked up in the counselor's office. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is April 14th, 2015.

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past BHS graduates. Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor.

For more information, please call the counselor's office at 473-2511.

Scholarship opportunities available to high school, college students

Need extra money for college? Several scholarship opportunities are available for both high school and college students who are part of a Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) member family, Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland said.

"Texas Farm Bureau offers these scholarships to help the next generation as they continue their education," John Ross said. "We know college can be expensive, and this is our way to help our member families and future leaders."

John Ross noted TFB and county Farm Bureaus across the state collectively give more than \$180,000 in scholarships each year.

In memory of former TFB President S.M. True Jr., a \$20,000 scholarship was established for college students who have declared agriculture as their major and have at least 60 hours of college credit.

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