

Josh Schoenfield departed the meeting at 9:53 pm.

The minutes were presented and read. A motion was made by Jodie Arrott to approve as presented and she was seconded by David McWright. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0.

There were no audience items. A motion was made by Ashley Braswell to approve the bill listing as presented. She was seconded by Jodie Arrott and the motion passed with a vote of

Principal's Report

Mr. Siler gave an update on student activities. Basketball is coming to a close. Spring sports are trying to start but no schedules have been made vet. UIL is limiting track meets to only a few schools. Plans are beginning to be made for prom. The Elementary Honor Roll Pep Rally is coming up in a few weeks. There might possibly be a Fine Arts Evening Showcase and Mr. Siler will let the board know more later. The total BISD student count is 246, including 157 in Pre-K through 6th grades, and 89 in grades 7 -12. The ADA is 95.19%

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Siler gave an update on the current finances. BISD is a little over 50% through the school year. Everything looks to be on track and Mr. Siler has no concerns. There is more money in commodities than BISD has had in a long time. The Comptroller's property value study came out and Coke County school values were different than from the local appraisal district. If the local values are different, school

districts are in danger of losing state funding. The school district attorneys will appeal the state values as they did three years ago. If Bronte ISD loses the appeal, they could possibly lose around \$45,000 over a three-year period.

There have been a handful of roofing companies that have come out to check on the roof. They are finishing up their estimates and Mr. Siler should have those at the next meeting. He advised the board to be prepared for this to possibly be a million-dollar project as the entire roof is in need of replacing.

There were no amendments to discuss regarding the 2020-2021 budget.

Discussion was held regarding Local Policy Update 115. This update changes certain wording and includes legal updates. Ashley Braswell made a motion to approve as presented and was seconded by Terry Queen. The motion passed with a vote of 5 -

The board entered in to executive session at 7:28 pm and returned at 10:18 pm.

David McWright made a motion, with Ashley Braswell seconding, to extend Mr. Siler's contract by one year and increase his yearly salary to \$98,000. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0.

The next board meeting will be held Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 7 pm.

Jodie Arrott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with David McWright seconding. motion passed with a vote of 6 -0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 pm.



FFA Banquet! Bronte High School FFA held their banquet on Thursday, April 29, at First Baptist Church. Bronte High School junior Zach McWright was presented with the first Ed Cumbie Top Hand Award. The award is in memory of longtime Coke County resident Ed Cumbie. Pictured above with Zach are Mr. Cumbie's grandson, Nick Arrott, daughter Susan Williams, and wife, Jane Cumbie.



A Movement Grows

By James M. Decker [Author's Note: At long last, the West of 98 podcast is live! Practically since I started writing these weekly essays, I have promoted my podcast as

"forthcoming" in this space. You can now listen on demand as we venture West of 98 via audio.]

This past weekend (Sunday, May 2) saw the premiere of "Home Town Takeover" on cable television channel HGTV. This is a spinoff of the popular series "Home Town," where the married team of Erin and Ben Napier restore homes in their Laurel, hometown of Mississippi. The spinoff series achieved notoriety last year, solicited HGTV submissions fora multi-episode

properties across a single town with a population below 40,000. The response was overwhelming and even briefly crashed the contest website. People.com reported that HGTV received submissions on behalf of over 2,600 towns across America! Ultimately, the winner was Wetumpka, Alabama, community of about 8,000 residents in central Alabama.

Stamford submitted an entry and, although we were hopeful to win, we are still proud of our video submission.

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