

Regular Board Meeting September 17, 2009, 6:00 P.M., Board Room of the Conference Center. President Curtis Heptner, Vice-President Jason Durst, Secretary Ray Ono and Trustees Billy D. Darland, Billie Gorham, Terry Klipp, and Carla Morrow were present. Superintendent Danny W. Taylor; Executive Director of Finance and Business Management Russell Miller; Executive Director of Human Resources and Student Services Randy Lovelady; Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Shelley Sweatt; and Director of Special Populations, Donna Perkins were present.

Also Present: Jerrie Sowards, District Aide, State Representative David Farabee

AGENDA ITEM 1.A READ THE OPEN MEETING NOTICE

President Curtis Heptner opened the meeting at approximately 6:00 P.M. by reading the Open Meetings Notice.

AGENDA ITEM 2.A.1 FUTURE AGENDA REVIEW – OCTOBER 15TH

Mr. Taylor reviewed possible agenda items for discussion or action at the regular monthly meeting to be held on October 15 including: TASB Policy Update, bids, property value report, and personnel items. Per state mandate, the monthly meeting will be preceded by a public meeting to review the findings of the 2009 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report.

AGENDA ITEM 2.B REPORT ITEMS

Restroom refurbishments are proceeding as planned and should be complete on Monday, September 21, 2009.

AGENDA ITEM 2.C INFORMATION ITEMS/DATES

Superintendent Taylor shared that there is mandatory training at Region IX on Sept. 22, 2009 from 6-8 P.M. Also, TASB Convention will be held in Houston on October 1-4, 2009 and Teambuilding training on Oct. 20, 2009 from 6-9 P.M. at Region IX.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – CLOSED SESSION DELIBERATION CONCERNING A MATTER INVOLVING A STUDENT – TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.0821

Director of Special Populations, Donna Perkins, presented an overview of a parent's written request for a due process hearing received by TEA on May 21, 2009; the subsequent TEA hearing held on July 9 and 10, 2009; and the Hearing Officer's decision rendered in favor of the District released on August 12, 2009.

MOTION # 156857. Motion by Trustee Carla Morrow and Seconded by Trustee Jason Durst at 6:20 P.M. to go into "closed session" under TGC 551.0821.

Motion approved: 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – OPEN SESSION

MOTION # 156858. Motion by Trustee Bill Darland and Seconded by Trustee Terry Klipp to return to “open session” at 6:55 P.M.

No action taken by the Board on the special education review presented by Mrs. Perkins.

Motion approved: 7 - 0

AGENDA ITEM 5 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Dr. Shelley Sweatt

AGENDA ITEM 6.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 6.A APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2009**
- 6.B APPROVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT REPORTS**
- 6.C MONTHLY SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT**
- 6.D MONTHLY ABSENCE REPORTS YTD – NONE**

MOTION #156859. Motion by Trustee Carla Morrow and seconded by Trustee Terry Klipp to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.A – 6.D as presented.

Motion approved 7 to 0.

AGENDA ITEM 7.0 COMMUNICATIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No one signed in to address the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 8.A REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS-AP RESULTS

Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Shelley Sweatt, presented the Burkburnett High School Advanced Placement testing results for 2008-2009. Once again the results reflected the quality of the program’s instruction. Percent passing the 262 tests was up 7 percentage points over 2008 to an all time high percent passing of 53%. 116 high school students took the AP examinations. The Board was reminded that students receiving a score of 3 or higher on an AP exam will receive a cash incentive award of \$100 per test.

AGENDA ITEM 9.A - ARRA STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND (SFSF) GRANT APPLICATION

Superintendent Taylor informed the Board that in order for BISD to receive its portion of the Foundation School Program funding financed with SFSF, \$1,043,836 , federal law requires the district to submit an application to TEA on or before September 30, 2009 and again by September 30, 2010. In this application the district is required to describe how it will assist the state in continuing to advance essential reforms in the four areas for which the state provided assurances in its application to the US Department of Education. In addition, a Texas district can receive benefits if it “Steps Up” and meets one or more of 10 Texas strategies for improvement. BISD submitted its application to TEA on September 8, 2009.

No action taken by the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 9.B AMEND 2009-10 BUDGET TO REFLECT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OFFSETS FROM RECEIPT OF PRE-KINDERGARTEN, ARRA, AND SFSF GRANTS

Superintendent Taylor explained to the Board that since the official budget’s approval, the District has adjusted both the revenue and expenditure sides of the budget as a result of the following: (1) a TEA Pre-Kindergarten grant of \$302,400 to offset a portion of the cost for operating a full-day Pre-K program; (2) ARRA SFSF application adjustments; (3) three ARRA stimulus funds; and (4) other special revenue funds.

BOARD MOTION #156861. Motion by Trustee Ray Ono and Seconded by Trustee Carla Morrow to decrease anticipated revenue receipts in the General Operating Fund 199 from a previously approved \$28,484,341 by \$520,944 leaving an adjusted total revenue budget of \$27,963,347 for FY 10; and in addition, on the expenditures side of the budget, to decrease expenditures in the General Operating Fund 199 from the approved \$28,655,256 by \$780,866 leaving an adjusted expenditure budget total of \$27,884,370.

The amended budget will total \$35,521,285 in revenues, \$35,442,308 in expenditures, and generate a surplus of \$78,977.

Motion approved 7 - 0.

AGENDA ITEM 9.C PROPOSAL TO SELL PROPERTY TO BISD BY ROBERT GILL

Item will not be discussed until Mr. Gill removes underground fuel tanks.

AGENDA ITEM 10 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 11.A DISTRICT AWARD FOR TEACHER EXCELLENCE (DATE) CYCLE 2, YEAR 1, INTENT TO APPLY

Superintendent Taylor informed the Board that TEA is requesting new applicants to complete a Notice of Intent to apply for the Governor's teacher performance grant, **District Awards for Teacher Excellence (DATE) Cycle 2, Year 1 (2010-11)**. If received at least 60% of the grant funds must be used to reward teachers and principals who positively impact student academic improvement, growth, and/or achievement. The remaining funds may be used for other allowable activities including stipends, grade or department level performance improvement. The intent to apply for the non-competitive grant is due September 30. Funds will be awarded based on the average daily attendance of the participating districts. In 2009-10 that should be approximately \$77 per ADA or if BISD had been an awardee, approximately \$260,000 for a meaningful performance based award system.

MOTION #156862. Motion by Trustee Jason Durst and seconded by Trustee Ray Ono to authorize the Superintendent to file for the DATE Cycle 2, Year 1 Grant for 2010-11.

Motion approved 7 to 0.

AGENDA ITEM 11.B ARRA 8007(b) IMPACT AID DISCRETIONARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT INTENT TO APPLY

ARRA / PL 111-5 carve-out \$100 million in new funding for Impact Aid construction under section 8007 of Title VIII of ESEA. Under this legislation the amount is divided into two funds - \$39.6 million for formula grants and \$59.4 million for competitive discretionary construction grants. Superintendent Taylor explained that the application must focus on either health and safety of occupants or modernization that alleviates capacity issues cited by the state department of education. District architect, Rick Sims, has advised the Superintendent to seek emergency funding to renovate and build additional restrooms at highly military dependent impacted Tower ES.

MOTION #156863. Motion by Trustee Jason Durst and seconded by Trustee Ray Ono to authorize the Superintendent to file for the competitive ARRA Discretionary IMPACT AID Construction Grant to renovate and construct restrooms at Tower ES and to authorize a District finance match amount not to exceed one-third or \$250,000 of the total estimated project cost.

Motion approved 7 to 0.

AGENDA ITEM 11.C SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2009-10

Superintendent Taylor informed the Board that Senate Bill 283 mandates several significant changes regarding the mandatory Student Health Advisory Committee's structure and operating procedures. One of which is that for a District to comply with state law, the Board must annually appoint five individuals to serve on the SHAC for 2009-10 school year.

The Board will be asked to nominate and select members at the October monthly meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 11.D POLICY CFD ACTIVITY FUNDS MANAGEMENT

Superintendent Taylor announced that both authorized secondary school student activity funds are now under Business Office management. A revised regulation guide will be prepared for Board approval in October.

AGENDA ITEM 12.A APPROVE RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT REQUESTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 12.B EMPLOY STAFF AS RECOMMENDED BY ADMINISTRATION

MOTION #156864. Motion by Vice President Jason Durst and seconded by Trustee Ray Ono to employ the following professional staff for the 2009-2010 school year:

Contracts:

Marla Boswell
Lori Coursat

American Sign Language
Fourth Grade

BHS – Part time
Tower ES

Motion approved 7-0.

AGENDA ITEM 12.C TEACHER STIPEND FOR ADVANCED DEGREES

With online education entities popping up everywhere, Superintendent Taylor said that this is a good time for the Board to examine rules governing stipends and revise them as needed well in advance of the next employment cycle and budget year. The Board needs to decide whether degrees from non-accredited entities will be considered, as well as whether it is appropriate to offer stipends for out-of-field degrees. The Board will decide at a later date if they wish to change the policy for future application.

AGENDA ITEM 13.0 OPEN SESSION, ACTION ON ITEM 12.A, 12.B and 12.C

A closed session was not convened.

AGENDA ITEM 14.A ADJOURN

MOTION #156850. Motion by Trustee Carla Morrow and seconded by Secretary Ray Ono that meeting adjourn at approximately 7:02P.M.

Motion approved 7 to 0.

President

Secretary