



Brownsville Independent School District

Board of Trustees

Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting

January 14, 2020

5:30 PM

Administration Building

1900 Price Road

Brownsville, Texas 78521-2417

A G E N D A

NOTE: The Board of Trustees may go into Closed/Executive Session to deliberate any item on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

- I. Meeting Called to Order.
- II. Moment of Silence.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Roll Call:
- V. Recommend approving the **agenda** of the **Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 14, 2020** with any corrections/deletions.
- VI. **Superintendent's Report: SB 1566**
 - A. **Conference Presentation(s):**
 1. School Board Recognition Month.
 2. Recognition of campuses who met TEA standards and distinctions. *
 3. Recognition of Pullam Elementary student Leo Oropeza and teacher Mrs. Garcia. (Board Member Request Laura Perez Reyes/Board Support Philip Cowen, Erasmo Castro and Drue Brown)
 - OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: BISS TAPR (Texas Academic Performance Report) Annual Report 2018-2019.**
 4. BISS TAPR (Texas Academic Performance Report) Annual Report 2018-2019. *
CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: BISS TAPR (Texas Academic Performance Report) Annual Report 2018-2019.
 5. Presentation of a proposed Volunteer Reserve Program and an unpaid volunteer position – Reserve Police Officer for the Brownsville ISD Police Department.

6. Brownsville Independent School District Financial Report for the period ended December 31, 2019.

B. Standing Board Agenda Items:

1. Board Calendars: Board Activity Calendar and District Calendar.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Persons wanting to address the Board during Public Comment shall before the beginning of the meeting print their names and the subject matter on the sign-in sheet provided at the entrance of the Board Room. The Board allots 30 minutes for Public Comment. Speakers are allowed a maximum of 3 minutes and a minimum of 1 minute, depending on the number of speakers. Complaints or grievances on the following subjects; employee complaints, personnel matters, student complaints, removal of alternative education program, complaints against individual board members, and expulsions, shall be directed to the appropriate policy for attempted resolution before bringing the matter before the Board. The Board President shall determine if the topic shall be redirected to the appropriate policy or redirected to Administration. Comments on issues shall be constructive and courteous.

The Board may deliberate or take action regarding the following agenda items.

Board policy BE (Local) and Robert's Rules limits debate to two opportunities. A Trustee may debate a motion for two minutes on the first speaking opportunity and one minute on the second opportunity.

VIII. Recommend approving the **Consent Agenda**. The Board has agreed to discuss the following items. All of the items below that are not called out will be approved by consent.

(All presentations limited to five (5) minutes)

IX. Board Member Request(s):

A. Action Item(s)

1. Request that the Board undergo reorganization of officers. (Board Member Request Philip Cowen/Board Support Erasmo Castro).
2. Discussion, consideration and possible action to change the scheduled March 3, 2020 Board Meeting to March 2, 2020 or as recommended by administration. (Board Member Request Laura Perez Reyes/Board Support Erasmo Castro, Drue Brown and Philip Cowen)

X. Superintendent's Report - SB 1566 (Consent Agenda):

A. Recommend approval of the following General Function Item(s):

1. Discussion, consideration and possible action to accept the resignation of Erasmo Castro as Board Member (Place 2).
2. Recommend approval of the 2020-2021 Instructional Calendar with any corrections as required by changes in policy or TEA assessment calendar revisions.
3. Recommend approval to authorize the Administration to accept the Vela Middle School Four Lane Track project as substantially complete.

4. Recommend approval for BISD Scouts to participate in the 67th Annual Brownsville Scout Government Day on February 8, 2020.
5. Recommend approval to adopt TASB LOCAL Policy Update 114 with the exception of BED (LOCAL) which was approved by the Board on 11/6/19.
6. Recommending demolition of existing buildings and the removal of existing building pads fronting Elizabeth Street on blks. 31 and 46 for the Sams Stadium Renovations Improvements Project. Project to be paid from Tax Rate Increase Fund 188.

B. Recommend approval of the following Payment(s):

1. Recommend approval for payment in the amount of \$ 1,312.50 to Esparza & Garza, L.L.P. for ongoing Board approved legal services.
2. Recommend approval for payment to Advanced Inc. for subscription services to be utilized at district and campus level for reviewing the accuracy of testing data (campus, district, and state level testing). Budgeted State Compensatory Funds \$47,698.90.*
3. Recommend approval of Payment #2 for \$2,945.00, as partial payment to Central Air & Heating Service, Inc. (CAHS, Inc.) for Construction Services work completed on the Keller, Ortiz & Stell-HVAC Equipment Replacement Improvement Project to be paid from Tax Rate Increase 188.
4. Recommend approval of Payment #3 for \$252,716.06 as partial payment to Gerlach Builders, LLC dba WIL-CON for Construction Services work completed on the Hanna ECHS New Gymnasium Facility Project to be paid from Tax Rate Increase Fund 188.
5. Recommend approval of Payment #1 for a total of \$117,407.30 as partial payment to Sigma HN Engineers, PLLC for Engineering Services work completed on the Rivera ECHS HVAC/LED Lighting Upgrades Project to be paid from Maintenance Tax Note Fund 189.
6. Recommend approval of Payment #17 for \$217,214.47 as partial payment to Wil-Con, for Construction Services work completed on the Hanna ECHS HVAC and Light Upgrades to be paid from Maintenance Tax Note Fund 189.
7. Recommend approval of Payment #5 for \$94,046.77 as partial payment to G & T Paving, LLC for Construction Services work completed on the Vela MS Four Lane Track Project to be paid from Tax Ratification Election Fund 197.
8. Recommend approval of Payment #7 for \$64,671.40 as a Final payment to E3 Entegral Solutions, Inc. for Construction Services work completed on the Design Build LED Lighting Replacement, Phase I Project to be paid from Maintenance Tax Note Fund 189.
9. Recommend approval of Payment #12 for \$747.83 as final payment to PBK Architects for Architectural Services work completed on the Porter ECHS New Fine Arts Building project to be paid from Tax Ratification Election Fund 197.
10. Recommend approval of Payment #15 for \$188,806.14 as final payment to ZIWA Corporation for Construction Services work completed on the Porter ECHS Fine Arts Building to be paid from Tax Ratification Election Fund 197.

C. Recommend approval of the following Contract(s)/Agreement(s):

1. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the submission of the Letter of Intent, and agreement for training from TASB relating to House Bill 3 Teacher Incentive

Allotment (TIA). *

2. Request the approval to enter into an Affiliation Agreement between Fox Hollow Post Acute and the Brownsville ISD to provide a Patient Care Technician practicum training site for Certified Nurse Aide/Assistant (CAN) Certification, to become effective August 14, 2020 through December 31, 2021, at no cost to the district. *
3. Recommend approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and the Brownsville Independent School District for a Dual Credit Program to offer dual credit opportunities from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2021 and can be amended mutually or terminated in writing by either party. These services are to be rendered at no cost to the district. *
4. Recommend the Approval of Memorandum of Understanding and Partnership Agreement Between UTRGV School of Medicine and Brownsville I.S.D. to conduct a doctor visit via video cameras and digital tools without the necessity of a student leaving school for a doctor's visit at Lopez Early College High School and Besteiro Middle School. Memorandum of Understanding and Partnership Agreement will become effective for the spring semester of 2019-2020 school year. (No cost to the District) *
5. Recommend approval to enter into an MOU with Texas Tech University College of Education, Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. TVI certification program at TTU is a TEA-Approved educator preparation program. At no cost to the District. *
6. Recommend approval of an American History and Civics Education Grant Agreement in the amount of \$110,000. The recommended grant starts October 1, 2019 and ends on September 30, 2020. Historias Americanas provides funding for additional curriculum writing, student and teacher fieldtrips, teacher workshops that enrich history and civics content, as well as take teachers to historic places around the Rio Grande Valley to promote place-based learning, and cultural pedagogy. *
7. Recommend approval to enter into agreement for professional development between N2 Learning LC and Brownsville I.S.D. for the Brownsville I.S.D. Assistant Principal Leadership Academy. Budgeted State Compensatory Monies: \$18,000.00. *
8. Recommend approval to extend and renew software license agreement with SuccessEd Software for the continuation of 2020-2021 school years for the Section 504/Dyslexia Department in the amount not to exceed \$39,779.15. *
9. Recommend approval to amend the agreement between the Texas Graduate Center and Brownsville ISD to support 6 teachers in obtaining a Math for Teaching Graduate Degree from Harvard University. Budgeted Local Funds in the amount of \$210,000.00. *

D. Recommend approval of the following Bid(s)/Proposal(s)/Purchase(s)

1. Recommend awarding Bid #20-097R Ground Landscaping Service District-wide to several vendors. (Annual Bid)
2. Recommend approving Competitive Sealed Proposal #20-123 Roof Repair for Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Construction Services Contract for ZIWA Corporation Brownsville, TX in the amount not to exceed \$349,000.00 to be paid from Maintenance Tax Note 189.
3. Recommend approving Competitive Sealed Proposal #20-125 Veterans Memorial ECHS –

Visitors Restrooms and Concession Stand for ZIWA Corporation Brownsville, TX in the amount not to exceed \$837,500.00 to be paid from Tax Ratification Election 197.

XI. CLOSED MEETING: as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Sections: 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, and 551.084.

A. BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S)

1. Discussion, consideration and possible action to have Board Attorney's contract as a standing item on agenda. (Board Member Request Erasmo Castro/Board Support Laura Perez Reyes and Philip Cowen)
2. Presentation from Tax Assessor Collector on the triangular piece of property situated on Cromack Elementary being donated to Cameron County for a Cameron County satellite office for the Southmost community. Discussion, consideration and possible action. (Board Member Request Laura Perez Reyes/Board Support Drue Brown, Erasmo Castro and Philip Cowen)
3. Discussion, consideration and possible action to hire an independent attorney to handle pending litigation. (Board Member Request Laura Perez Reyes/Board Support Erasmo Castro and Philip Cowen)

B. PERSONNEL MATTER(S):

1. Presentation, acceptance and approval of Retirements. (11)
2. Presentation, acceptance and approval of Resignations. (4)
3. Recommend approval of probationary contractual personnel for the 2019-2020 school year(s) – Estudiantina Director. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation. (1)
4. Recommend approval of term chapter 21 contractual personnel for the 2019-2020 school year(s) – Teacher. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation. (1)
5. Recommend approval of probationary contractual personnel for the 2019-2020 school year(s) – Teachers. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation. (3)
6. Recommend approval to compensate professional employee (F.M.) for one (1) year experienced earned but not paid in the following fiscal school years: 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.
7. Board Self-Evaluation.
 - a. Request sanctions against Board Member Dr. Sylvia Atkinson based on the events which are related in her recent federal bribery indictment. (Board Member Request - Philip Cowen/Board Support Erasmo Castro)
8. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of the Superintendent.

C. ATTORNEY CONSULTATION

1. Staff Attorney

- a. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding Martha Chavez, b/n/f, J.C. v. Brownsville Independent School District, et al.
- b. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding possible settlement with Duratex Apparel.

2. Board Attorney

- a. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on TEA Docket No. 120-SE-1218; Joshua V., b/n/f Jose and Margarita v Brownsville Independent School District.

D. INTERNAL AUDITOR CONSULTATION

- 1. Consultation with Lead Internal Auditor (Status of past, ongoing and completed Board approved audits).

XII. BOARD RECONVENES - Board action on agenda items discussed in Executive Session.

XIII. Announcement(s):

- A. **Next scheduled Board Meeting** of the Board of Trustees is on Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

XIV. Adjournment.