



Brownsville Independent School District

Board of Trustees

Emergency Called Board Meeting July 15, 2020 1:00 PM

BISD Administration Building Boardroom
1900 East Price Road
Brownsville, Texas 78521

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 **Emergency Called Board Meeting of Wednesday, July 15, 2020** with any corrections/deletions.
- VI. **Certification of Public Notice:**

An Emergency or urgent public necessity exists that requires immediate action of the Board of Trustees or an imminent threat to public health and safety or a reasonably unforeseeable situation exists as follows: On March 13, 2020 Governor Greg Abbott declared a State Disaster for Texas Counties due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and take appropriate action in response to the emerging health emergency.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

VIII. COVID-19

A. General Function Item(s):

- 1. Discussion, consideration and possible action to recommend approval of Resolution #017/2020-2021. 3
- 2. Recommend approval of Instructional Calendar (Amended) 2020-2021 School Year. 6

IX. Announcement(s):

- A. The next Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

X. Adjournment.



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function Board of Education Meeting: 07/15/2020

Item Title: Resolution #017/2020-2021 X Action
COVID-19 (State and National Emergency) Information
Discussion

BACKGROUND:

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion, consideration and possible action to recommend approval of Resolution #017/2020-2021.

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Dr. Rene Gutierrez

Submitted by: Superintendent

Recommended by: Superintendent

Approved by: Deputy Superintendent

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Dr. René Gutiérrez
Superintendent

**BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 15, 2020
Resolution #017/2020-2021
COVID-19 (State and National Emergency)**

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by Texas Education Code § 11.151(b) to govern and oversee the public schools of the District; and,

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that the Texas Commissioner of Education has previously mandated the physical re-opening of schools for the upcoming 2020-21 school year; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the Commissioner of Education's directive, District employees will necessarily be instructed to report for work during the course of the COVID-19 virus emergency; and,

WHEREAS, due to increased community spread there will be a greatly enhanced risk of parent, student, and employee illness during the COVID-19 emergency, arising from the current level of contagion within Cameron County and the City of Brownsville when combined with the need for Commissioner-directed activities requiring public interaction; and,

WHEREAS, the District's employees both individually and through their respective employee organization have advised the Board of grave concerns involving physical re-opening of schools and the risks attendant thereto; and,

WHEREAS, educators and school boards throughout Cameron County and the City of Brownsville have expressed grave concerns about the physical re-opening of schools; and,

WHEREAS, the Board and staff of Brownsville ISD desire to provide all students with the best instruction possible while ensuring the safety and well-being of students, parents and staff members; and,

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, Governor Abbott clarified that his plan to reopen the Texas economy includes maintaining the authority of local government to require businesses to adopt and enforce health policies that include face covering requirements; and,

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation amending Executive Order No. 26 ("GA-26") expanding local authority to regulate outdoor gatherings; and,

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2020, the positivity rate, which is the percentage of coronavirus tests administered that yield a positive result, indicated a seven-day average positivity rate of 11.76% compared to the previously quelled high of 13.86% in mid-April; and,

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2020, the seven-day positivity rate has increased to 16.85%; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott noted that if positivity rates again exceeded 10%, he would consider that a "red flag" requiring further preventative action; and,

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order No. 28 (“GA-28”), which supersedes GA-26; and,

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020 Governor Abbott issued a Proclamation amending GA-28 to authorize local authorities to regulate outdoor gatherings in excess of 10 people; and,

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order No. 29 (“GA-29”) to require all individuals to wear face coverings with certain limited exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, there continues to be a significant increase in the number of diagnosed COVID-19 cases to such an extent that the operation of in-person schools is deemed by the Brownsville ISD Board of Trustees, as well as by an overwhelming majority of its employees and constituents, to not be safe; and,

WHEREAS, Texas Education Agency Legal Staff has directed other districts that “School districts should treat local health authorities' orders prohibiting in-person instruction as valid until the districts are directed otherwise by the state.”

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code §418.1015(a), the County Judge has the authority to issue orders concerning public health and safety emergencies; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Brownsville Independent School District that:

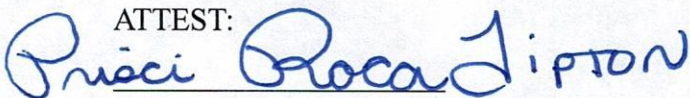
1. The recitals set forth above are found by the Board to be true and correct.
2. The Cameron County Judge and Commissioners Court and the Mayor of Brownsville and Commissioner’s Court be notified the Board of Trustees is requesting an order from the Cameron County Judge and the Mayor of Brownsville that, until such a time and circumstances under which it can be scientifically verified that it is safe to return to in-person instruction, all BISD schools shall remain closed for on-campus, face -to-face instruction for all school age students and shall not reopen for face-to-face instruction until further discussion and a determination that it is safe for students, faculty, and staff to return.
3. The Board further requests that to the greatest extent possible, internet access be provided to students who do not have access to devices or internet that allow for them to meaningfully participate in the District’s remote instruction program.

APPROVED this 15th day of July 2020.



MINERVA PEÑA
BISD Board President

ATTEST:



DR. PRISCI ROCA TIPTON
BISD Board Secretary



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function Board of Education Meeting: 07/15/20

Item Title: Instructional Calendar (Amended) X Action
2020-2021 School Year Information
Discussion

BACKGROUND:

Based on the impact COVID-19 has taken on the public health of our stakeholders, Brownsville Independent School District recommends that we delay the start of the year.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend Approval of Instructional Calendar (Amended) 2020-2021 School Year.

Dr. Anysia Treviño A. J. Treviño
Submitted by: Principal/Program Adm.

Dr. Anysia Treviño A. J. Treviño
Recommended by: Asst. Supt./CFO

A. J. Treviño
Approved by: Deputy Superintendent

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

René Gutiérrez
Dr. René Gutiérrez
Superintendent

DRAFT-----CALENDAR 2020 - 2021 [August 25 to June 10]-----DRAFT 7-15-2020

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First Class Day: August 25
Last Class Day: June 10
Make-up Days: Oct. 12/ Jan. 18

School Schedule (430 min./day):
 Middle Schools 7:40 AM-2:50 PM
 Elementaries..... 8:05 AM-3:15 PM
 Early College HS... 8:50 AM-4:00 PM

Employee Orientation Days:
 August 13 and 14
 January 9 and 23

Staff Development Days*:
 Campus: August 19 and 20
 District: August 21 / January 4
***Common planning time included**
Teacher Contract Days = 187

Teacher Preparation Days:
 August 24 / January 5 / June 11

Early Dismissal Schedule:
 Early Dismissal: February 25
 Middle Schools 11:45 AM
 Elementaries..... 12:15 PM
 Early College HS 1:00 PM

PEIMS Snapshot: October 30

Holidays and Vacations:
 Labor Day: September 7
 Columbus Day: October 12
 Thanksgiving: November 23-27
 Christmas (Employees): December 21-January 1
 Christmas (Students): December 21-January 5
 Martin Luther King, Jr.: January 18
 Charro Days: February 26
 Spring Break: March 15-19
 Easter April 2
 Memorial Day: May 31

Six Weeks Grading Periods:
 1st 6 Wks.....23 DaysSept. 25
 2nd 6 Wks.....24 DaysOct. 30
 3rd 6 Wks.30 DaysDec. 18
1st Sem..... 77 DaysDec. 18
 4th 6 Wks.....32 Days Feb. 19
 5th 6 Wks.....33 DaysApr. 16
 6th 6 Wks.....38 DaysJune 10
2nd Sem.....103 Days.....June 10
TOTAL Instructional Days.....180

Additional Days School Year Dates
 October 10 and 24, 2020 (2 days)
 November 14, 2020 (1 day)
 December 12, 2020 (1 day)
 January 30, 2021 (1 day)
 February 20, 2021 (1 day)
 March 6, 2021 (1 day)
 April 17, 2021 (1 day)
 May 8 and 22, 2021 (2 days)
 June 14 - 30, 2021 (13 days)
 23 ADSY funded days for PK-5th