

BOYS RANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BRISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BOYS RANCH, TEXAS  
BOYS RANCH, TEXAS  
Tuesday, September 16, 2008

BRISD Staff Present

Maggie Taylor  
Laura Lee Ehlers  
Vita Sotelo  
Shelly Allen  
Paul Jones  
Carol Jones  
Meleta Bailey  
Mike Cheverier  
Michelle Ellis  
Derek Davis  
Chester Dunavin  
Jerry Overman

BRISD Trustees Present

Suzanne Wright  
Tony Renteria  
George Owen  
Lance Purcell  
Mark Strother

Guest

Jerry Landrum

1. Moment of Silence – A Moment of Silence was observed.
2. Pledge of Allegiance –The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Call to Order – The Board of Trustees of the Boys Ranch Independent School District met in regular session at the BRISD Administration Building, Boys Ranch, Texas on September 16, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.
4. Call Roll and Establish a Quorum – All board members were present. A quorum was established.
5. School Officials Present – All school officials listed were present.
6. BRISD Recognition – Cathy Lozano represented the Master Teachers and gave an update on the program and how it working at the campus level.
7. Consent Agenda: President Wright called the Board’s attention to the Consent Agenda (see attached). Mrs. Wright asked for any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Hearing no comments or questions, **Mrs. Wright asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. George Owen made the motion to approve. Lance Purcell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**
8. Public Forum - Mrs. Wright asked if anyone had any comments to be made to the Board in public forum that they sign a note card. No one signed to speak to the Board.

9. Information

- a. Jerry Landrum, TexPool representative, gave a presentation on the benefits of investing with TexPool.
- b. Panhandle Area Association of School Boards – The schedule of meetings was attached.
- c. The Board Minutes and Leadership Times - August and September 2008 (see attached).
- d. Enrollment – Dr. Sotelo updated enrollment numbers from August 15 to September 15, 2008.
- e. Class of 2009 – (see attached)
- f. Schedule of Athletic Events – (see attached)
- g. TAKS power point presentation – Michelle Ellis presented the district data and each principal provided their campus data and TAKS plans.
- h. Letter to Commission of Education – Dr. Sotelo shared the letter sent appealing the high school's academically unacceptable rating. She also reported that Duane Chapman and Buddy Fox were selected to act as the district's external campus improvement team.
- i. High School remodel – Dr. Sotelo shared that discussions have begun with Cal Farley's Boys Ranch pertaining to a remodel or new construction of the high school.
- j. TASB delegate – Boys Ranch Board of Trustees has been invited to have district representation at the delegate assembly at the TASB convention.

10. Action

- a. Consider and take action on Policy DEA (LOCAL) – The unnecessary text was removed from the last update. **President Wright asked for a motion to authorize TASB Policy Service to delete DEA (LOCAL). Mark Strother made the motion and Lance Purcell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**
- b. Consider and take action on the policy review update – There were 42 local policies to review and adopt (see attached). **Mrs. Wright asked for a motion to authorize TASB Policy Service to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies according to the SUMMARY document resulting from the Policy Review Seminar conducted with the district on May 7, 2008. Lance Purcell made the motion with a second from George Owen. The motion carried unanimously.**
- c. Consider and take action on the approval of Brown, Graham, & Company to perform the district financial audit. **Madam President asked for a motion to approve contracting the services of Brown, Graham & Company for the district's required annual audit of its financial internal controls. George Owen so moved with a second from Tony Renteria. The motion carried unanimously.**
- d. Consider and take action on the donation of robotic and pre-engineering equipment. **President Wright asked for a motion to accept the donation of the robotics and pre-engineering program for the Boys Ranch High School students. Mark Strother made the motion and George Owen**

**seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

- e. Consider and take action on the approval of Oldham County 4-H as an extracurricular activity and appoint county extension agent as adjunct faculty. **Mrs. Wright asked for a motion to approve the sanction of the Oldham County 4-H organization as a BRISD extracurricular activity and further move to appoint staff members for the county extension agents as adjunct faculty. Lance Purcell made the motion with a second from George Owen. The motion carried unanimously.**
- f. Consider and take action on the investment policy and approve the resolution. **Mrs. Wright asked for a motion to approve the resolution of the investment policy as is in CDA (LOCAL). Mark Strother made the motion and Lance Purcell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**
- g. Consider and take action on a resolution to authorize participation in TexPool And designate authorized representatives. After discussion on investing with TexPool versus other companies, **President Wright asked for a motion to approve the resolution to authorize participation in Texpool. The superintendent, assistant superintendent and finance officer serve as the authorized representatives of the district funds. Mark Strother made the motion with a second from George Owen. The motion carried unanimously.**

11. Personnel

- h. Consider and take action on the superintendent's recommendation to reinstate Jennifer King as a classroom teacher. **President Wright asked for a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation to reinstate Jennifer King as a classroom teacher. Lance Purcell made the motion. George Owen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**
- i. Update on resignation of one classroom teacher and one paraprofessional. Doug Pulsifer resigned his position as a classroom teacher and Sid Harper resigned her position as a paraprofessional.
- j. Adjustment to the salary of administrative assistant to the superintendent. As a result of added duties, the superintendent increased the salary by 4%.
- k. Update on fingerprinting requirements – The district has begun the process of requiring all new uncertified personnel to participate in the fingerprinting process issued by SBEC.

12. Reports

- a. Assistant Superintendent – Paul Jones
  - High School UIL Events
  - Fiscal/Facilities Management
  - Community Activities
  - Web Page Management
- b. Director of Student Programs – Maggie Taylor
  - Special Education
  - Gifted and Talented
  - Limited English Proficient
  - Dual Credit/AP
  - Senior Class

- c. Director of Curriculum and Instruction – Michelle Ellis
  - BRISD Absentee Chart
  - Substitute Expense Chart
  - Events
- d. Director of Disciplinary Services – Jerry Overman
  - BRISD Absentee Chart
  - Substitute Expense Chart
  - Discipline Report
- e. STARR Academy – Shelly Allen
  - Enrollment
  - Staff Development
  - TAP
  - Academics
  - Ropes
- f. Mimi Farley Elementary – Chester Dunavin
  - Enrollment
  - Academics
  - Student Activities
  - Teacher/Staff Activities
  - Budget
- g. Blakemore Middle School – Derek Davis
  - Staff Development
  - Student Information
  - Student Progress
  - Campus Events
  - Campus Budget
- h. BRHS – Mike Cheverier
  - Enrollment
  - Staff Development
  - Student Activities
  - Friday Collaboration
  - Academics

13. Motion to Adjourn - There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Wright adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

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President

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Secretary