

BOYS RANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BRISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BOYS RANCH, TEXAS
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Tuesday, December 18, 2007

BRISD Staff Present

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

BRISD Trustees Present

Suzanne Wright
Tony Renteria
George Owen
Lance Purcell

Guests

Valerie Kuhnert

BR Students

Sterling Brown
Nathan Curtis
Josh Dye
Adam Brown
Alec Betz
Donald Eatinger
Paige Taylor
Swasey Brown
Chris Wilkinson

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 November 20, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.
4. Call Roll and Establish a Quorum – All board members were present with the exception of Chris Storm. A quorum was established.
5. School Official Present – The school officials listed above were present.
6. BRISD Student Recognition – BRISD Marching Band– John Williams introduced the officers for the 07-08 school year. The band advanced from area to regionals. Mr. Williams showed a DVD of their performance.
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. Board Member Appointment –

- a. Introduction of new board member – Lance Purcell. Lance was sworn in at the December 7th board work session. Mrs. Wright introduced him to BRISD personnel.
 - b. Reappointment of continuing board member – Tony Renteria. President Suzanne Wright gave the oath of office to Mr. Renteria.
9. 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.
10. Information
- a. Report on Board Members Training hours – The following hours were reported for board members for the year 2006-2007: Suzanne Wright – 23 hours, Antonio Renteria – 24 hours, George Owen – 22 hours, Chris Storm – 6 hours, and new member Lance Purcell – 3 hours.
 - b. Report to public Board Vision statement – Madam President publicly reported new vision statement for BRISD. BRISD will maintain a positive, diverse, and supportive environment in which students learn to recognize their own talents and strengths and appreciate the joy of work and family to positively influence the lives of others.
 - c. District Fund Balance history – Mrs. Sotelo reported on the district’s fund balance history. The fund balance is \$706,544 which was an increase of \$150,255. Revenue received in a given year that is not expended rolls into fund balance. The amendment is a projection of the money that will be needed from fund balance.
 - d. Board Training – Legal Seminar
 - 1) February 6, 2008 at Region 16 is Level II teambuilding training which is required of all members.
 - 2) The 11th Annual Winter Governance & Legal Seminar will be held February 21-23, 2008 in Corpus Christi.
 - e. Sample superintendent evaluation and guidelines – A copy of TASB’s sample superintendent evaluation instrument and guidelines were included (see attached). The superintendent will develop a plan for accomplishing the board district goals based on the priorities set by the superintendent. In January, the board will meet with the superintendent, review the plan, discuss the priorities and set performance goals for next year’s evaluation.
11. Action
- a. Consider and take action on the annual financial audit for the year ended August 31, 2007. Valerie Kuhnert with Brown, Graham, and Company presented the BRISD annual financial audit. **Madam President asked for a motion to approve the Annual Financial Report for year ended August 31, 2007. Tony Renteria made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by George Owen and the motion carried unanimously.**
 - b. Consider and take action on the new appointment for school board Vice President to replace the position held by Alice O’Brien. **President Wright**

nominated Tony Renteria. Lance Purcell seconded. The appointment carried unanimously.

- c. Consider and take action on the Health Advisory Committee members. See attached membership proposal. A school district must consider the recommendations of the local school health advisory council before changing the district's health education curriculum or instruction. **Madam President asked for a motion to approve the members appointed to council. George Owen so moved and Lance Purcell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**
- d. Consider and take action on the budget amendment #1 to reflect a budget that exceeds projected revenues causing the district to use an estimated \$235,760 of the \$706,544 fund balance. This will be used to upgrade the Mimi Farley restrooms, improve the baseball field, and other expenses. Therefore, it is recommended BRISD reduce the Local Revenue from CFBR by \$235,760. **Mrs. Wright asked for a motion to approve budget amendment #1. George Owen made the motion and Lance Purcell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

12. Personnel

- a. Consider and approve the superintendent's hiring recommendation of Tabitha Lee as the Pre-K teacher. **President Wright asked for a motion to approve the recommendation. Lance Purcell so moved and was seconded by Tony Renteria. The motion carried unanimously.**
- b. Consider and approve the STARR Academy Principal request to rescind the resignation and approve the separation agreement. At 4:48 p.m. Mrs. Wright stated that in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001 the meeting would adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel. At 5:15 p.m. Mrs. Wright reconvened the meeting in open session. **President Wright asked for a motion to approve the proposed separation agreement. Lance Purcell made the motion and George seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

13. Reports

- a. Superintendent – Vita Sotelo
 - Campus TEA Report Cards
- b. Assistant Superintendent – Paul Jones
 - High School UIL Events
 - ✓ Boys Basketball
 - ✓ Girls Basketball
 - ✓ Boys/Girls Wrestling
 - Middle School UIL Events
 - ✓ JH Girls/Boys Basketball
 - ✓ JH Wrestling
 - Program Planning
 - Fiscal/Facilities Management
 - Web Page Management

- Student Management
 - c. Director of Student Programs – Maggie Taylor
 - Demographics
 - ✓ Special Education
 - ✓ Gifted and Talented
 - ✓ Limited English Proficient
 - ✓ Dual Credit/AP
 - ✓ Graduation Plan
 - ✓ Performance Based Monitoring
 - Texas Fitness Now
 - Texas Assessment
 - d. Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction – Michelle Ellis
 - BRISD Absentee Chart
 - Substitute Expense Chart
 - Events
 - e. STARR Academy – Shelly Allen
 - Enrollment
 - Student Progress
 - Student Information
 - Equine Therapy
 - Restructure of NASA
 - e. Mimi Farley Elementary – Chester Dunavin
 - Enrollment
 - Student Activities
 - Teacher Activities
 - f. Blakemore Middle School – Derek Davis
 - Staff Development
 - Student Information
 - Student Progress
 - Campus Events
 - Campus Budget
 - g. BRHS – Mike Cheverier
 - Enrollment
 - Staff Development
 - Student Activities
 - Friday Collaboration
 - Academics
14. Motion to Adjourn - There being no further business to come before the Board,
Mrs. Wright adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

President

Secretary