



Brownsville Independent School District

Board Of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting
October 1, 2013
5:30 P.M.

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 **Regular Board Meeting of October 1, 2013**, with any corrections/deletions.
- VI.** Recommend approving the following **minutes** with any corrections:
 - **Special Called Board Meeting of August 26, 2013**
 - **Regular Board Meeting of September 3, 2013**
 - **Special Called Board Meeting of September 10, 2013**
- VII.** 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)
- VIII. Superintendent's Report**
 - A. Conference Presentations:**
 1. Recognition of G T Award Recipient.
 2. Recognition of Eloisa Mireles, recipient of the State Board of Education Heroes for Children Award.
 3. Recognition of Excelencia in Education.

4. Recognition of Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.
5. Presentation of District-wide Attendance Initiatives.
6. Notification of computers purchased district-wide for period 9/9/13 – 9/20/13.
7. Presentation on Diabetes Crisis in Rio Grande Valley. **(Board Member Request-MP/CL)**
8. Review and discuss the Curriculum for High School Electives and other Core Courses required by the State. **(Board Member Request – CPG)**
9. Review and discuss Awarded Bid, State Awarded Contracts, Resolutions and Inter-Local Agreements. **(Board Member Request – CPG)**

B. Standing Board Agenda Items:

10. Board Calendars.

IX. PUBLIC AUDIENCE:

If you wish to address the Board of Trustees during the Public Audience portion of today's meeting, please print your name on the form provided. According to BISD Policy BED (Local), only those persons (on the list) who request to speak shall be heard. The speaker shall limit remarks to five minutes. The Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes for the Public Audience portion of the meeting. Complaints and concerns for which other resolution channels are provided shall be directed through those channels. These complaints include complaints on the following subjects: employee complaints, termination of employment, student complaints, removal to alternative education program, and expulsion. If the Board President determines that a person has not attempted to resolve a matter administratively, the person shall be directed to the appropriate policy for attempted resolution before bringing the matter to the Board. Complaints against specific employees or officers of BISD shall be heard in Closed Meeting, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Title 5-Section: 551.074 (1) and (2). If your topic concerns complaints against specific employees or officers, please note this on the sign-up sheet. You must make your points on issues in a constructive and courteous fashion pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order.

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.

X. Consent Agenda:

A. Recommend approval of the following General Function Items:

11. Recommend approval of Resolution #016/13-14 for the 2013-2014 Tax Levy in the amount of \$60,188,473.98.
12. Recommend approval to authorize the Superintendent to submit application/s for district attendance waiver/s to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as needed for the 2013-2014 school year.
13. Recommend approval to purchase commodities/services exceeding \$25,000 or greater for the month of October, 2013 based on District needs and funding.

14. Recommend approval of the ADA Compliance Plan.
15. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding establishing an additional staff attorney.
16. Recommend approval to adopt BE Local policy.
17. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Board Attorney billing. (**Board Member Request – LL**)
18. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Board Attorney’s Board approved contract. (**Board Member Request – LL**)
19. Review and discuss High School Course Listing Amendment and possible action. (**Board Member Request – CPG**)

B. Recommend approval of the following Payments:

20. Recommend approval for payment of \$9,646.84 to The Hudgins Law Firm.
21. Recommend approval for payment of \$7,576.87 to Hartline, Dacus, Barger, Dreyer, LLP.
22. Recommend approval to pay Rike Ogden Figueroa Alex Architects \$8,190.00 (Brownsville Academic Center) to be paid from Qualified School Construction Bond Fund 190/Local Maintenance Fund 199.

C. Recommend approval of the following Contracts/Agreements:

23. Recommend to renew the contract for the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes to Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, L.L.P. for a term of three (3) years, effective February 18, 2014 to February 17, 2017.
24. Recommend approval for the Brownsville Independent School District to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Gladys Porter Zoo to participate with the Youth Ambassador Program for the 2013-2014 school year.
25. Recommend approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Brownsville ISD and the University of Texas at Brownsville for the Brownsville Early College High School. Services and materials to be purchased subject to the District’s needs and funding.
26. Recommend approval for Herminia Martinez from Porter High School to serve as the Texas Education Agency required Program Service Provider. Services to be rendered according to District’s needs and funding.
27. Recommend approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Texas A & M University and the Brownsville Independent School District to implement the Advise Texas College Advising Corps at Pace, Porter, Lopez and Rivera High Schools for the 2013-2014 school year.
28. Recommend approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Brownsville ISD and Jobs for the Future. This MOU will be in effect until July 31, 2017.

29. Recommend approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NINOS Head Start to lease real property and place portable buildings on such property located at Burns Elementary (1974 East Alton Gloor Road, Brownsville, Texas) from October 2, 2013 to October 31, 2023.

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

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

30. Presentation of **Resignations**.
31. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Assistant Principals**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
32. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Counselors**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
33. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Educational Diagnostician**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
34. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Facilitator**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
35. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **School Nurse**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
36. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Program Specialist** Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
37. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Speech Language-Pathologist**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
38. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Speech Language Pathologist Assistants**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
39. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Teachers**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
40. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Teacher Specialist: Texas Literacy Grant**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
41. Recommend approval of **term-chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Administrator for Pupil Services**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
42. Recommend approval of **term chapter-21 contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **At-Risk Counselor**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.

43. Recommend approval of **term-chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Coordinator for Assessment & Planning**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
44. Recommend approval of **term-chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Dean of Instruction**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
45. Recommend approval of **term-chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Lead Teachers – I3 Grant**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
46. Recommend approval of **term-chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **PEIMS Specialist**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
47. Recommend approval of **term-chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Teachers**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
48. Recommend approval of **term-chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Teacher Specialists: Texas Literacy Grant**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
49. Recommend approval of **term-chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Testing Coordinator**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
50. Recommend approval of **non-chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Evaluator II**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
51. Recommend approval of **non-chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Human Resource Specialist**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
52. Recommend approval of reclassifying the Coordinator for Migrant Services from pay grade 2 to a pay grade 4 in the Education and Program Job Group.
53. Recommend approval to compensate a professional employee (D.F.) for salary earned but not paid in 2012-2013 Fiscal School Year.
54. Request approval to compensate a professional employee (R.V.) for salary earned but not paid in 2012-2013 Fiscal School Year.
55. Recommend approval of Campus Professional Staff (M.H.) for change in contract for the 2013-2014 school year.
56. Recommend approval to compensate a professional employee (L.O.) for salary earned but not paid in 2012-2013 Fiscal School Year.
57. Recommend approval of Campus Professional Staff (B.V.) for change in contract for the 2013-2014 school year.
58. Board Self Evaluation.

59. Discussion and consideration regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of the Superintendent.

B. Consultation with Attorney:

60. Consultation with Attorney regarding pending or threatened litigation matters: “status of lawsuits”.
 - a. Discussion and consideration regarding M.A. vs. BISD.
 - b. Discussion and consideration regarding Alfredo Sobrevilla vs. BISD; Cause No. 2012-DCL-08930-C in the 197th District Court, Cameron County, Texas.

(BOARD RECONVENES AFTER CLOSED MEETING)

A31-57. Recommend approval on personnel matters discussed in Closed Meeting.

58. Board Self Evaluation.

59. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of the Superintendent.

B60. Recommend approval regarding pending or threatened litigation matters: “status of lawsuits”

a. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding M.A. vs. BISD.

b. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Alfredo Sobrevilla vs. BISD; Cause No. 2012-DCL-08930-C in the 197th District Court, Cameron County, Texas.

XII. Announcement(s):

61. **Next scheduled Board Meeting** of the Board of Trustees is on **Tuesday, November 5, 2013**, at the Administration Building at 5:30 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment.