



# Brownsville Independent School District

## Board Of Trustees

### Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting January 14, 2014 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 **Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2014**, with any corrections/deletions.
- VI. Recommend approving the minutes of the following meetings with any corrections:
  - Special Called Board Meeting of November 22, 2013
  - Special Called Board Meeting of December 3, 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 Dr. Enrique Escobedo, Jr.
2. School Board Recognition Month – January 2014.
3. Recognition of James Pace High School for winning GenTx Week Star Award Texas Higher Ed Coordinating Board.
4. Recognition of Region 28 UIL Pigskin Marching Band Division I Recipients.

5. Presentation of District-wide Attendance Initiatives.
6. Presentation of 2012-2013 Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR)
7. Presentation of EOC/TAKS Scores for 2013-2014.
8. Presentation by City of Brownsville for All America City application. **(Board Member Request – MP)**
9. Presentation of the Curriculum District Wide Magnet Programs. **(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.

**X. Closed Meeting: as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section: 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082 & 551.084**

**A. Level III Board Review and Grievances:**

11. Discussion and consideration regarding Level III Grievance #004/13-14 on R.B. (CD)
12. Discussion and consideration regarding Level III Grievance #006/13-14 on M.A. (CD)
13. Discussion and consideration regarding Level III Grievance #007/13-14 on R.C. (CD)

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14. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Level III Grievance #004/13-14 on R.B.
15. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Level III Grievance #006/13-14 on M.A.

16. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Level III Grievance #007/13-14 on R.C.

**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.**

**XI. Consent Agenda:**

**A. Recommend approval of the following General Function Items:**

17. Recommend approval of the use of funds for services being provided by Communities in Schools-Cameron County, Inc. for 2013-2014 school year.
18. Recommend approval of the use of funds for services being provided by Workforce Solutions Cameron for 2013-2014 school year.
19. Recommend approval of the use of funds for services being provided by Brownsville Housing Authority for 2013-2014 school year.
20. Recommend approval for each of our 58 campuses to have an Epi-Pen for those students with an unknown allergy. Our Medical Director, Dr. Mazzini, will give us a medical standing order to use the Epi-Pen for student's presenting a severe allergic reaction that has been undiagnosed.
21. Recommend that Heritage Plan properties be granted exemption from taxation in the amount of \$84,000.00.
22. Recommend approval of Resolution #022/13-14 for the appointment of an individual to serve on the Cameron County Appraisal District Board of Directors.
23. Review, discuss and possible action regarding UIL policy and procedures. **(Board Member Request – CPG)**
24. Review, discuss and possible action regarding District-wide Inter District Transfers. **(Board Member Request – CPG)**

**B. Recommend approval of the following Payments:**

25. Recommend approval for payment of \$4,516.20 to The Hudgins Law Firm.
26. Recommend approval for payment of \$1,729.24 to The Hudgins Law Firm.
27. Recommend approval for payment of \$7,873.61 to Hartline, Dacus, Barger, Dreyer, LLP.
28. Recommend approval to pay Circle Industries, Inc. \$67,830.00 (Fire Alarm Project at Skinner, Canales, Putegnath and Russell Elementary Schools), Rio Roofing, Inc. \$45,600.00 (Re-roofing Project at Morningside Elementary School) and TexAir Company \$3,111.25 (HVAC Upgrades at Lucio Middle School) for a grand total of \$116,541.25 to be paid from Capital Project Fund 634/Local Maintenance Fund 199.

**C. Recommend approval of the following Budget Amendments:**

29. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #060 in the amount of \$57,294.00 for Fund 435 – IDEA Part B – State Deaf. (Additional Funding)
30. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #061 in the amount of \$181,302.00 for Fund 276 – Texas Title I Priority School Grant. (Reallocation)
31. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #062 in the amount of \$103,165.00 for Fund 199 – Local Maintenance. (Reallocation)
32. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #063 in the amount of \$195,000.00 for Fund 198 – Medicare Reimbursement (SHARS). (Fund Balance)

**D. Recommend approval of the following Contracts/Agreements:**

33. Recommend approval of Change Order #1 to amend the Owner/Contractor Agreement with TexAir Company, McAllen, Texas, for the HVAC Upgrades Project at Lucio Middle School.
34. Recommend approval to enter into an Agreement with TALX Corporation a provider of Equifax Workforce Solutions.
35. Recommend approval to enter into a Clinical Affiliation Agreement between Su Clínica Familiar and Brownsville ISD for the 2013-2014 through 2015-2016 school years.
36. Recommend approval for a Memorandum of Understanding between Brownsville ISD and South Texas ISD for the 2013-2014 school year. This agreement is subject to the District's needs.

**E. Recommend approval of the following Bid/Proposal/Purchase:**

37. Recommend awarding RFP #14-075 Biometric Screening and Health Assessments to Personalized Prevention from San Antonio, Texas.

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

**A. PERSONNEL MATTERS:**

38. Presentation of **Retirements/Resignations**.
39. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Counselors**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
40. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Facilitator**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
41. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Teachers**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
42. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Testing Coordinator**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.

43. Recommend approval of **term-chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **Advanced Academic Lead Teacher**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
44. Recommend approval of **term-chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2013-2014 school year – **TLI Grant Specialist**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
45. Recommend approval to compensate professional employee (J.L.V.) for two (2) years of creditable salary experience earned but not paid in 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 fiscal School Years.
46. Board Self Evaluation.
47. Discussion and consideration regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of the Superintendent.

**B. Consultation with Attorney:**

48. Consultation with Attorney regarding pending or threatened litigation matters: “status of lawsuits”.
  - a. Discussion and consideration regarding B.G.
  - b. Discussion and consideration regarding D.C. v. Brownsville ISD.
  - c. Recommend approval and consent from the Brownsville Independent School District to associate Brendan McBride from the McBride Law Firm out of San Antonio to work with Garcia & Karam in pending litigation against HealthSmart.

**(BOARD RECONVENES AFTER CLOSED MEETING)**

- A39-45. Recommend approval on personnel matters discussed in Closed Meeting.
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**XIII. Announcement(s):**

49. **Next scheduled Board Meeting** of the Board of Trustees is on **Tuesday, February 4, 2014**, at the Administration Building at 5:30 p.m.

#### **XIV. Adjournment.**