



Brownsville Independent School District

Board Of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting
September 2, 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 **Regular Board Meeting of September 2, 2014**, with any corrections/deletions.
- VI.** Recommend approving the following **minutes** with any corrections:
Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting held July 15, 2014
Regular Board Meeting held August 5, 2014
Special Called Board Meeting held August 14, 2014
- 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 College Board's Advanced Placement Scholar Awards.
2. District-wide Attendance Update.

3. Presentation of the Brownsville Independent School District Financial Report for the period ended July 31, 2014.
4. Presentation of Board Member Requests for the period September 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014.
5. Presentation on Adult Meal Pricing.

B. Standing Board Agenda Items:

6. 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. Open Hearing: Grievant has requested an open hearing pursuant to Board Policy DGBA Local.

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A. Level III Board Review and Grievance:

7. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the Level III Grievance No. 001/14-15 Maricela Perales.

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 Item(s):

8. Recommend approval to adopt Policy Update 99 Local and Miscellaneous policies.
9. Recommend approval to accept the musical instruments from The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation to be used in the respective middle school band programs.

10. Recommend approval of the 2014-2015 Scholastic Chess Program Handbook. (CD)
11. Recommend approval to submit the Class Size Waiver petition to the Texas Education Agency for grades K through 4th for the Fall semester for the 2014-2015 school year.
12. Recommend approval of Resolution #013/14-15 for the adoption of the 2014-2015 Proposed Tax Rate. Recommend to adopt a tax rate of no more than \$1.145666 per \$100.00 valuation with a Maintenance and Operations rate of \$1.040000 and a Debt Service rate of \$0.105666.
13. Recommend approval for an Official Notice and Order for the Brownsville Independent School District Trustee Election to be held Tuesday, November 4, 2014.
14. Recommend approval of Resolution #015/14-15 for the appointment of an individual to serve on the Cameron County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

B. Recommend approval of the following Payment(s):

15. Recommend approval to pay Circle Industries, Inc. \$19,325.00 to be paid from Capital Projects Fund/Local Maintenance Fund.
16. Recommend approval for payment of \$473.52 to the Hudgins Law Firm.
17. Recommend approval for payment of \$6,033.96 to the Hudgins Law Firm, PC.

C. Recommend approval of the following Budget Amendment(s):

18. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #018 in the amount of \$203,459.00 for Fund 199 – Local Maintenance. (Reallocation)

D. Recommend approval of the following Contract(s)/Agreement(s):

19. Recommend approval to contract with Cameron County Elections Office and to pay 60% deposit for estimated costs of election services for a joint Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 and to authorize the Superintendent to sign the contract.
20. Recommend approval to authorize the Superintendent to sign the agreement between Brownsville ISD and RGV Lead, Inc.
21. Recommend approval to enter into contractual agreement with Texas Southmost College to begin providing ABE/ASE instructional services to adults in the Cameron County area.
22. Recommend approval to renew the AVID Implementation Agreement for Hanna and Brownsville Early College High Schools in the amount of \$6,970.00 from campus budgeted local and categorical funds for the 2014-2015 school year. Services to be rendered and items to be purchased are subject to the District's needs and funding.
23. Recommend approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Brownsville I.S.D. and Tropical Texas Behavioral Health, Edinburg, Texas, for mental health services for the 2014-2015 school year. Services are to be rendered at no cost to the District.

24. Recommend approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Brownsville Independent School District and the Buckner Children & Family Services. Services to be rendered at no cost to the District for the 2014-2015 school year.
25. Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with the University of Texas to have students from the College of Nursing train at BISD facility to begin on September 1, 2014 and end on August 31, 2015.
26. Recommend approval to enter into Memorandum of Understanding between Texas A & M University and the Brownsville Independent School District to implement the Advise Texas College Advising Corps at Hanna, Pace, Porter, Lopez and Rivera High Schools for the 2014-2015 school year.
27. Recommend approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Brownsville Independent School District and the University of Texas at Brownsville. Services to be rendered at no cost to the District for the 2014-2015 school year.
28. Recommend approval to enter into Agreement with Abundant Life Church, La Feria Family Learning Center, Father Joseph O'Brien Health Center (Port Isabel), Maria Luisa Ruiz Guerra Annex and Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church to provide Adult Basic Education/General Educational Development and English as Second Language classes for the 2014-2015 school year at no cost to the District.

E. Recommend approval of the following Bid(s)/Proposal(s)/Purchase(s):

29. Recommend awarding RFQ #15-038 Legal Consulting Services for Special Education to three firms for the 2014-2015 school year, utilizing rotational system for services as needed, with an option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year term and to authorize administration to negotiate a fee.
30. Recommend awarding CSP #15-025 Construction Services for Faulk Middle School Weight Room to Highmark Construction Co., LLC, McAllen, Texas, in the amount not to exceed \$437,000.00 to be paid from Local Funds 199 & 197.
31. Recommend awarding CSP #15-033 Third Party Administrative (TPA) Services for the Self-Funded Group Health Plan to BlueCross BlueShield of Texas, Stop Loss to Voya Financial, Basic Life and AD&D Insurance to Aetna Life Insurance for a three (3) year term with an option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms.
32. Recommend awarding CSP #15-040 Advertising Services to Alpha Media, Dallas, Texas for the 2014-2015 fiscal year with an option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms.

Please note Trustees Lucila B. Longoria and Catalina Presas-Garcia will be excluded from Executive Session, 33 a., due to conflict.

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

A. Consultation with Attorney:

33. Consultation with Attorney regarding pending or threatened litigation matters: “status of lawsuit(s).”
 - a. Discussion and consideration in Lucila B. Longoria and Catalina Presas-Garcia vs. Brownsville Independent School District, et. al, Civil Action Number 1:14-CV-00010 pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas Brownsville Division.

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

A. PERSONNEL MATTER(S):

34. Presentation of **Resignation(s)**.
35. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2014-2015 school year – **Assistant Principals**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
36. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2014-2015 school year – **Counselors**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
37. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2014-2015 school year – **Dean of Instruction**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
38. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2014-2015 school year – **License Specialist School Psychologist**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
39. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2014-2015 school year – **Teachers**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
40. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2014-2015 school year – **Teacher Specialist – Literacy Grant**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
41. Recommend approval of **term – chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2014-2015 school year – **Teacher**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
42. Recommend approval of **term – non – chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2014-2015 school year – **Purchasing & Accounts Supervisor**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
43. Recommend approval of **term – non – chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2014-2015 school year – **Supervisor for Special Education**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
44. Recommend approval to pay a professional employee (D.A.) for additional assigned Supplemental Duties for the 2014-2015 school year.

- 45. Recommend approval to adjust the working days of a professional employee (S.S.) for the 2014-2015 school year.
- 46. Board Self Evaluation.
- 47. Discussion and consideration regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of the Superintendent. (Formative Evaluation)

B. Consultation with Attorney:

- 48. Consultation with Attorney regarding pending or threatened litigation matters: “status of lawsuits”.
 - a. Discussion and consideration regarding Cause No. 2012-DCL-8605-A; Brownsville ISD vs. Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, et al.
 - b. Discussion and consideration regarding Cause No. 2010-DCL-8142; Michael Alex vs. Brownsville ISD.
 - c. Update regarding EEOC pending lawsuit. **(Board Member Request – CL)**

(BOARD RECONVENES AFTER CLOSED MEETING)

- A. 33. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Lucila B. Longoria and Catalina Presas-Garcia vs. Brownsville Independent School District, et. al, Civil Action Number 1:14-CV-00010 pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas Brownsville Division.

- A 35-45. Recommend approval on personnel matters discussed in Closed Meeting.

- 46. Board Self Evaluation.
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- B48. Recommend approval regarding pending or threatened litigation matters: “status of lawsuit(s)”
 - a. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Cause No. 2012-DCL-8605-A; Brownsville ISD vs. Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, et al.
 - b. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Cause No. 2010-DCL-8142; Michael Alex vs. Brownsville ISD.
 - c. Update regarding EEOC pending lawsuit. **(Board Member Request – CL)**

XIV. Announcement(s):

- 49. **Next scheduled Board Meeting** of the Board of Trustees is on **Tuesday, October 7, 2014**, at the Administration Building at 5:30 p.m.

XV. Adjournment.