



Brownsville Independent School District

Board Of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting

October 7, 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 October 7, 2014**, with any corrections/deletions.
- VI. Recommend approving the **minutes** of the **Regular Board Meeting of September 2, 2014** with any corrections.
- 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. Presentation of Rio Grande Valley Firefighter's & Fire Marshal's Association (RGVFFMA) Fire Prevention Poster Contest.
2. Presentation CHCI R2L NextGen Honoree "Celebrate My Drive" Presentation.
3. Presentation of BISD Professional Percussionist Clinic and Concert.
4. Recognition of James Pace Early College High School Masterminds Team Champions.

5. Recognition of James Pace Early College High School Student Leaders (Big Event).
6. Recognition of Solomon Ortiz Elementary School selected for the Reward School Best Practice Case Study by T.E.A.
7. Presentation on District-wide Attendance Initiatives.
8. Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
9. Presentation by Brownsville Wellness Coalition (Gardens). **(Board Member Request – CL)**
10. Presentation of Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE).

Open Public Hearing to discuss Porter High School Targeted Improvement Plan

11. Presentation of TEA Required Porter High School Targeted Improvement Plan.

Closed Public Hearing

Open Public Hearing to discuss School FIRST

12. Public Hearing – School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas). (Booklet)

Closed Public Hearing

13. Superintendent’s Report: In-District Charters
14. Presentation of the Brownsville Independent School District Financial Report for the period ended August 31, 2014.
15. Presentation regarding Response from TEA on Overpayment on IFA.

B. Standing Board Agenda Items:

16. 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:

17. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Level III Grievance No. 002/14-15 Maria Lippman.

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):

18. Recommend approval of Resolution #014/14-15 for the 2014-2015 Tax Levy in the amount of \$61,793,472.69.
19. Recommend to approve the Porter High School Targeted Improvement Plan to submit to the Texas Education Agency with revisions as needed or required during the 2014-2015 school year.
20. Recommend approval to reschedule the Regular Board Meeting of November 4, 2014 to November 12, 2014, Regular Board Meeting of December 2, 2014 to December 9, 2014 and Regular Board Meeting of January 6, 2015 to January 13, 2015, due to 2014 General Election and scheduled holidays.

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

21. Recommend approval to pay Amtech Building Sciences, Inc. \$8,460.00 (Rivera High School Roof Replacement) to be paid from Capital Projects Fund.
22. Recommend approval to pay for Mexican American School Board Members Association Membership in the amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 from Local Maintenance Budgeted Funds.
23. Recommend approval for payment of up to \$1,801.40 to Colvin, Chaney, Saenz, & Rodriguez, LLP.
24. Recommend approval to pay Thompson & Horton, LLP \$517.70 from Local Maintenance Funds.
25. Recommend approval for payment of \$16,176.51 to Hartline, Dacus, Barger, Dreyer, LLP.
26. Recommend approval for payment of \$10,103.32 to The Hudgins Law Firm.

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

27. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #019 in the amount of \$87,627.00 for Fund 199 - Local Maintenance. (Reallocation)
28. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #020 in the amount of \$23,952.00 for Fund 199 – Local Maintenance. (New Funding)
29. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #021 in the amount of \$18,000.00 for Fund 197 – Projects. (Reallocation)
30. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #022 in the amount of \$730,382.00 for Fund 634 – Capital Projects 2006 Bond Proceeds Proposition 4. (Capital Projects 2006 Bond Proceeds Proposition 4 Reserved Fund Balance)

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

31. Recommend approval of automatic renewal of the Inter-Local Agreement with Houston Independent School District for Medicaid Billing and Consulting Services District-wide for the 2014-2015 school year.
32. Recommend approval to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with Valley Regional Medical Center for the 2014-2015 school year.
33. Recommend approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Brownsville I.S.D. and Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas for implementation of their anti-alcohol, tobacco, and drug programs expressly for reducing substance use and abuse among youth and adults in the BISD 2014-2015 school year. Services are to be rendered at no cost to the District.
34. Recommend approval Herminia Martinez for Porter High School to serve as the Texas Education Agency required Professional Service Provider. Services to be rendered according to District’s needs and funding.
35. Recommend approval Herminia Martinez for Cummings Middle School to serve as the Texas Education Agency required Professional Service Provider. Services to be rendered according to District’s needs and funding.
36. Recommend approval for the Brownsville Independent School District to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Brownsville Children’s Museum to participate with the Youth Ambassador Program for the 2014-2015 school year.
37. Recommend approval for the Brownsville Independent School District to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Cameron County to participate with the Youth Ambassador Program for the 2014-2015 school year.
38. Recommend approval for the Brownsville Independent School District to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Su Clinica Familiar to participate with the Youth Ambassador Program for the 2014-2015 school year.

39. 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 2014-2015 school year.
40. Recommend approval for the Brownsville Independent School District to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Valley Regional Medical Center to participate with the Youth Ambassador Program for the 2014-2015 school year.
41. Recommend approval between the Brownsville Independent School District and the City of Brownsville to continue their joint partnership and continue their Memorandum of Understanding to participate with the Youth Ambassador Program for the 2014-2015 school year.
42. Recommend approval to enter into an agreement between Brownsville ISD and Ellevation LLC to allow for data services for English Language Learners.
43. Recommend approval to continue the Clinical Affiliation Agreement between Valley Baptist Medical Center and Brownsville ISD for Career & Technical Education High School students in the field of Health Science Technology for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years. Services to be rendered are subject to the District's needs and funding.
44. Recommend approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Region 4 Education Service Center to implement J.D. Palatine with BISD for the 2014-2015 School Year at a cost of \$52,200.00. Services are to be rendered subject to the District's needs and funding.
45. Recommend approval to enter into agreement with the Brownsville Chapter of Hadassah, Valley Baptist Medical Center of Brownsville for the presentation of their program "Check it Out" to female students (juniors and seniors) at Hanna, Lincoln Park, Lopez, Pace, Porter, Rivera, Veterans, BECHS, and BLA/BAC.

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

46. Recommend approval to accept the proposed fees for awarded RFQ #15-038 Legal Consulting Services for Special Education to the three firms for the 2014-2015 school year, utilizing a rotational system for services as needed with an option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms, in the amount not to exceed a combined total of \$74,997.00.

Please note Trustees Lucila B. Longoria and Catalina Presas-Garcia will be excluded from Executive Session, 47. 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:

47. 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):

48. Presentation of **Retirement(s)/Resignation(s)**.
49. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the **2014-2015 school year – Assistant Band Director/Itinerant**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
50. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the **2014-2015 school year – Counselor**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
51. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the **2014-2015 school year – Counselor At-Risk**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
52. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the **2014-2015 school year – Curriculum Specialist: Bilingual/ESL**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
53. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the **2014-2015 school year – Curriculum Specialist: Math K-12**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
54. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the **2014-2015 school year – Curriculum Specialist: Math PK-12**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
55. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the **2014-2015 school year – Deans of Instruction**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
56. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the **2014-2015 school year – Licensed Specialist School Psychologist**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
57. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the **2014-2015 school year – Counselor i3 - Transitional**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
58. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the **2014-2015 school year – Teachers**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
59. Recommend approval of **term – chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the **2014-2015 school year – Lead Teacher for Adult Continuing Education**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
60. Recommend approval of **term – chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the **2014-2015 school year – Lead Educational Diagnostician**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.

61. Recommend approval of **term chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the **2014-2015 school year – Principal – Manzano Middle School**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
62. Recommend approval to compensate professional employee (A.V.) for the One Act Play Stipend earned but not paid in fiscal school year 2013-2014.
63. Recommend approval of qualified administrators as Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS) Appraisers for the 2014-2015 school year.
64. Recommend approval to compensate professional employee (Z.M.G.) for the Special Education All Levels Stipend and the Special Education PPCD Stipend earned but not paid in fiscal school year 2013-2014.
65. Recommend approval to compensate professional employee (D.J.P.) for the Counselor Stipend earned but not paid in fiscal school year 2013-2014.
66. Recommend approval to compensate professional employee (A.L.I.) for the Counselor Stipend earned but not paid in fiscal school year 2013-2014.
67. Recommend approval to compensate professional employee (M.L.F.) for the Counselor Stipend earned but not paid in fiscal school year 2013-2014.
68. Recommend approval to compensate classified employee (M.D.A.) for prior years of experience earned but not paid in the following fiscal school years: 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.
69. Recommend approval of Campus Professional Employee (N.V.G.) for change in contract for the 2014-2015 fiscal school year.
70. Board Self Evaluation.
71. Discussion and consideration regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of the Superintendent.

B. Consultation with Attorney:

72. Consultation with Attorney regarding pending or threatened litigation matters: “status of lawsuits”.
 - a. Discussion and consideration regarding BISD vs. Healthsmart.
 - b. Discussion and consideration regarding Brownsville Independent School District v. Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, GAB Robins North America, Inc., Cunningham Lindsey U.S., Inc., and Steve Borgman.
 - c. Discussion and consideration regarding I.G. b/n/f Nereyda Gonzalez vs. Brownsville Independent School District; TEA Docket No. 229-SE-0514.

(BOARD RECONVENES AFTER CLOSED MEETING)

- A. 47. Discussion, consideration and possible action 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.
- A49-69. Recommend approval on personnel matters discussed in Closed Meeting.
 - 70. Board Self Evaluation.
 - 71. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of the Superintendent.
- B72. Recommend approval regarding pending or threatened litigation matters: “status of lawsuit(s)”
 - a. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding BISD vs. Healthsmart.
 - b. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Brownsville Independent School District v. Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, GAB Robins North America, Inc., Cunningham Lindsey U.S., Inc., and Steve Borgman.
 - c. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding I.G. b/n/f Nereyda Gonzalez vs. Brownsville Independent School District; TEA Docket No. 229-SE-0514.

XIV. Announcement(s):

Note: If agenda item XI. A. 20 is approved the next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

- 73. **Next scheduled Board Meeting** of the Board of Trustees is on **November 4, 2014**, at the Administration Building at 5:30 p.m.

XV. Adjournment.