



# BOARD REPORT

*BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING*  
September 12, 2016



*Above: (left to right) Braiden Brown, Shari Ray, Macie Smith, Carli Coffee, and BISD Board President, Michael Cloy*

The Brownwood ISD (BISD) Board of Trustees met for a regular session meeting on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The regular session was called to order by BISD Board President Michael Cloy and Harold Hogan, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, gave the invocation. East Elementary students Shari Ray, Carlie Coffee, Macie Smith, and Braiden Brown led The Pledge of Allegiance.

## RECOGNITIONS

The following groups and individuals were recognized by BISD and presented with Certificates of Excellence for their achievements:

### **BROWNWOOD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (BRMC)**

BRMC Marketing Director, Donna Hair, accepted the certificate recognizing their continued support of BISD by providing calendar magnets each year.



*Above: (left to right) BISD Board President, Michael Cloy; BRMC Marketing Director, Donna Hair; BISD Board Member, Diane Thompson*

## WOODLAND HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY GREEN TEAM

The Woodland Heights Elementary Green Team was recognized for their achievements reaching and surpassing their recycling goals each year. The 2015-2016 team had a goal of 45,000 lbs. of recycling and they reached a total 56,309 lbs. Founding Green Team members (now BHS freshmen) Jordan Roberts and Madi Perry were recognized, along with the following members of the 2015-2016 team: Peyton Cockerham, Ryleigh Krischke, Riley Morton, Tynlea Wilson, Aidan Pena, Caleb Modawell, Ethan Fuentes, Addison Lee, Sidney Windham, Adyson Neel, Madi Woodard, Madden Wise, Colton Stewart, Emma Putman, Noemi Ceniceros, Ross Strasner, Peyton Pena, Wesley Goodrich, Benson Henry, Roy Mascorro, Enrique Vazquez, Hayden Padgett, Victoria Cardenas, Kate Tindol, Elbion Thaqi, Easton Judkins, Addison Bennett, Dwayne Lyons, Alden Cecil, and Kaeden Byrd.



*Above: BISD Board Member, Diane Thompson, and BISD Board President, Michael Cloy, pose with members of the Woodland Heights Elementary Green Team.*

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Young reported a smooth start to school for the district and thanked administration and staff for the work done on this year's convocation.
- Participation in Academic UIL for elementary schools within the district has begun. Elementary principals are coordinating with BISD Deputy Superintendent, Liesa Land, on the program and an Academic UIL District Meet will be held at BISD, December 1st at 1:30 p.m.
- Dr. Young is representing BISD in Leadership Brownwood and has attended the first meeting. The group consists of leaders from across the community and the meeting was the first in a 10-month process for the organization.
- The first session of the new Aspiring Administrators Academy was held earlier in the week and Dr. Young thanked Dr. Martinez, BISD Director of Human Resources and Operations, for organizing and heading up the new program. Eleven participants have signed up for the program.
- Coordination on academic offerings through Ranger College has continued through meetings between Dr. Young, Liesa Land, and Ranger College President, Dr. Bill Campion.
- The monthly Staffing Report and Budget Update were presented to the board.

## **DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

**DISCUSSION:** BISD Deputy Superintendent, Liesa Land presented participation figures and details on activities and programs for students and staff conducted throughout the summer. Land noted approximately 86 workshops were offered between BISD and ESC 15, in addition to student and staff participation in summer school/accelerated instruction, Jump Start, and retesting. Land also reported that 40 high school students regained credit through credit recovery, and 100% of last year's seniors graduated with future plans which include: 42% in a four-year college, 22% in a two-year college, 12% in a technical/vocational school, 4% into the military, and 20% into the workforce.

**DISCUSSION:** BISD Assistant Superintendent, Kevin Gabaree provided the board with 2016 beginning-of-year enrollment and staffing statistics with comparisons to the 2015 numbers. As of September, enrollment is 3,726 which is up 34 students from this time last year.

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Young provided materials to the board regarding The District of Innovation concept which gives traditional independent school districts the opportunity to “innovate” in areas designated through an outlined process that, if completed, grants some of the flexibilities available to Texas’ open-enrollment charter schools. The information is provided as BISD continues to explore all possibilities to increase efficiency in district operation, communication, and educational delivery.

**DISCUSSION/FIRST READING:** The board was presented with TASB-initiated Policy Update 106. Update 106 is a special update in response to the Commissioner of Education rules adopted as authorized by Education Code 29.022, which requires installation and operation of video and audio equipment in certain special education classrooms or other special education settings on request of a parent, staff member, or trustee. This was the first reading. Consideration for approval will be presented in October.

**ACTION ITEM:** The board considered approval of updates to DNA(Local), DNB(Local), and TASB-initiated Policy Update 105. DNA (Local) outlines the use of the Texas Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) to evaluate teachers. DNB(Local) outlines the use of the Texas Principal Evaluation Support System (T-PESS) for the appraisal of principals by the school district. In addition, the policy provides guidance on the evaluation of other administrators in the district who are not principals. Update 105 includes revisions throughout the policy manual based on the passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), signed into law December 10, 2015. ESSA replaces the previous version of the law—the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)—and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Recent amendments to the Texas Administrative Code are also addressed throughout this update. A motion to approve the update was made by Eric Evans and seconded by Tim Jacobs. The motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEM:** The board considered approval of Campus Fundraisers and Out-of-State travel requests. The campus fundraisers provide additional funds above and beyond the campus budget to enhance the campus and departments. The out-of-state travel requests provide students experiences above and beyond the traditional curriculum or competition. A motion to approve the requests as presented was made by Eric Evans and seconded by Diane Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Items on the Consent Agenda were approved unanimously as presented, with a motion by Tim Jacobs and a second by Roderick Jones.

The items on the agenda included the following:

- August 8, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
- August 18, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
- August 29, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No items were scheduled for executive session.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Homecoming Game vs. Alvarado - September 16, 2016
- BEF Lion's Pride Gala - September 17, 2016 - 6:00 p.m. at the Tolson Ranch
- Staff Development - October 10, 2016
- Next Regular Meeting - October 10, 2016

*The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.*