

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BRADY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Board of Trustees for the Brady Independent School District met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2011 in the Brady Elementary Cafeteria located at 205 W. China. The meeting was called to order by President Jason Jacoby at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT Jason Jacoby, Darrell Keese, Robert Duus, Tina Young, Tisha Shuffield, and Mary Ann Castro

ABSENT Ed Hernandez

PLEDGE & PRAYER Jason Jacoby

PUBLIC FORM Jason Jacoby welcomed all present to the public forum regarding the consolidation of the North Ward campus to the Brady Elementary campus.

RE:

CONSOL. NW TO BE Jeffrey Brasher, Superintendent, presented a power point explaining the reason for exploring the possibility of consolidating the North Ward campus to the Brady Elementary campus. Due to possible state funding cuts the district will be looking at the need to trim the budget by a substantial amount. The district student enrollment continues to gradually decline which effects state funding as well. The District has not adopted a deficit budget which means the district has stayed within the boundaries of the original budget adopted at the first of each year. However the district has and continues to make adjustments within the district that alleviates over expenditures. Other areas are being explored along with the consolidation including a 10% cut in all areas of the budget, decrease funding for new vehicle purchases, cutting positions at Central Office, reducing technology budget, and the review of all district staffing. Dr. Brasher continued to explain with the consolidation of the two campuses the District is projected to save \$78,272 per year with a 5 year savings of \$391,360. However a district wide reduction in staff would determine overall cost savings. The cost to consolidate the campuses is approximately \$45,000 including moving three portables for \$12,000, construct covered porches and concrete \$20,000, set up utilities \$8,000, set up telephones/bells \$500 and to clean and repair portables to make them functional \$5,000. It is being discussed that the portables will be placed in the cul-de-sac between the 5th grade wing and the gym. With the current enrollment there is a possibility there will be 4-5 rooms available within the Brady Elementary building to house a grade level. Dr. Brasher and the Board of Trustees entertained questions from the community.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN A motion was made by Ms. Shuffield, seconded by Ms. Castro and carried 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary