

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

The Board of Trustees for the Brady Independent School District met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2011 in the school administration building. The meeting was called to order by President Jason Jacoby at 6:05 p.m.

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

ABSENT No one

PLEDGE & PRAYER Ann Moore

APPROVE MINUTES A motion was made by Ms. Castro, seconded by Mr. Hernandez and carried 7-0 to approve the minutes from the July 11, July 25, and August 4, 2011 meetings.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS A motion was made by Mr. Keese, seconded by Ms. Shuffield and carried 7-0 to approve the following budget amendments.

To record a \$1500 donation from Ol ‘Houn’ Dawgs, Inc. to purchase supplies:

199-00-5744	Donation	Increase Est. Revenue	\$1500
199-36-6399	Supplies	Increase Appropriations	\$1500

To amend the 2010-2011 Operating budget as follows:

199-11-61XX	TRS on-behalf	\$18,000
199-31-61XX	TRS on-behalf	\$18,000

POLICY UPDATE 90 A motion was made by Ms. Young, seconded by Ms. Castro and carried 7-0 to approve the TASB Policy Update 90.

MILEAGE RATE INCREASE A motion was made by Ms. Castro, seconded by Mr. Hernandez and carried 7-0 to approve the mileage rate increase from \$0.51 to \$0.55 as recommended by the state.

GASB 54 POLICY & RESOLUTION Ms. Moore explained the district must adopt a policy and resolution regarding special fund balances. The district must have in policy a dollar figure and commit this dollar figure to a specific named special fund balance. This process is for auditing purposes. A motion was made by Ms. Castro, seconded by Ms. Young and carried 7-0 to approve the GASB 54 Policy and Resolution as presented by Ms. Moore.

COMMIT AVAILABLE A motion was made by Ms. Castro, seconded by Ms. Young and carried 7-0 to commit \$400,000 to “Facility Expansion and Renovation” special fund

FUNDS balance as of August 31, 2011.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & DIST. DAYCARE Mary Hoffmire, director of the district's Stepping Stones Early Learning Center and Daycare requested that the board allow the district to continue with the daycare through Dec. 14, 2011. Some of the reasons given were the children have established relationships with the employees, the Montessori program is more effective if there is a closure for the children, and the licensing fee is the same whether the daycare is open 3 weeks or 4 months. Ms. Moore stated FUMC has moved furniture into the NW facility but a definite time of opening has not yet been established. There is a \$25 registration fee for each child that attends the FUMC Pre-School/Daycare. Ms. Moore recommends the District pay the registration fee for their employee's child this first year to help alleviate the transition expense. Mr. Keese stated the FUMC is waiting on the required inspections before the state can issue the license. A motion was made by Ms. Young, seconded by Ms. Castro and carried 6-1 to continue with the district's Stepping Stones Early Learning Center and Daycare through Dec. 14, 2011. Mr. Jacoby opposed the motion.

OL' HOUN' DAWGS Mark Jones, President of Ol' Houn' Dawgs, explained the function of the organization which focuses on all student athletes. OHD has set aside \$20,000 solely for the purpose of building a weight room to be located at the new high school campus. He stated OHD would like to make the donation to Brady ISD for this project if the district is considering building the facility. If the district is considering it's building OHD would consider increasing the donation amount. A motion was made by Ms. Castro, seconded by Mr. Keese and carried 7-0 for Ms. Moore to proceed with requesting for bids or proposals for the weight room and also for possible areas for the weight room to be built.

PROPOSED M&O/I&S TAX RATE FOR 2011-2012 Discussion was held regarding the increase of the Sinking & Interest tax rate from last year's \$0.3275 to \$0.3607 which is an increase of \$0.0322 per \$100. This increase is due to the decreased amount the state will be giving for the Existing Debt Allotment (EDA) and the Infrastructure Facilities Allotment (IFA). The increase will net more than \$47,000 than last year. A motion was made by Ms. Young, seconded by Ms. Castro and carried 7-0 to approve the proposed Maintenance & Operation tax rate at \$1.04 and the Sinking & Interest tax rate at \$0.3275 for the 2011-2012 school year.

RE-DISTRICTING UPDATE Eric Magee, lawyer for Allison, Bass Law Office will be contacting Ms. Moore to discuss the nature of the re-districting survey. She will relay the information to the board at the next scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING TAX RATE & BUDGET Ms. Moore reminded the board of the public hearing regarding the approval of the district tax rate and budget for the 2011-2012 school year which will be held Tuesday, August 30, 2011 beginning at 12:00 noon in the board room.

REPORTS

Technology

Coty Tidwell, Director, gave an update regarding the power surge at the Brady Elementary campus. The power surge caused damage to any type of equipment that was plugged in at the time. It is also now affecting items that have been plugged into the sockets since the surge. Beimer Electric has been testing all electrical wiring and has found no evidence of damage with the electrical system. The City at this time is waiting for the district to give a complete list of items affected and the dollar amount of the items for their insurance company. Full connectivity to all three portables is complete. All classrooms throughout the district are ready for school start except those at the elementary campus that was affected by the power surge.

Maintenance

Art Klement, Director, reported there is some clean-up still to do around the elementary portables. The walkways and ramps are complete to the portables with only the hand railing left. The bell systems and fire alarms are almost complete. At the high school campus some of the grout on the tile flooring is coming out and with the expired warranty the maintenance department will now be responsible for replacing the grout.

Food Service

Sarah Smith, Director, stated there have been some changes regarding the high school serving line. There will now be only three lines instead of five. She believes this will cut down on the amount of waste. The lines will consist of the district menu, a theme menu, and a salad/snack bar menu. There will be no changes with the serving lines at the middle and elementary schools. There have been changes in the serving of the breakfast at the elementary that she feels will be more efficient for the teachers and students.

Brady Elementary

Kelley Hirt announced "Meet the Teacher" for PK-1 will be on Thursday from 6:00-7:30. For Grades 2-5 "Meet the Teacher" will be Friday from 6:00-7:00. There have been a lot of visuals posted around the campus to enable parents to become familiar with procedures. The portables will consist of a teacher workroom and two computer labs.

Middle School

Shona Moore announced Grade 6 students will pick up their schedules from 5:30-6:30 on Tuesday and Grades 7 and 8 will pick up their schedules from 6:30-7:30 on Tuesday. Each student will attend two 55 minute ELA and Reading class each day in order for the students to receive full benefits of the CScope curriculum. All other subjects will be one 55 minute period.

High School

Hector Martinez was unavailable due to “Freshman Parent Night” at the campus.

**MONTHLY
FINANCE
REPORT**

The finance report for the month of July is as follows.

Cash	\$2,794,795.60	CD's & Savings	\$3,319,092.25
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CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was read from Lorena Medina and Stacy Rush.

AYP REPORT

Ms. Moore reported the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is a federal report taken from the results of the TAKS test. Middle School and High School met AYP however the district as a whole and Brady Elementary did not meet AYP. The areas that affected this was Special Education and in the area of reading in the Hispanic population.

AEIS REPORT

Ms. Moore reported the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) is a state report also taken from the results of the same TAKS test as the AYP report is taken from. The district as a whole and Brady Elementary received a “Recognized” rating while Middle School and High School received an “Academically Acceptable” rating.

**SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER LIST**

Ms. Moore presented the list of substitute teachers that have been approved to substitute at the campuses. Each person on the list had attended the required training and completed all paperwork involved.

**CITY OF BRADY
UPDATE**

Ms. Moore again stated the City is working with the district to make sure all classrooms at the elementary campus is ready for school start on Monday, August 22. She commended Beimer Electric, Owens Heat/Cooling and Farris Electric for their quick service in helping establish service and repairs to the campus.

**LEGISLATIVE
UPDATE
TRAINING**

Ms. Moore reminded the board members of the legislative update training to be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 beginning at 7:00 p.m. It is required for board members to attend a training after Legislature closes a session.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 8:20 p.m. after President Jason Jacoby announced the intention of doing so in accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D., Section 551.074 regarding personnel issues.

Mr. Jacoby declared the session open at 10:30 p.m.

No action was taken in open session.

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ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ms. Shuffield, seconded by Ms. Castro and carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary