

**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, July 20, 2020, in the school administration building. The meeting was called to order by President Michael Probst at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT Michael Probst, Michael Cook, Brentt Raybion, Channing Booker, Connie Locklear, and Eric Bierman

ABSENT Ed Hernandez

**PLEDGE &
PRAYER** Mr. Raybion

PUBLIC FORUM No one spoke in public forum

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Minutes Mr. Cook moved to accept the minutes from the June 15, 2020 special meeting, seconded by Mr. Bierman and the motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Locklear moved to accept the minutes from the June 15, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Booker and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Raybion abstained from the vote.

**Budget
Amendments** Mr. Cook moved to approve the budget amendment as presented by Barbara Landry, Business Manager, seconded by Mr. Raybion and the motion carried 6-0.

Fund 199 Operating

To record a donation from Band Boosters for the amount of \$3,500 for supplies:

199-11-6399	Increase Appropriation-Supplies	\$3,500.00
199-00-5744	Increase Estimated Revenue-Donations	\$3,500.00

To record a donation from Ol' Houn' Dawgs Inc for the amount of \$1,470 for supplies:

199-36-6399	Increase Appropriation-Supplies	\$1,470.00
199-00-5744	Increase Estimated Revenue-Donations	\$1,470.00

**Quarterly
Investment
Report** A motion was made by Mr. Raybion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report ending June 30, 2020 as presented by Barbara Landry, seconded by Mr. Bierman and the motion carried 6-0.

**2020 Engagement
Agreement for
Legal Services-
Chapter 313** Hector Martinez, Superintendent, stated the district has used the law firm of Powell, Youngblood and Taylor for the past several years to ensure the district remains compliant under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. It is Dr. Martinez's recommendation that the board approve the 2020 Engagement

Agreement with Powell, Youngblood and Taylor. Ms. Locklear questioned the paragraph stating the law firm will “engage the services of experienced school finance consulting experts from Education Service Center, Region 12....” as to whether it should be ESC 12 or should it be ESC 15. Dr. Martinez assured the board he will contact the law firm to confirm which ESC it should be. Mr. Raybion moved to approve the 2020 Engagement Agreement with Powell, Youngblood and Taylor, as attorneys and school finance consultants to assist the District in the annual compliance reporting and maintenance of existing Appraised Value Limitation Agreements under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code as presented, seconded by Mr. Cook and the motion carried 6-0.

Approve Retainer Agreement for Legal Services

Dr. Martinez asked the board to consider switching the district’s legal services to Walsh Gallegos due to his familiarity with the firm. He feels he has a very good working relationship with the firm. He has worked with them for the past eight years and worked closely with them the past four years. Ms. Locklear stated she knows Jim Walsh who she feels is one of the best attorneys around and feels the firm will live up to his standards. Mr. Bierman moved to approve the 2020-2021 Retainer Agreement for legal services with Walsh Gallegos as presented, seconded by Ms. Locklear and the motion carried 6-0.

Approve the Amended Order of General Election for Nov. 3, 2020

Mr. Cook moved to approve the amended Order of General Election for the November 3, 2020 election as presented, seconded by Mr. Booker and the motion carried 6-0.

Approve Increase of Food Service Meal Prices for 2020-2021 School Year

Dr. Martinez stated the USDA uses a formula to regulate meal prices when the district participates in the Free and Reduced Meal Program. In order to ensure the district follows the guidelines set forth by the USDA the district’s meal prices will need to be increased. Ms. Locklear moved to approve the increase in lunch meal prices for the 2020-2021 school year as presented, seconded by Mr. Booker and the motion carried 6-0.

Adopt Revised EIC (Local) Policy

Dr. Martinez explained Local Policy EIC pertains to student grading. The revisions have not been completed in time for this meeting therefore, no discussion or action will be taken at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS-Hector Martinez, Superintendent

McCulloch County Appraisal Dist. 2021 Proposed Budget

The members reviewed the proposed 2021 budget with no questions presented.

First Reading TASB Update 115

Dr. Martinez explained this is the first reading of Update 115. Should anyone have a question please bring it to the next board meeting for discussion. The board will adopt the local policy updates at the next regular board meeting.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Monthly Finance The financial report for the month of June is as follows.
Cash \$6,455,993.57 CD & Savings \$4,522,389.51

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

**School Startup
2020-2021** Dr. Martinez gave a summary on the tentative plans for fall school startup. Superintendents meet with the Commissioner and the Service Center twice a week for new updates. He and the campus principals have been working since the middle of June to formulate a plan which is 22 pages. The plan covers everything from hygiene, sanitation, transportation, instruction, etc. The initial plan stipulates the students will come back to school face to face but the district will also offer an online method of instruction for those students who do not come back to school. A parent survey went out via school messenger with approximately 60% stating they are ready for their students to be back in school and approximately 20% stating they are with some precautions taken. Dr. Martinez expects to make a public announcement regarding the plan for school startup on July 27. During this past spring remote learning showed to be difficult. Attendance for remote learning was waived this past spring however, for the upcoming year there will be accountability for attendance. Also, remote learning in the spring was mostly review without introducing new curriculum. With the startup of school, the state curriculum must continue as if they were in class face to face with the teacher. Should a student choose remote learning the student will remain as such for the 6-week grading period. The STAAR testing at this time is still on the schedule. The plan right now states wearing a mask is optional but encouraged. Face shields are acceptable wear. Staff will be trained on sanitizing precautions. Visitors will be limited on entering the buildings. As for transportation the parent survey indicated the majority of parents stated they could drop off and pick up their students from school. He stressed the goal is to get all students back into the classroom and to also keep all safe. The district continues to wait for a decision from UIL regarding extracurricular activities. TEA will be giving guidelines should there be a need for a classroom or school closure. Teachers will begin the school year August 10 and students August 24 as planned.

**Emergency
Operation Plan** Dr. Martinez has visited with all city and county officials in regard to updating the Emergency Operation Plan. The plan must now include evacuation procedures for the district along with photos of each facility.

**School Resource
Officer** Dr. Martinez informed the board that approval for a School Resource Officer is on the City of Brady's agenda for Tuesday. Secure vestibules are being installed with keyless entries and together with an SRO this will help with the safety and security of the students.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION** The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 6:43 p.m. after President Michael Probst announced the intention of doing so in accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D., Section 551.074 regarding personnel issues.

Mr. Probst declared the session open at 8:17 p.m.

No action was taken in open session.

ADJOURN

Mr. Raybion moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 p.m., seconded by Mr. Booker and the motion carried 6-0.

Board President

Board Secretary