

Superintendent's Report

Brock Board Meeting October 9th, 2017

6:00 pm

Members Present at Roll Call (6:00 pm) – President – Dr. Marty Ivey, Secretary – Cody Lane, Board Members – John McGuire, Travis Faulkner, Brent Gough and John Brunner.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

Closed Session

The Board went into closed session pursuant to sections 551.072, 551.074 and 551.076.

Open Meeting

No action was taken on matters in closed session.

Hearing of Patrons

No patron signed up to speak.

Business Action

The Board approved the nomination of Cody Lane for the election to serve as a Parker County Appraisal District Board Member for the term starting January 1, 2018. Every two years, the Parker County Appraisal District organizes an election to elect a board of directors to serve two year terms. The current election period ends December 15th, 2017. The term for the newly elected officers will be January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

All taxing units are allocated votes based on the percent of their tax levy to the total tax levy of all voting units. Brock ISD has 185 votes of the 5000 votes available in Parker County.

Currently, Parker County Appraisal District is accepting nominations for board members for the upcoming 2 year term. The Brock ISD School Board can nominate up to one candidate for each of the open 5 positions. The vote to approve the nomination for Cody Lane was 6-0.

The Board approved the Brock ISD Campus Improvement Plans for the 2017-2018 school year. The Texas Education Agency requires each campus in a district to prepare a comprehensive improvement plan that addresses goals and objectives across many disciplines. The Brock ISD Campus Improvement Plans were created by committees of teachers, staff, parents, local business leaders and community members. Vote to approve the plans was 6-0.

The Board approved Budget Amendment #1 for 2017-2018 for the 199 General Fund. The budget amendment was necessary to pay for the three new small trip buses that were approved by the Board for purchase at the June 29, 2017 board meeting. Vote was 6-0.

The Board approved the 2016-2017 audit report as presented by Snow Garrett Williams, CPA's. The annual audit for the 2016-2017 school year must be approved by November 30, 2017. The district's auditors, Snow Garrett Williams, CPA's, presented the results of the annual audit as required by CFC (Legal), and Texas Education Code 44.008(a), (b). The vote to approve the audit was 6-0.

Business Discussion

Superintendent Scott Drillette presented Schneider Electric's Summary of Utility Cost Reduction Measures spreadsheet to the Board. Schneider Electric has conducted a thorough audit of all utility and water usage at all Brock ISD facilities. From their findings, Schneider presented a proposal to retrofit all the lights in the district to LED, upgrade the district and campus HVAC district and campus building automation system controls/software and finally to retrofit plumbing fixtures in restrooms, kitchens, locker rooms, etc in order to reduce the amount of water usage in the district. Currently, Schneider Electric Company representatives are planning to attend the November Board Meeting. The current plan for Brock ISD administration is to recommend to the Board to approve the Schneider Electric proposal as presented at the November meeting.

Mr. Drillette also shared with the Board two articles relating to public school financing in Texas and also a spreadsheet showing the inequitable funding that districts receive across the state when compared to each other. One article shows the funding for three similar sized districts in the state: Austin ISD, Fort Worth ISD and Aldine ISD. Based on the funding formula, Austin ISD receives approximately \$64,000,000 more per year to operate their district than Fort

Worth ISD receives to operate theirs. The discrepancy for Austin ISD and Aldine ISD is even greater; Austin ISD receives approximately \$87,000,000 more per year than Aldine. This is the system that is used throughout Texas and there is no consistency in funding when schools are compared against each other, yet all schools are held to the same standards. Mr. Drillette also showed similar examples of how the funding affects local school districts. Essentially, the state uses a funding system that infers that a student in one public school district is worth more or less than a student in another school district. While it doesn't seem fair and most people wouldn't agree with the funding premise, the Texas Supreme Court ruled that the system **does meet** minimum Constitutional requirements. However, one Supreme Court Justice wrote in his opinion, "Our Byzantine school funding 'system' is undeniably imperfect, with immense room for improvement. But it satisfies minimum constitutional requirements,". So the debate for adequate and equitable public school funding in Texas continues.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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