



# Brownsville Independent School District

## Board Of Trustees

### Regular Board Meeting September 16, 2008 5:30 P.M.

Administration Building  
1900 Price Road  
Brownsville, Texas 78521-2417

## A G E N D A

**NOTE: The Board of Trustees may go into Closed/Executive Session to deliberate any item on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.**

- I. Meeting Called to Order.
- II. Moment of Silence.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Roll Call.
- V. Recommend approving the **agenda** of the **Regular Board Meeting of September 16, 2008**, with any corrections/deletions.
- VI. Recommend approving the **minutes** of the **Regular Board Meeting of September 2, 2008**, with any corrections.
- VII. **Superintendent's Report**
  - A. **Conference Presentations:**
    1. Presentation on the executive summary as the official 2008-2009 state of the district document.
    2. Recognition of 2008 TBEC Honor Roll Schools.
    3. Presentation of the Brownsville Independent School District Financial Report for the period ended July 31, 2008.
    4. Presentation of Proposed Vehicle Purchases District-wide for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

5. Reporting of Fees paid to Cooperatives, including membership, management, and transaction fees for fiscal year 2007-2008.
6. Presentation of ADA Projects District-wide.
7. Presentation of Curriculum Instruction Goal Update.
8. Presentation of Bond Oversight Committee.
9. Discussion and Clarification by Legal Council on acceptance of campaign contributions and gifts by elected officials and candidates running for office. As referenced in, but not limited to, Title 8, Chapter 36, Sec. 36.08(d) Texas Penal Code; Title 15 Election Code; Chapter 176, Sec.176.003 Local Government Code, and BBFA (LOCAL) (LEGAL) of the BISD Board Policy Manual.

**B. Standing Board Agenda Items:**

10. Board Calendars.

**VIII. PUBLIC AUDIENCE:**

If you wish to address the Board of Trustees during the Public Audience portion of today's meeting, please print your name on the form provided. According to BISD Policy BED (Local), only those persons (on the list) who request to speak shall be heard. The speaker shall limit remarks to five minutes. The Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes for the Public Audience portion of the meeting. Complaints and concerns for which other resolution channels are provided shall be directed through those channels. These complaints include complaints on the following subjects: employee complaints, termination of employment, student complaints, removal to alternative education program, and expulsion. If the Board President determines that a person has not attempted to resolve a matter administratively, the person shall be directed to the appropriate policy for attempted resolution before bringing the matter to the Board. Complaints against specific employees or officers of BISD shall be heard in Closed Meeting, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Title 5-Section: 551.074 (1) and (2). If our topic concerns complaints against specific employees or officers, please note this on the sign-up sheet. You must make your points on issues in a constructive and courteous fashion pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order.

**IX. Closed Meeting: as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section: 551.074 & 551.082.**

**A. Level III Board Review and Grievance:**

11. Level III Grievance – Frank Webb (#003-08/09)

**(Board Reconvenes After Closed Meeting)**

12. Board Action on Level III Grievance – Frank Webb (#003-08/09)

**The Board may deliberate or take action regarding the following agenda items.**

**X. Consent Agenda  
General Function:**

**A. Recommend approval of the following General Function Items:**

13. Recommend approval for an official notice and order of the Brownsville Independent School District Trustee Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.
14. Recommend approval of Resolution #011/08-09 for the 2008-2009 Tax Roll in the amount of \$52,931,404.99.
15. Recommend approval to provide approximately fifteen (15) BISD school buses for Valley Interfaith on Sunday, October 12, 2008 to travel to the Convention Center in McAllen, Texas. Charges per bus include fuel costs.
16. Recommend approval to utilize professional consultant services in the amount not to exceed \$18,223.00 to Martha Morales Educational Consulting.
17. Recommend approval to purchase Credit By Examination and Credit By Acceleration Tests from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, in the amount of \$60,000.00 from budgeted Categorical Funds for the 2008-2009 school year. Items to be purchased are subject to the District's needs and funding.

**B. Recommend approval of the following Payment:**

18. Recommend approval to pay Texas Descon, L.P. \$344,234.00; W. Murray Thompson Construction Co. \$88,580.85 for a grand total of \$432,814.85 to be paid from Local Maintenance Fund 199.
19. Recommend approval to pay Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. \$60,087.50; Mata Villarreal Garcia Design Group, LLP \$6,606.67; Terracon \$21,640.00; D. Wilson Construction Co. \$4,616,381.55; Texas Descon Construction, L.P. \$792,854.00; Metro Electric, Inc. \$174,652.04; W. Murray Thompson Construction Co. \$329,220.60 for a grand total of \$6,001,442.36 to be paid from Capital Project Funds 631, 633 and 634.

**C. Recommend approval of the following Budget Amendment:**

20. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #042 in the amount of \$550,000.00 for Fund 411 – Technology Fund. (Categorical Fund Balance)
21. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #043 in the amount of \$250,000.00 for Fund 409 – Collaborative Dropout Reduction Pilot Program. (New Funding)
22. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #044 in the amount of \$2,200.00 for Fund 498 – Local Funded Special Revenue Fund – First Generation In-School Youth Project. (New Funding)
23. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #045 in the amount of \$727,310.00 for Fund 274 – GEAR UP Grant. (New Funding)
24. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #046 in the amount of \$93,645.00 for Fund 496 – GEAR-UP AVID Grant. (New Funding)
25. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #047 in the amount of \$2,985,634.00 for Fund 166 – State Special Education. (Shars Fund Balance transferred to State Special Education)

**D. Recommend approval of the following Contracts/Agreements:**

26. Recommend approval to renew the contract for Student Accounting System with Pentamation software support agreement in the amount of \$160,861.97 from Local Maintenance Funds for the 2008-2009 school year.
27. Recommend approval to enter into a contract agreement with Region One Education Service Center, Edinburg, Texas, for an additional amount not to exceed \$20,025.00 from the budgeted Local Maintenance Funds for Principals' Assessment and Development Center fees for the 2008-2009 School Year. Services to be rendered subject to the District's needs and funding.
28. Recommend approval to continue the Inter-Agency Agreement with Houston Independent School District for Medicaid and Consulting Services for the 2008-2009 school year. Services are to be rendered subject to the District's needs and funding.

**E. Recommend approval of the following Bids/Proposals/Purchases:**

29. Recommend awarding RFP #09-050 for Stop Loss Insurance and Basic Life and AD&D for the Brownsville Independent School District Self Funded Employee Health Insurance to the vendors providing the "Best Value" to the district, Stop Loss to AAG/Berkely and Life AD&D to Fort Dearborn Life.

**XI. CLOSED MEETING:** as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section: 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, and 551.084.

**A. PERSONNEL MATTERS:**

30. Presentation of **Retirement/Resignations.**
31. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2008-2009 school year – **Teachers.** Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
32. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual personnel** for the 2008-2009 school year – **Assistant Principal – Special Education.** Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
33. Recommend approval of **term-chapter 21 contractual personnel** for the 2008-2009 school year – **State Compensatory Coordinator.** Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
34. Recommend approval to compensate a professional employee for interim assigned duties. (R.A.)

**B. Consultation with ATTORNEY:**

35. Consultation with attorney regarding pending or threatened litigation matters.
  - a. Discussion, consideration and possible action – Maria Lippman vs. Brownsville Independent School District.

**C. Real PROPERTY:**

36. Discussion of possible acquisition or sale of Real Property.
  - a. The Board approved the purchase of the described Real Estate on June 17, 2008. Contracts have been signed and executed by the parties. Closing is scheduled for

September 17, 2008. Surveying of metes and bounds and topography was completed. Environmental phase I testing was also satisfactorily completed. Title Commitment insuring good title is in place for the purchase price. Recommend approval for final closing on September 17, 2008 and authorizing the Board President to sign all appropriate documentation for purchase of 10 acres of land, more or less, out of a 1,015 acre tract legally described as Lot One (1) Block One (1), Sportsplex Park Subdivision in the City of Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, according to the map thereof recorded in Cabinet 1 Slot 1152-A Map records of Cameron County, Texas, in the amount of \$1,150,258.00 (One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Eight and 00/100 Dollars).

**(BOARD RECONVENES AFTER CLOSED MEETING)**

- A31–34. Recommend approval on personnel matters discussed in Closed Meeting.
- B35. Recommend approval on litigation matters discussed in Closed Meeting.
- C36. Recommend approval of acquisition or sale of Real Property discussed in Closed Meeting.

**XII. Announcement(s).**

- 37. **Special Called Board Meeting** of the Board of Trustees is on **Tuesday, September 23, 2008**, at the Administration Building at 5:30 p.m.
- 38. **Regular Board Meeting** of the Board of Trustees is on **Tuesday, October 7, 2008**, at the Administration Building at 5:30 p.m.

**XIII. Adjournment.**