



Brownsville Independent School District

Board Of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting October 7, 2008 5:00 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 October 7, 2008**, with any corrections/deletions.
- VI. Recommend approving the **minutes** of the **Regular Board Meeting of September 16, 2008**, with any corrections.
- VII. Recommend approving the **minutes** of the **Special Called Board Meeting of September 23, 2008**, with any corrections.
- VIII. Recommend approving the **minutes** of the **Special Called Board Meeting of September 30, 2008**, with any corrections.
- IX. **Superintendent's Report**
 - A. **Conference Presentations:**
 1. Recognition of BISD Board of Trustees for winning the 2008 CUBE School Board Excellence Award.

2. Presentation of Notification of Contingency Fund Change Order.

B. Standing Board Agenda Items:

3. Board Calendars.

X. 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.

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

**XI. Consent Agenda
General Function:**

A. Recommend approval of the following General Function Items:

4. Recommend approval to submit the Class Size Waiver petition to the Texas Education Agency for grades K through 4th for the Fall Semester of the 2008-2009 school year.
5. Recommend approval of the 2008-2009 District Scholastic Chess Program Handbook.
6. Recommend approval of Resolution #014/08-09 encouraging the UIL Legislative Board to consider holding regional academic and athletic events of the University Interscholastic League in the Rio Grande Valley.
7. Recommend approval for Sarai Guillen from Egly Elementary to travel out of the country to Vung Tau, Vietnam, on October 19-31, 2008, to compete at the 2008 World Youth Championship Chess Tournament. All absences will be excused.
8. Recommend approval of the Contract for Election Services between Brownsville Independent School District and the Cameron County Elections Office for the Joint Elections to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.
9. Recommend approval to pay South Texas Association of Schools for annual membership fees in the amount not to exceed \$14,172.27 for the 2008-2009 school year.

B. Recommend approval of the following Payment:

10. Recommend approval to pay W. Murray Thompson Construction Co., Inc. \$91,818.14 to be paid from Local Maintenance Project Fund 199.
11. Recommend approval to pay Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc. \$7,820.01; Terracon \$33,968.50; American Contracting USA, Inc. \$442,136.23; Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc. \$32,666.40 for a grand total of \$516,591.14 to be paid from Capital Project Funds 631, 633 and 634.

C. Recommend approval of the following Contracts/Agreements:

12. Amend current audit contract in an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00 for technical assistance for submitting a Comprehensive Annual Report for fiscal year 2007-2008.
13. Recommend approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department and the Brownsville Independent School District for the 2008-2009 school year.

D. Recommend approval of the following Bids/Proposals/Purchases:

14. Recommend awarding Bid #09-063 for HVAC Upgrades, Phase 3, Package 3, Yturria, BLA, Russell, Skinner, and Sharp, to Central Air and Heating Service, Inc., Harlingen, Texas, in the amount not to exceed \$2,289,000.00 to be paid from Capital Project Fund 634.
15. Recommend awarding RFQ #09-065 for Mechanical/Engineering/Plumbing (MEP) Services (Annual Contract Award) to ACR Engineering, Inc., Harlingen, Texas, to provide engineering services and to authorize administration to negotiate a fee for said services to be paid from Local Maintenance Fund 199 and Capital Project Fund 634.

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

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

16. Presentation of **Retirements/Resignations.**
17. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual** personnel for the 2008-2009 school year – **Teachers.** Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
18. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual** personnel for the 2008-2009 school year – **Nurses.** Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
19. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual** personnel for the 2008-2009 school year – **Assistant Band Director.** Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
20. Recommend approval of **probationary contractual** personnel for the 2008-2009 school year – **Assistant Speech Language Pathologist.** Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
21. Recommend approval of **term-non-chapter 21 contractual** personnel for the 2008-2009 school year – **Accountant.** Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.

22. Recommend approval of **term – chapter 21 contractual** personnel for the 2008-2009 school year – **Curriculum Specialist – Language Arts PK-12**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
23. Recommend approval of **term – chapter 21 contractual** personnel for the 2008-2009 school year – **Assistant Principal**. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.
24. Recommend approval of qualified administrators as Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS) Appraisers for the 2008-2009 school year.
25. Recommend to rescind the approval of the probationary contract for a teacher, (T.G.E.), for the 2008-2009 school year on the background list of item XI. A. 110 of the August 19, 2008 approved agenda.
26. Recommend approval to pay professional employee (A.H.) salary that was earned and not paid in fiscal year 2007-2008 through this current year.

B. Consultation with Attorney:

27. Consultation with attorney regarding pending or threatened litigation matters.
 - a. Discussion, consideration and possible action – Maria Lippman vs. Brownsville Independent School District.
 - b. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding settlement of the pending Administrative matter – Docket No.: 452-08-4163.COS; Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation vs. Brownsville Independent School District (TDLR NO.: COS2008005768D).

C. Real Property:

28. Discussion of possible acquisition or sale of Real Property.

(BOARD RECONVENES AFTER CLOSED MEETING)

- A17–26. Recommend approval on personnel matters discussed in Closed Meeting.
- B27. Recommend approval on litigation matters discussed in Closed Meeting.
- C28. Recommend approval of acquisition or sale of Real Property discussed in Closed Meeting.

XIII. Announcement(s):

29. **Next scheduled Board Meeting** of the Board of Trustees is on **Tuesday, October 21, 2008**, at the Administration Building at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. Adjournment.