

BOARD TALK

September 9, 2008

Board Talk is published to keep staff informed about actions of the Big Sandy ISD Board of Trustees. BSISD Trustees meet monthly in regular meeting on the second Monday of the month. They may also meet in called meetings for workshops, retreats, or to handle routine business. Meetings are held at 6:30 PM at the Board Room. Agendas are posted at the school, business office and on the BSISD website. Anyone wishing to address the Board may do so by signing up to speak just prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Business and Financials

In Business and Financials Board Members approved:

- Hiring Tim Jackson Construction Company as Construction Manager at Risk for future construction needs.
- Putting out to bid Old District Vehicles and Miscellaneous Items
- Purchasing a new 77 passenger bus
- Purchasing a cargo trailer for hauling football equipment to out of town games
- Adopting a Board Operating Procedures Handbook
- Set date for Public Hearing for FIRST Rating as October 13, 2008 at 6:30 PM
- New pay scale for bus drivers

Curriculum and Instruction

Mr. Beene informed Board Members that more textbooks (for classes that were short books) have been ordered and are on their way.

Trustees approved Daniel Pritchett, Donna Varnado, Byron Jordan, Machel Robbins and Scott Beene as PDAS appraisers for the 2008-2009 school year.

Reports

Mr. Beene asked the principals to give a short report from their campuses.

Mrs. Varnado thanked the board for allowing the elementary to add a 1st grade teacher, the first grade is in compliance with teacher/student ratio. As of September 8, 2008 elementary had 388 enrolled. Mrs. Varnado mentioned ESL has really grown this year with 23 students on the elementary campus and 4 on secondary campuses. Fifth grade students will attend Mt. Gilmont in November this year, there are 61 fifth grade students at this time. Mrs. Varnado expressed her excitement about the beginning of this school year.

Mr. Jordan mentioned that his campus has started very well also. He has 52 6th graders, 53 7th graders and 52 8th graders. The JH is in the planning stages of the UIL December meets. Mr. Jordan is very excited about the UIL meet and is “expecting to win”. Mr. Jordan has seen good results with turning the bells off this year, with more order in the halls between classes. He said student behavior has been fantastic.

Mrs. Robbins said her campus was off to a fantastic start and also mentioned “no bells” has been great for her campus. The HS is on a hall pass system and students are staying in class more. Mrs. Robbins mentioned homecoming has been changed to September 19 due to a scheduling problem. UIL for HS is scheduled for April 1st and they are in the process of getting duties assigned.

All principals expressed gratitude towards their teachers for the year getting off to a fantastic and smooth start.

Superintendent’s Report

Board Members reviewed goals and the evaluation document for the Superintendent’s evaluation in January.

Mr. Beene and Board Members will be attending the TASA/TASB convention September 26-28 in Dallas.

Next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2008 at 6:30 PM.

Board Members:

Lawrence Harper, President
Billy Wade Johnson, Vice President
Mary Lingle, Secretary
Bonne Reed, Member

Jana Rushing, Member
Jamey Childress, Member
Scott Stanford, Member