

BOARD TALK

November 11, 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.

Open Forum

Doddie Craft and Dee Askew spoke in open forum regarding concerns they had with snakes in the classrooms.

Business and Financials

In Business and Financials Board Members suggested new marquee be placed in a central location to all campuses

The district AEIS public report was set for December 8, during the regular scheduled board meeting.

Mr. Beene reported on the Bond Committee Meeting held on Thursday, November 6. Ten of the approximately 20 invited guests attended. Mr. Beene gave a power point regarding the 2009 Bond. Goals for the meeting; provide general information pertaining to possible bond, provide information on trends of enrollment, tax rates, and values and provide information on current facility arrangements and proposed new facility arrangements. The proposed 6 ½ million dollar bond would include 13 classrooms, 3 science labs, 2 computer labs, 1700 extra square feet of cafeteria space and secure entrances for all three campuses. Mr. Beene plans on meeting again with the committee around the 1st of December. He is scheduled to talk at Rotary on December 8th regarding the Bond.

Curriculum and Instruction

Mrs. Robbins presented a proposed senior only overnight band trip to San Antonio during Spring TAKS testing for senior band members who have passed the TAKS test. Students would have fundraisers to help off set the cost of an estimated \$300 per student. Band members in 8th – 11th grade have a day trip planned for later this year. No action was taken at this time.

Mr. Beene informed board members about meetings he and principals had about regulations on animals in science labs. The administration has determined that only animals purchased in a pet store or by a reputable source may be in labs. No students will be allowed to bring in animals from the wild. They are also looking into cages that lock for these animals.

Reports

Ms. Cook presented three new technologies available to teachers. The MIMIO, which is an interactive white board, is in use by the high school teachers. Secondly the Class Performance Systems, with the CPS, each student has a remote control they use to answer question on the board. Teachers can immediately see how many students know the answer to the question, without students knowing who gave which answer. The final new piece of technology was an interactive tablet that Ms. Cook will be purchasing with this years grant for Rural and Low Income Schools.

The Highly Qualified Comparison Report was presented by Mrs. Beene. On the elementary campus 100% of teachers are highly qualified. Of the 11 core academic teachers in the junior high 10 are highly qualified and of the 15 core academic teachers on the high school campus 14 are highly qualified. All paraprofessionals on the junior high and high school campuses are highly qualified and 5 of the 6 paraprofessional on the elementary are highly qualified.

Superintendent Report

Total student enrollment is 747, with 205 on high school campus, 159 on junior high campus and 383 on elementary campus.

Mr. Beene informed board that auditors are in business office this week.

Next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2008 at 6:30 PM.

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