

Bremen City Schools
Board of Education
July 12, 2010

The Bremen Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 12, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at the Warren Sewell Administration Building. All board members were present with the exception of Mr. Brandall Lovvorn who was absent from the meeting. After the pledge and invocation by Chairman Daryl Sellers, the meeting was turned over to Superintendent Dr. David Hicks.

The minutes of the June 14, 2010 meeting were approved by consent. The first item of business was the approval of the agenda and consent agenda items (Motion: Mr. Rob Walker, Second: Mr. Gordon Parrish, vote 4-0). The board heard the system financial report from Mrs. Celia Edwards, Financial Director. Current SPLOST revenue from both Carroll and Haralson was discussed as well as current cash flow on hand in the general fund. Additionally, the current after school program ending balance was shared. Mrs. Edwards also shared that 295 senior citizens had utilized the partial tax exemption previously approved by the board resulting in an \$88,205 total savings to date this tax year for senior citizens. Mr. Sellers and the Superintendent also reemphasized that the school system recognized the current economic situation and was happy that we could help our senior citizens with a partial tax break. Under "Public Participation" Mr. Harry Kent addressed the board regarding a rumor pertaining to the wrestling program. There was no "Old Business" for the board to consider. Under "New Business", the following items were approved: An update to the capital asset guide to include a threshold of \$250,000 for intangible assets, resolution to authorize investment related to change in superintendent, University of West Georgia agreement regarding counseling practicum and internships, Circle of Honor committee recommendation, 2010-2011 Student Handbooks for Bremen High School, Bremen Middle School, Bremen Academy, Jones Elementary and Bremen Crossroads Academy, and the fundraising request for sale of t-shirts by Bremen Special Olympics. Under "Informational Items" the superintendent reviewed the reports on the graduation rate and AYP. In "Personnel" the board accepted the resignation of Ms. Beth Roop, Mrs. Micky Weldon and Mr. Shonn Weldon. The board hired Mrs. Debbie Robinson and Mrs. Machel McKibben, approved the transfer request of Mrs. Lisa Kierbow and the addition of Ms. Tiffany Davis to the substitute list.

Public Participation

Community member Mr. Harry Kent addressed the board regarding a rumor pertaining to the wrestling program. He questioned if the wrestling program only was being instructed to not travel beyond 30 miles for any competitions. Mr. McManus explained that this expectation was not given or discussed. It was explained that there was a \$30,000 decrease in revenue due to multiple factors and all sports were asked to help out by cutting back.

Financial Reports

Financial reports as presented for June were approved by the board (Motion: Mr. Rob Walker, Second: Mr. Vann Pelt, vote 4-0).

General Fund	\$ 529,131.67
Money Market Operating Account FG1	\$ 58.24
General Fund CD (PB1)	\$ 500,000.00
General Fund CD (CS1)	\$ 500,000.00
Money Market (CS2)	\$ 1,070,774.39
Money Market (PB2)	\$ 1,072,069.96
Haralson County Debt Service Account III	\$ 449.97
Haralson County Sales & Use Tax SPLOST III	\$ 0.00
Haralson County SPLOST III	\$ 926,801.18
Carroll County Sales & Use Tax SPLOST III	\$ 27.23
Carroll County SPLOST III	\$ 277,043.42
Bond Proceeds SPLOST III – Series 2007	\$ 11,246.14
School Nutrition Program (June)	\$ 139,677.16
School Nutrition Program – Jones Elementary	\$ 36,238.55
School Nutrition Program – Bremen Middle School/Academy	\$ 77,933.62
School Nutrition Program – Bremen High School	\$ 8,809.87
School Nutrition Program – Central Office	\$ 16,695.12
School Nutrition Program (May)	\$ 143,535.52
School Nutrition Program – Jones Elementary	\$ 34,546.58
School Nutrition Program - Bremen Middle School/Academy	\$ 79,740.98
School Nutrition Program - Bremen High School	\$ 11,852.20
School Nutrition Program – Central Office	\$ 17,395.76
Bremen High School	\$ 163,717.18
Bremen Middle School	\$ 110,837.65
Bremen Academy	\$ 71,163.17
Bremen Academy 5 th Grade W/W Trip & 4 th Grade Huntsville Trip	\$ 34,568.39
Jones Elementary School	\$ 82,702.45
After School Program	\$ 81,836.65

New Business

The board approved the following new business items:

- An update to the capital asset guide to include a threshold of \$250,000 for intangible assets
- Resolution to authorize investment related to change in superintendent
- University of West Georgia agreement regarding counseling practicum and internships
- Circle of Honor committee recommendation of Mr. Dennis McBrayer
- 2010-2011 student handbooks for Bremen High School, Bremen Middle School, Bremen Academy, Jones Elementary and Bremen Crossroads Academy
- Fundraising request for the sale of t-shirts by Bremen Special Olympics

Informational Items

Under informational items, the superintendent pointed out the graduation rate, which was 93.1%. It was shared how impressive this graduation rate is and that it is the highest in the area and among some of the highest in the state. Additionally, it was pointed out that the high school pass rates on the GHSGT were very good as well which led to our high school making Adequate Yearly Progress. Mr. McManus and the high school were thanked for their hard work, and we look forward to building on that percentage and pass rates. Jones Elementary, Bremen Academy, and Bremen Middle School were also recognized for their exceptional scores as well as making AYP. The meets/exceeds numbers from these three schools were previously shared with the board earlier in the summer.

Personnel

Regarding personnel, the board accepted several recommendations from the superintendent. The recommendations approved were as follows:

- The resignation of the following: Ms. Beth Roop, science teacher at Bremen High School; Mrs. Micky Weldon, secretary/bookkeeper at Bremen Academy; and Mr. Shonn Weldon, special education teacher at Bremen High School (Motion: Mr. Rob Walker, Second: Mr. Gordon Parrish, vote 4-0).
- The hiring of the following for 2010-2011: Mrs. Debbie Robinson, school nurse at Jones Elementary and Mrs. Mabelle McKibben, science teacher at Bremen High School (Motion: Mr. Rob Walker, Second: Mr. Vann Pelt, vote 4-0).
- Transfer request: Mrs. Lisa Kierbow, secretary/receptionist to secretary/bookkeeper at Bremen Academy (Motion: Mr. Rob Walker, Second: Mr. Gordon Parrish, vote 4-0).
- Substitute list: Ms. Tiffany Davis was added to the substitute list (Motion: Mr. Rob Walker, Second: Mr. Vann Pelt, vote 4-0).

The board voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel (Motion: Mr. Rob Walker, Second: Mr. Gordon Parrish, vote 4-0). Upon voting to exit executive session (Motion: Mr. Rob Walker, Second: Mr. Vann Pelt, vote 4-0), no motions or actions were taken.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Sellers adjourned the meeting.

David J. Hicks, Superintendent

Daryl Sellers, Chairman