

Panther Prowl

Guest Column by Bullard High School Newspaper Journalists

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Consider marching in a straight line while playing an instrument, remembering where to march and what number to turn on and still stay in step with the person in front of you while wearing a thick wool uniform in what feels like 90 degree weather in the summer and about 40-50 degrees in the winter (of course that's for us band students who have the full uniform on, I cant even begin to imagine what the twirlers and flags feel like). Sounds crazy I know but hey, that's band for you.

A lot of time is put into band during marching season. There are Monday night rehearsals which are two hours long, sectionals on Tuesday and Wednesday that are two hours long, plus morning practices before school until after the SFA marching contest. Then we get to chill for a bit — on marching — not playing.

Band is really fun to be in though, except when you are late to band practice during marching season and you have to run a lap, which isn't that awesome. But it's great when you get to go to the state fair, parades and Disney World!

Yeah, I would say it's pretty cool, but it has its difficulties; like when we are marching sometimes you will get hit by a bass drum, trombone, baritone or tuba when doing counter marches or just parade marching. Sometimes everyone else has stopped, but the person behind you tends to keep going until they end up hitting you (sometimes I wonder if that is where the expression "DUCK!" really came from).

Aside from getting hit with giant metal instruments that extend a foot away from the body and then feeling like you just got hit by a huge sledge hammer, marching is easy — almost.

Board

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property in Bullard and request a transfer.

"I think it's a complement to the district that we have people who want their kids to go to school here," said BISD Board President John Alexander.

However, the above-mentioned limits require a policy that will address future transfer requests. The board requested another draft from Bryant that was more specific defining what constitutes a business or property owner who may wish to ask for a transfer.

"I really want to work with TASB on this," Bryant said.

Alexander said the board will need to vote on a viable policy at the next regularly scheduled meeting so that the issue can be concluded.

In other business, trustees agreed to allow the Boys & Girls Club to use certain school facilities. Tyler Boys & Girls Club officials Ron Vickery, CPO of the Tyler club, and Red Brown, president of the Lindale Independent School Board and a Boys & Girls Club promotor, made the request along with Brenda Cannon and Jean Dark who have established a Bullard board to set up a Boys & Girls Club in Bullard.

"What we're really asking from you is a donation of space," Vickery said to the board.

Bryant said the district's only costs will be in-kind donations, such as facilities.

"I do have experience working with Boys & Girls Clubs, and it's been a very positive experience," Bryant said.

Dark said applications were available at Bullard schools and that there were

354 responses and 143 applications delivered.

Vickers said the standard cost for each student will be \$40 per week, and that some scholarships likely will be available. He also said the club is licensed and insured. Additionally, the club provides a homework program, athletic programs and more.

"It's more than just a day-care," he said.

Trustees also approved a nomination of the director for the Smith County Appraisal District.

Bryant also outlined the district goals to the board. The three primary goals include student performance, attract and retain highly qualified personnel and improve communication.

Bryant said to achieve the third goal, the district may institute future town-hall style meetings, it may include hiring an information officer and could include working with Facebook and Twitter.

Also, the district is financially on target with the budget and "doing fine, cash-flow wise," according to Bryant. He also said the district will move about \$2 million to a Texas National Bank depository to take advantage of a higher interest rate.

On the consent agenda, Trustees approved a technology plan for E-rate; a resolution for extracurricular activities with the Smith County 4-H; appointing a committee for Reading, ELA and Literature; a TASB update; a shared service arrangement for Nacogdoches Regional Day School Program; and advanced courses for University Interscholastic League purposes.

Rotary award —



(Photo Courtesy of Linda Seronello)

Each year the Rotary Club of Tyler recognizes "Outstanding High School Senior Student" award to the most outstanding senior male and female from Brook Hill School. This year, Preston Swink, right, and Erica Eden were selected for the award. The selection of nominees is based on their achievements through academics, leadership and athletics. They were recognized at a Rotary of Tyler luncheon Thursday, Oct. 1.

Cherokee County Farm Bureau members meet

The Cherokee County Jacksonville Mayor Robert Haberle welcomed guests and Representative Chuck Hopson addressed the members.

About 300 members attended the meeting and fried fish dinner. Jodie Smith, Texas Farm Bureau Field Coordinator, was the speaker for the evening and she spoke about Proposition 11, which is on the ballot for the Nov. 3 election. She also addressed benefits available to Farm Bureau members and gave a run down of Cherokee County Farm Bureau's 2009 activities.

Steele's Feed & Seed, Bobby Myers, Austin Bank, Camella Hawkins, Musick's Flower Shop, James Blankinship, J & J Jewelry, Texas National Bank, Cherokee Warehouse, Legends Old Time Burgers, Whataburger, Colorsport and Southland Feed & Supply were among those that donated door prize items for the event.

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