

**...BISD board minutes**  
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 Ashley Braswell made a motion to approve emergency purchases due to catastrophic damage to the auditorium roof, exempting the district from purchasing methods required by TEC 44.01. She was seconded by Scott Snyder and the motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0.

Lynsey Coalson made a motion to declare a Good Cause Exemption for HB 3 Armed Security Officer due to lack of available funding and was seconded by Ashley Braswell. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0.

Lynsey Coalson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Scott Snyder seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

**August 29, 2023 Public Meeting**

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a public meeting to discuss the 2023-2024 budget and proposed tax rate on August 29, 2023, at 5:30 pm. Those in attendance included board members Josh Schoenfield, Lynsey Coalson, Ryan Webb, and Scott Snyder; administration Tim Siler, Leigh Jernigan, and Paula McWright, and guest Rebecca Siler.

Mr. Siler discussed and gave an overview of the proposed 2023-2024 budget.

Mr. Siler proposed the recommended MCR (maximum compressed tax rate) of \$0.662.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

**August 29, 2023 Special Meeting**

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a special meeting on August 29, 2023, at 6 pm. Those in attendance included board members Josh Schoenfield, Lynsey Coalson, Ryan Webb, and Scott Snyder; administration Tim Siler, Leigh

Jernigan, and Paula McWright, and guest Rebecca Siler.

The meeting was opened at 6:02 with prayer by Lynsey Coalson.

A quorum was established at 6:02 pm with four members present.

There were no audience items.

No action was taken regarding the 2023-2024 budget.

Scott Snyder made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget and required appendixes and was seconded by Lynsey Coalson. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Lynsey Coalson made a motion to approve the budget amendment of \$36,901 for the end of the fiscal year budget and was seconded by Scott Snyder. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Scott Snyder made a motion to approve the PEAT property insurance quote of \$141,971 annually and was seconded by Lynsey Coalson. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Lynsey Coalson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Scott Snyder. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.



**Dinner!** Vision with a Purpose held their annual Bob Wrinkle Memorial Hunters Dinner on Saturday evening, November 4, in Robert Lee.

with people important to you? Celebrating the birth of a savior? Or....

**HURRY AND BUY ALL THIS CHEAP STUFF FOR SALE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE AFFECTION IS CLEARLY MEASURED WITH DOLLAR SIGNS!**

I am old enough to remember when Christmas marketing showed some manner of restraint until Thanksgiving. Now, Thanksgiving has been subsumed into the spectacle and Halloween is quickly being enveloped. It's only a matter of time until Memorial Day falls to the onslaught.

My complicated feelings about Christmas have been widely disseminated in this space. There are several roots for those feelings, but right at the top of the list is this crass consumerist spectacle and its effect on people and society. It cheapens the importance of our

holidays, both spiritually and as quality time with loved ones. It cheapens our human relationships. It sucks money out of our communities and our pocketbooks and gathers it unto giant corporations who couldn't care less if our communities live or die.

Fear not, I'm not about to go full agrarian and launch into a discussion of the inherently destructive nature of consumerism. At least not today. I do not have the space or the time for all the words on that topic currently rattling around inside my brain. Today, I am thinking about how to best manage the current system.

How do we manage to properly serve ourselves, our sanity, our neighbors, and our communities?

During the holidays, we hear "shop small" and "shop local" as marketing phrases. Rightly or wrongly, these phrases tend to be included in a vast sea of marketing phrases and buzzwords, as if each is a value-neutral option for your purchase. Do you want a red car or a blue car? Do you want a brown couch or a tan couch? Do you want to shop local or shop online?

Unlike those other examples, how and where you shop is not a value-neutral proposition.

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**The Local Holiday Economy**

By James M. Decker

Ah yes, it is time for the sights and sounds of the season. What are those sights and sounds you ask? The visions of family togetherness? Sharing a meal

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**NOTICE OF DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

Due to drought conditions, the City of Bronte has entered into Stage 1 (mild conditions) of its Drought Contingency Plan.

**Mild Conditions**

The goal of the mild condition drought contingency measures is to achieve a voluntary reduction of the daily water demand.

A. The city will utilize the local news media to inform the public that all consumers will be requested to voluntarily reduce water use.

B. Major commercial water users will be contacted and requested to reduce water use to the greatest extent possible.

C. A voluntary outdoor water use schedule will be published. The recommended water use schedule for Bronte is as follows: Watering should not be done between the hours of 10 am to 6 pm.