

# Regular Board of Directors *Meeting Notes*

## June 9, 2022

### Approval of a Contract for Distribution Pole Reinforcement

The Board approved a contract with Davey Resource Group, Inc. for distribution pole reinforcement to extend the life of existing infrastructure.

### Approval of a Contract for Underground Cable Replacement

The Board approved a contract with Echo Powerline, LLC to replace underground cable sections that have been determined to be substandard.

### Presentation of the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

Capital Improvement Plans for all Divisions of BTU were presented. The City System reflects a slight decrease as compared to last year, while the Rural System reflects an increase due to increased feeder construction and infrastructure replacement projects.

### Discussion of the FY23 Operating & Maintenance Budget

The proposed FY23 budget for the City System is 7.9% higher than FY22 due to increases in payroll and benefits, outside services from vendors and contractors, and materials and supplies. The proposed FY23 budget for the Rural System is 13.5% lower than FY22 due to lower costs for outside services from vendors and contractors, lower payroll and benefits, and decreases in costs for professional services associated with engineering.

### Presentation of the Pro-Forma and Financial Measures

Mr. Will Smith, Chief Financial Officer, presented the annual City and Rural Systems five-year financial forecast. The provided information intends to serve as a guide for decisions regarding budgets.

### Approval of Adjustments to Fuel and Regulatory Pass-Through Costs

Mr. Doug Lyles, Executive Director of Business and Customer Operations, presented both the City System and Rural System pass-through cost recoveries. Both Systems have been and continue to be under-recovered. After review of BTU's fuel costs, regulatory costs, and customer allocations, staff recommended and the Board approved adjustments to the pass-through costs for fuel and regulatory expenditures to become effective July 1, 2022.

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WAYS TO PAY



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Bring your BTU account number, BTU bill, keycard or reminder letter.

### Important Numbers

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Back to School

# SAFETY TIPS FOR SMART DRIVERS

## STOP



Never pass a bus that is stopped to load or unload children  
Busses should have red flashing lights and stop signs extended



## CROSSWALKS

Always follow directions of the crosswalk attendant and give pedestrians the right of way



## BOTH WAYS

All traffic in both directions stop on an undivided roadway when students are loading or unloading a bus



## LOOKOUT



Children are the least predictable pedestrians and the most difficult to see



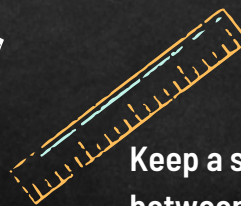
## DON'T RUSH

Inclement weather or running late can cause motorists to rush, disregarding school zones and safe practices



## HANG UP

Never use your cell phone while driving, especially in a school zone *It is dangerous and illegal*



## DISTANCE

Keep a safe following distance between your vehicle and busses



## Introducing Bryan ISD Superintendent, *Ginger Carrabine*

As the last 2022 Bryan ISD graduate walked across the stage at Reed Arena in May, Bryan Independent School District (Bryan ISD) Superintendent Ginger Carrabine experienced the culmination of her first school year as the leader of Bryan's schools. The Bryan ISD Board of Trustees appointed Ginger Carrabine as superintendent in March 2022 after a stint as interim superintendent beginning in September 2021.

Carrabine worked with her predecessor, Dr. Christie Whitbeck, in Sugar Land's Fort Bend ISD for many years before joining together again in Bryan more than five years ago. Whitbeck tapped Carrabine as Bryan ISD's chief of staff before transitioning her to deputy superintendent. Both positions allowed Carrabine to get involved with almost every department and school in Bryan ISD. Carrabine immediately fell in love with her community and felt like Bryan was her home.

*"There's a warmth here that you don't get in a lot of other places," Carrabine said. "People from all walks of life were so welcoming to me and my family from the minute we arrived in Bryan. I truly felt led to be right here."*

Initially, Carrabine saw herself as a leader on a much smaller scale, but her passion for education and service to others drove her to school administration and broader leadership opportunities.

"I loved classroom work so much. I never imagined doing anything else," Carrabine said. "I could reach more and more students with campus-wide impacts, rather than my single classroom."

After spending much of her career in elementary school classrooms, she leapt into administration as an assistant principal and then a principal in Fort Bend. She realized her passion could grow through administration. At the same time, she and her teacher/coach husband, Mike Carrabine, raised three kids in Fort Bend schools. Eventually, after serving as a principal of two elementary schools and a middle school, Carrabine took district-level positions in Fort Bend as Executive Director of Curriculum and then Executive Director of Strategic Planning.

A short time after Whitbeck arrived in Bryan in 2017, the Carrabine family recognized that they were called to Bryan as well. The entire family found something different in the Bryan/College Station community.

"It was an intentional move for the family," Carrabine said. "Our children were older, and we really fell in love with Bryan."

Carrabine also fell in love with Bryan ISD's "Children First. Always." vision because her passion for education has always been about students. As their formative years are largely spent in school, Carrabine wants students to leave the district as servant leaders, critical thinkers, and problem solvers. All of these skills are necessary to succeed in society today.





Led by the Essential Eight Character Partnership Program, Carrabine looks forward to all students becoming productive members of the community. For each month of the school year, an “Essential Eight” character trait is included in classroom lessons and discussions. The goal is to provide students with quality education and equip them with soft skills that help them flourish beyond graduation. Bryan ISD calls it “a way of life.”

“The Essential Eight is here to stay,” Carrabine said. “It is our identity, and it is who we are.”

The COVID-19 pandemic and its effects have unequivocally changed how the world operates. Carrabine said that she is proud of how Bryan ISD pushed past the obstacles and used some creative thinking to put students’ needs first. The district is excited that they have resumed in-person learning and are constantly looking for ways to make it “bigger and better.”

Bryan ISD is always looking for ways to encourage students’ success. One way Bryan ISD provides options to students is through the Bryan Career & Technical Education Complex (Bryan CTEC). Bryan ISD offers nearly 100 career and technical education (CTE) courses and almost 30 career paths. In 2018, the district was running out of room to support these CTE programs and began looking for a way to expand and better serve students. The Bryan-Brazos County Economic Development Foundation offered a former military and defense contractor site on Mumford Road in Bryan to become a new technical campus.

With the help of the City/County partnership, Bryan ISD was able to expand its facilities with the 119-acre site that boasts more than 35,000 feet of lab space and 15,000 feet of office and classroom space. All in all, the district was able to procure and upgrade the space for around \$6 million, a fraction of the price of new construction, saving the district – and taxpayers – millions. Opening its doors to students in the fall of 2019, Bryan CTEC takes advantage of industry leaders that donate materials and their time to ensure real-world success for students.

“As the largest school district in the Brazos Valley, other districts look to us as leaders,” Carrabine said. “We are so happy to open our CTEC doors to Caldwell, Snook, and College Station students.”



## ESSENTIAL EIGHT

A BRYAN ISD  
CHARACTER PARTNERSHIP

**Kindness**

August/September

**Tolerance**

October

**Gratitude**

November

**Philanthropy**

December

**Work Ethic**

January

**Optimism**

February

**Courage**

March

**Leadership**

April/May

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**O.W. Sadberry Sr.**



**Ruby Haliburton**

Carrabine noted that all of Bryan ISD's growth, success, and achievements would not be possible without the community's support. The district is grateful for the voters' support in recently passing bonds that will bring investments in facilities and materials, including a new intermediate school and a new maintenance and transportation facility. The total bond is \$178 million, all without raising the tax rate. The construction projects have an oversight committee and are currently under budget and on schedule, an impressive feat during the post-COVID supply chain challenges.

Bryan ISD has engaged demographers to help identify projected enrollment and set attendance boundaries for the new intermediate school. The district is also looking forward to involving students in the "fun" aspects of the new school, such as selecting school colors and a mascot. After a period of public input, it was decided the intermediate school would be named Sadberry Intermediate School in honor of O.W. Sadberry Sr., who dedicated his life to equal education for all. He worked in Bryan schools from 1949 to 1970. He taught many students and helped guide the district through integration. A new multipurpose facility for maintenance, transportation, custodial, warehouse, school nutrition, and records will be named in honor of Ruby Haliburton. A Bryan native, Haliburton graduated from E.A. Kemp High School in 1962. In 1985, she began driving a school bus for Bryan ISD. She drove generations of students to and from school with a warm smile for the next 36 years until her death in 2021.

*"Bryan ISD is proud to be able to honor these two incredibly deserving individuals," Carrabine said.*

Along with the Bryan/College Station community, Bryan ISD is growing and thriving. The district looks forward to continuing to partner with the community to improve comprehensive education for the area's youngest leaders; as the saying goes, "it takes a village to raise a child." With Ginger Carrabine at the helm and with the community's support, Bryan ISD aims to serve the minds and hearts of children for years to come.



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**FREE  
SHUTTLE**

**PARK & PLAY IN DOWNTOWN BRYAN | ENJOY THE GAME AT KYLE FIELD**

# GAMEDAY SHUTTLE

**DOWNTOWN**  **BRYAN, TX**

## *A Texas* **CULTURAL DISTRICT:** *Downtown Bryan*

Stroll our streets, rich with shops carrying everything from accessories and clothing to vintage and eclectic furnishings. Locally-owned restaurants, art galleries and specialty stores staffed by friendly people with stellar customer service make downtown a favorite destination among gameday visitors.

**LIVE  
MUSIC**

**GOOD  
FOOD**

**SHOPPING**

DESTINATION  
**BRYAN  
TEXAS**  
*A Legend Reborn*

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check out our calendar of events:  
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BRYAN TEXAS  
**LEGENDS**  
★ EVENT CENTER

# LEGENDS EVENT CENTER OPENING

*only months away*







Bryan residents will only have to wait a few more months to take their first steps inside Legends Event Center at Travis Bryan Midtown Park. The city-owned facility is on track to open by the end of 2022, supply chain and weather-permitting.

**122,416**  
*Square Feet*

**# OF COURTS**

**16 / 8**  
*Volleyball / Basketball*

**600**  
*Parking Spots*

The 122,416 square-foot building is fully enclosed, and the air conditioning was turned on the last week in June, which has allowed the maple wood floors for the volleyball/basketball courts to be installed and they should be completed by mid-October. Construction crews have completed the masonry on the exterior façade, and interior work continues to progress. Inside, the volleyball nets and basketball goals are installed in the gym.

Once complete, Legends Event Center will feature a large indoor court/event space with space for up to 16 volleyball/8 basketball courts that can be used for a variety of activities, including gymnastics and wrestling meets, meetings, pickleball tournaments, archery and cheerleading competitions, boxing and soccer matches, dance and martial arts competitions, e-gaming conventions, trade shows, markets and other special events. The facility also will include concessions, an arcade, party rooms, an e-sports room, turf space and a flex space for smaller events.

More than 600 parking spots are planned in a main parking lot and a satellite parking lot for the facility. The main and satellite parking lots are complete with the exception of landscaping.

### Construction progress can also be seen throughout Midtown Park:

- Work is substantially complete on Midtown Park Boulevard, and the roadway is planned to be open to through-traffic by the end of the summer.
- The western half of the walking trail is open for use. Lighting has been installed, and it will soon be energized, so residents can use the trail after dusk. Construction on the eastern portion of the trail is estimated to begin in spring of 2023.
- The earthwork portion of the lake construction is nearing completion, but passers-by will not see a substantial amount of water in the lake until 2024. The permit for the lake is under a 355-day review process by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and is on track for final approval in summer of 2023. Additional construction work will take place on the dam itself as well as reconstruction of the lake's spillway prior to the lake reaching its planned final water elevation.

For more information about Travis Bryan Midtown Park  
and all of the amenities available, visit:

**bryantx.gov/MidtownPark**



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