

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Bastrop Independent School District

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bastrop Independent School District was held Tuesday, December 13, 2016, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Bastrop ISD Service Center, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Allen, President
Ashley Mutschink, Vice-President
Molly McClure, Secretary
Billy Moore

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Matthew Mix
Kellye Seekatz
Glenn Peterson

ALSO PRESENT:

Rebecca Bennett
Jeff Bain

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Murray, Superintendent
Barry Edwards, Deputy Superintendent for Administrative Services
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Jeffrey Yarbrough, Chief of Police/Director of Operations
Dr. Kristi Lee, Executive Director of Communications/Comm. Svcs.
Penne' Liefer, Chief Academic Officer (Elementary)
Dr. Jason Hewitt, Chief Academic Officer (Secondary)
Terrell King, Executive Director of Human Resources
Les Hudson, Director of CTE
Jackie Waneck, Director of Special Education Services
Emily Bain, Digital Learning Coordinator
Martin Conrardy, CRCA / Genesis High School Principal
Melinda Gardner, Lost Pines Elementary Principal
Patricia Melgar-Cook, Director of Bilingual / ESL
Edgar Rincon, Cedar Creek Middle School Principal
Reba King, Mina Elementary Principal
Brad Brown, Bastrop High School Principal
Dr. Chris Julian, Bastrop Middle School Principal
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Assistant to Superintendent

1. Opening, Presentations & Open Forum

A. Meeting Called to Order

President Allen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum of board members was present. The meeting was duly called and notice of this meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

The Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

D. Opening Prayer

Ashley Mutschink offered the opening prayer.

E. Student Speaker on Character Education Trait for December – Perseverance

Micaela Carney, a junior at CRCA, spoke to the board on Perseverance. Micaela is the Vice-President of the National Honor Society at CRCA, an active member of Student Council, and she serves on the school newspaper committee. In between studying for her college classes, currently carrying a load of 9 hours, Micaela babysits after school and on weekends. Micaela’s mom is Mary Morones.

F. Special Presentations

1. Holiday Entertainment provided by Bastrop ISD Students

Students and teachers from the district provided holiday entertainment.

2. Campus Spotlight - Cedar Creek Middle School

Principal Edgar Rincon provided a spotlight on Cedar Creek Middle School. Mr. Rincon reported that safety is a main focus at his campus. He added that another focus this year is instruction. Mr. Rincon thanked Mr. Murray and the School Board for the opportunity to lead CCMS.

G. Open Forum

1. Rebecca Bennett

BFT representative Rebecca Bennett presented Mr. Murray and the board copies of the results from the BFT Employee Satisfaction Survey.

2. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Board Discussion on Bond Election and TRE

President Allen stated that the board met following the failed bond election and TRE and has decided that it would be necessary to go back out to the voters and call another bond election and TRE. President Allen praised his fellow board members and district administration for their efforts in trying to get the bond election and TRE passed in November. President Allen reported that the administration is working with architects and may change a few things this time around.

Mr. Murray reported that a short post-election survey is available on the districts’ website through the holiday break. He stated that the district hopes to gain some valuable information from the survey results. Mr. Mutschink thanked the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce, the We Believe in BISD committee, and the Political Action Committee for all of their hard work leading up to the election. Mr. Moore stated that the district was proactive and looked at future projections and made the decision to call a bond election to re-tool the facilities that we have. He added that the items in the bond election are definitely needed, and the projects would be a great investment in the future. Mrs. McClure added that these elections are an opportunity to get out and talk about our schools and help people understand more about our schools.

B. Resolution Concerning the A-F Accountability Rating System for Texas Public Schools

Superintendent Murray reported that in the Spring, the Texas Commissioner of Education will label each public school district and campus with a rating in the form of an A-F letter grade to comply with House Bill 2804. He added that many agree that there needs to be a better way to look at how schools are doing rather than relying on once a year standardized test scores. Mr. Murray stated that TASA has started a grassroots effort to pass a Resolution to repeal the A-F accountability rating system for Texas Public Schools.

Superintendent Murray read the Resolution and recommended the board approve the resolution as presented.

Billy Moore Moved and Ashley Mutschink seconded to approve the Resolution Concerning the A-F Accountability Rating System for Texas Public Schools as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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C. Curriculum Report

There was no curriculum report this month.

D. Financial Report

Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

E. Personnel Report

Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

F. Communications / Community Services Report

There was no communications / community services report this month.

G. Operations / Police Department Report

There was no operations / police department report this month.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of November 15, 16, and 29, 2016

B. Consider Approval of Bids

1. Waste Resource Management Services #2013-04 Renewal

C. Consider Approval of District Investment Report

D. Consider Approval of IMA Expense Report

President Allen asked if any Board member wanted to pull any of the consent agenda items for discussion. There being none, President Allen asked for a motion. Billy Moore moved and Molly McClure seconded to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: the minutes of November 15, 16 and 29, 2016; the Republic Services contract be renewed for Waste Resource Management Services for the period of January 2017 through January 2018; the

District Investment Report for November 2016; and the IMA Expense Report for November 2016 as presented.

4. Action Items

There were no action Items this month.

5. Information Items

A. District Wide Calendar

Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

B. Enrollment

Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

C. Report on Board Member Training Received to Date

President Allen reported that all board members have completed their required continuing education hours for the year.

D. Revisions to TASB Policy FFC (EXHIBIT)

Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ashley Mutschink moved and Molly McClure seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.