

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Bastrop Independent School District

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bastrop Independent School District was held Monday, August 22, 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
Glenn Peterson
Billy Moore
Kellye Seekatz
Matthew Mix

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Murray, Superintendent
Barry Edwards, Deputy Superintendent for Administrative Services
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Penne' Liefer, Chief Academic Officer, Elementary
Jeffrey Yarbrough, Chief of Police/Director of Operations
Dr. Jason Hewitt, Chief Academic Officer, Secondary
Dr. Kristi Lee, Executive Director of Communications/Comm.Svcs.
Terrell King, Executive Director of Human Resources
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Tom Oehler, Stantec
Mary Huber
Olivia Jarmoszka
Kathleen Moore
Shanda Hernandez

1. 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.

2. Open Forum

There were no requests to speak in open forum this evening.

3. TRE / Bond Election Presentation

Superintendent Murray reviewed the timeline for calling a potential future bond election and tax ratification election (TRE). He reported that the uniform election date is November 8, 2016.

Mr. Murray presented information on a potential TRE and bond election for Bastrop ISD. He reviewed district demographic information, district financial information, and district academic information. Mr. Murray reviewed recommendations from the districts' Long-Range Facilities Planning committee, which is a two part plan: access additional funding available from the state by conducting a Tax Ratification Election

(TRE) and address priorities outlined by the long-range facilities planning team by conducting a Bond Election. Mr. Murray explained that this would be two separate propositions on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

Superintendent Murray explained what a TRE is and why one is needed, as well as the impact of a TRE to the district. Mr. Murray also explained why a bond issue is necessary and he reviewed proposed facilities upgrades. Mr. Murray reported that the total bond cost is approximately \$75 million. He reviewed the projected impact for the homeowner if the TRE and bond passes, and added that property taxes for citizens 65 and older are not affected if the appropriate exemptions are filed and approved with the County Appraisal District.

Mr. Murray stated that a copy of the presentation is available on the districts' website as well as a list of TRE / Bond Election Frequently Asked Questions.

Mr. Moore asked for a breakdown on the repurposing of CRCA/Genesis to a middle school – more specifically of the new gym, science classrooms, etc.

Mr. Mutschink thanked Mr. Murray for the presentation and thanked the Long-Range Facilities Planning committee members for all of their hard work over the past year. Mr. Mutschink added that community members should know that this is not an easy decision for board members.

4. Consider Calling a Tax Ratification Election (TRE), setting a date for such election, and Approving an Order of Special Election

Billy Moore moved and Ashley Mutschink seconded that a Special Election be ordered on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at the polling locations provided by the Bastrop County Elections Administrator, pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Section 26.08 and the proposed Order of Special Election for the Bastrop Independent School District, to ratify the tax rate this Board adopted at a duly called meeting on August 16, 2016, for the purpose of approving or disapproving the adopted tax rate of \$1.571, which is effectively an increase in the tax rate of \$0.13 per \$100 valuation. I further recommend that the Board approve the Order of Special Election. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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5. Discussion and consideration of a Resolution ordering a bond election to be held in Bastrop Independent School District, making provision for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related to such election

Ashley Mutschink moved and Glenn Peterson seconded that the Board adopt the Resolution ordering a bond election to be held in Bastrop Independent School District, making provision for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related to such election. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.


Board Secretary


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