

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, September 20, 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
Kellye Seekatz
Matthew Mix
Glenn Peterson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Mystik McWilliams
Tina Croley
Bobby Barrera
Zakary Newman
Kyra Holm
Sutton Lindsley
Vanessa Lindsley
Megan Brandon
Natalia DePaz
Chris Mendez
Annette Almendarez
Shauna Wells
Scott Davis
Eric Davis
Alex Davis

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
Camille Smith, Director of Assessment & Student Support
Patricia Melgar-Cook, Director of Bilingual / ESL
Alison Hall, Bluebonnet Elementary Principal
Dolores Godinez, Cedar Creek Elementary Principal
Dr. Jennifer Hranitzky, Emile Elementary Principal
Melinda Gardner, Lost Pines Elementary Principal
Reba King, Mina Elementary Principal
Laura Krcmar, Red Rock Elementary Principal
Stephen Autrey, Bastrop Intermediate Principal
Shawn Adams, Cedar Creek Intermediate Principal
Dr. Chris Julian, Bastrop Middle School Principal
Edgar Rincon, Cedar Creek Middle School Principal
Brad Brown, Bastrop High School Principal
Bridgette Cornelius, Cedar Creek High School Principal
Martin Conrardy, CRCA / Genesis High School Principal
Patricia Alford, Gateway School Principal
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Assistant to Superintendent

1. Opening, Pledge, 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

Glenn Peterson offered the opening prayer.

E. Student Speaker on Character Education Trait for September – Honesty

Bridgette Helford, an 8th grader at Cedar Creek Middle School, spoke on the Character Trait of Honesty. Bridgette plays volleyball and basketball, is a member of PALS and National Junior Honor Society, and volunteers at the Bastrop Food Pantry and the Children’s Advocacy Center. Bridgette’s parents are Keith & Courtney Helford.

F. Introduction of Representatives of Superintendent's Student Advisory Council

Superintendent Murray introduced representatives from the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council – Natalia DePaz, a junior at CRCA, and Sutton Linsley, a sophomore at Bastrop High School. Mr. Murray thanked the students for attending tonight’s meeting.

G. Special Recognitions

1. Recognition of BISD Students & Teachers for AP Incentive Program

Dr. Jason Hewitt, Chief Academic Officer for Secondary Schools reported that in 2015-16, the district implemented an incentive/award program for students enrolled in AP courses, as well as the educators who taught those courses. He reported that students earning a score of 3 had any fees they had paid for exams reimbursed. In addition, student earning a score of 4 had fees reimbursed and received an additional \$200, and students earning a score of 5 had fees reimbursed and received an additional \$300. He added that teachers received the same corresponding amounts for students earning 4’s and 5’s on AP exams. Dr. Hewitt thanked the Bastrop Education Foundation for paying for some high school students to take the AP exams. Dr. Hewitt reported that students received \$17,416 in fee reimbursements, \$30,918 as award incentives and teachers received \$30,900 for a total of \$79,234 for the 2015-2016 school year. Dr. Hewitt thanked Mr. Murray for his leadership and his forward thinking.

2. Recognition of CRCA Teacher & Student Invited to the White House to Participate in a National Civics Workshop

CRCA Principal Martin Conrardy congratulated CRCA teacher Megan Brandon and CRCA student Natalia DePaz for being invited to the White House to participate in a national civics workshop sponsored by the Beeck Center and Civic Nation. Ms. Brandon and Natalia reported on their trip to Washington, DC and were appreciative for the opportunity.

3. Fine Arts Recognitions

Director of Fine Arts Chico Portillo recognized special accomplishments from Spring 2016 contests. Mr. Portillo congratulated the students on their successes

H. BISD Spotlight - Bastrop High School

Principal Brad Brown presented an update on Bastrop High School. He reported that Bastrop High School is off to a great start with an enrollment of about 1350 students. Mr. Brown stated that band, volleyball, football and the Bear Stage Theater Company are busy preparing for the upcoming year. Mr. Brown congratulated Chief Canales for his hard work and tireless efforts in getting the NJROTC Program reinstated at Bastrop High School. Lastly, Mr. Brown thanked BHS student for giving back to the community by participating in the Lost Pines Toyota Book/School Materials Drive and Hope Strong.

I. Open Forum

There were no requests to speak in open forum.

2. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Curriculum Report

1. Pre-K Grant Report

Chief Academic Officer for Elementary Schools Penne' Liefer presented information on the Highly Qualified Pre-Kindergarten Grant Program. She reported that 578 district were awarded grant funds and BISD received \$296,588 from September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

B. Financial Report

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

C. Personnel Report

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

D. Operations / Police Department Report

There was no report this month.

E. Communications / Community Services Report

There was no report this month.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of August 4, 11, 16 and 22, 2016

B. Consider Approval of Bids

1. Apparel & Equipment for Extra-Curricular Activities #2016-05

2. General Merchandise & Services #2016-04

C. Consider Approval of District Investment Report

D. Consider Approval of IMA Expense Report

E. Consider Approval of Tax Refunds

F. Consider Approval of General Fund Budget Amendment

G. Consider Approval of Revisions to TASB Policy DEC (LOCAL)

H. Consider Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Contract with The University of Texas Austin for Pre-K Grant Training

I. Consider Approval of TexPool Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives

J. Consider Approval of T-TESS Appraisers

President Allen asked if any Board member wanted to pull any of the consent agenda items for discussion. Mr. Mutschink pulled item B2. There being no further requests, President Allen entertained a motion. Ashley Mutschink moved and Matthew Mix seconded to approve the following consent agenda items: the minutes of August 4, 11, 16 and 22, 2016; all submitted proposals for Athletic Apparel and Equipment #2016-05; the District Investment Report for August 2016; the IMA Expense Report for August 2016; tax refunds over \$2,500 for Bastrop ISD; the 2016-17 amendment to the general fund budget; revisions to TASB Policy Dec (LOCAL); the Interlocal Cooperation Contract with the University of Texas Austin for Pre-K Grant Training; the TexPool Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives; and the T-TESS Appraisers as presented.

President Allen called for a motion on item B2 – Consider Approval of Bids for General Merchandise & Services #2016-04. Matthew Mix moved and Billy Moore seconded to approve all submitted proposals for the General Retail Merchandise and Services RFP #2016-04 as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote. Ashley Mutschink abstained due to a business relationship.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1

4. Action Items

A. Accountability System Update and Consideration of District and Campus Improvement Plan Performance Objectives

Chief Academic Officers Penne' Liefer and Jason Hewitt reviewed drafts of the 2016-2017 District Improvement Plan and Campus Improvement Plan Performance Objectives. They reported that the District Plan encompasses the Strategic Design Goals and Objectives along with Performance Objectives and Strategies designed to be 1 year in length. In addition, they reported that the Campus Improvement Plans for the 15 campuses in BISD encompass the four Strategic Design Goals, and added that the campuses design and implement their own Performance Objectives and Strategies for 1 year in length. Dr. Hewitt reported that the district plan was developed by the Leadership Team of BISD, input from the District Performance Committee and Service Center Departments.

Ms. Liefer reported that Bluebonnet Elementary earned 2 distinctions, Cedar Creek Elementary earned 2 distinctions, Cedar Creek Intermediate earned 1 distinction, Bastrop Middle School earned 1 distinction, Bastrop High School earned 2 distinctions, Cedar Creek High School earned 2 distinctions, and CRCA earned 6 of 6 distinctions.

Mr. Mutschink asked principals to thank their teachers and staff, adding that the district has come a long way in the last 13 years. Mr. Mutschink thanked district

administrators and staff for their perseverance.

Billy Moore moved and Molly McClure seconded to approve the District and Campus Improvement Plan Performance Objectives as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Consider Approval of Cedar Creek Elementary and Red Rock Elementary (Formerly IR) Targeted Improvement Plans

Penne' Liefer presented information on the Cedar Creek Elementary and Red Rock Elementary Targeted Improvement Plans.

Molly McClure moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to approve the Cedar Creek Elementary and Red Rock Elementary (Formerly IR) Targeted Improvement Plans as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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.

President Allen stated that the board was confident that campuses would meet standards this year, which made it easier for the Board to call for a TRE and bond election. He thanked campuses, teachers, students and principals for all of their hard work.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ashley Mutschink moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.


Board Secretary


Board President