

Minutes of Regular

The Board of Trustees Bastrop Independent School District

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bastrop Independent School District was held Tuesday, October 16, 2012, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Bastrop ISD Service Center, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

The following were present at the meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Allen, President
Jim Mills, Vice-President
John Eaton, Secretary
Linda Apostalo
David Long
Mark Martyn
Glenn Peterson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Vera Preston-Jaeger
Erin Green
Deborah Cole
Dale Martyn
Marti Wright
Shea Wright
Sam Pantalone
Layne Bartsch
Russell Cole
Aaron Grohman
Michael Horyza
Gerald Reed
Patrick Beck
Austin McQueeney
Brandon Whatley
Amanda Brantley
Rick Kutcher
Cindy Goertz
Donna Cassel
Brad Freeland
Gage Freeland

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Murray, Superintendent
Barry Edwards, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources
Jane Pollard, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Henry Gideon, Chief Operations Officer
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Donald Williams, Ex. Dir. of Communications/Comm. Svcs.
Nancy Roll, Director of Secondary Instruction
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to the Superintendent
Tessie Young, Director of Federal Programs & Grants
Thomas Dowdy, Director of Maintenance
Kathy Cawthron, Director of Elementary Instruction
Les Hudson, Director of CTE
Camille Smith, Director of Assessment & Student Support
Michele Martella, Director of Special Education
Adelaida Olivares, Cedar Creek High School Principal
Shawn Adams, Cedar Creek Intermediate Principal
Sara Guerra, Lost Pines Elementary Principal
LaShun Gaines, Red Rock Elementary Principal
Richard Battle, Bluebonnet Elementary Principal
Martha Werner, Mina Elementary Principal
Clifton Ames, Child Nutrition Director
Delores Moore, Emile Elementary Principal
Alison Lentz, Elementary Curriculum Specialist
Becky Berdoll, Elementary Curriculum Specialist
Melinda Soliz, Cedar Creek Elementary Principal
Terrell King, Bastrop Intermediate Principal
Sheila Muehr, Accountant
Sami Kinsey, Bastrop Middle School Principal
Dr. Celina Estrada-Thomas, Bastrop High School Principal
Susan Wilt
Terry Moore
Jennifer Boesch
Sara Freeland
Rebecca Bennett

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 the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

2. Pledge, Presentations and Open Forum

A. Pledge of Allegiance

John Eaton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

John Eaton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

C. Opening Prayer

Jim Mills offered the opening prayer.

D. Student Speaker on the Character Education Trait for October – Responsibility

Haley Goertz spoke to the Board on Responsibility, the Character Education Trait for October. Haley is a Varsity cheerleader and powerlifter, Student Council Vice-President, Junior Class President, Member of Go-Force, National Honor Society, President’s Board, and Site Based Decision Making Committee. Haley is also a student leader with the YMCA.

E. Special Recognitions

1. Recognition of the Cedar Creek High School FFA

Presenter: Les Hudson

Les Hudson introduced members of the CCHS FFA and announced that they received their charter at the 84th Annual Texas FFA State Convention this past summer. On behalf of the district, Mr. Murray signed the National FFA Charter, representing the final step in the charter process.

2. Recognition of BISD Migrant Students that Participated in the Bert Corona Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C.

Presenter: Tessie Young and Claudia Munoz

Tessie Young introduced the Migrant Students that participated in the Bert Corona Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C. this past summer for 7 days. Ms. Young introduced Claudia Munoz, Migrant Coordinator for Bastrop ISD.

3. Presentation to Bastrop ISD from Chartwells

Presenter: Jennifer Boesch and Clifton Ames

Henry Gideon introduced Chartwell District Manager Jennifer Boesch and Clifton Ames, Child Nutrition Director. They presented Les Hudson’s CATE Program with a donation of \$20,000 for the CATE program. Ms. Boesch reported that Chartwell’s would continue to donate \$20,000 every year for the term of their contract with the district. Ms. Boesch and Mr. Ames then presented a second donation of \$10,000 for an enrichment grant for BISD and stated that this donation would also be made yearly over the course of the contract.

4. Recognition of Bastrop ISD for Financial Ratings

Presenter: Steve Murray

Mr. Murray congratulated CFO Sandra Callahan and her finance department for Bastrop ISD receiving a Superior School FIRST Rating for the 10th year in a row. In addition, the district received the Leadership Circle Award from the Texas Comptroller for the third year straight for financial transparency. Mrs. Callahan thanked Mr. Murray and stated that this is a district honor that starts with the school board. She added that she is honored to be a part of the district.

F. Open Forum

1. Vera Preston-Jaeger

Dr. Preston-Jaeger addressed the Board about teachers teaching to the test. She stated that students aren't getting to make the connections and she wants all students to be taught so they can learn.

3. Public Hearing

A. Public Hearing on School Improvement Plans for Bastrop High School and Cedar Creek High School

Presenter: Nancy Roll

The Public Hearing on School Improvement Plans for Bastrop High School and Cedar Creek High School was open at 6:00 p.m. Nancy Roll reviewed an overview of the Texas Accountability Intervention System process. Dr. Estrada-Thomas highlighted features of the BHS School Improvement Plan. She stated that BHS staff is working with John Zamora on aligning instructional strategies. In addition, they are working with Region 13 on Writing Across the Curriculum and Cognitive Coaching professional development

CCHS Principal Ms. Olivares highlighted features of the CCHS School Improvement Plan. She reported that the three campus goals for this year were to meet or exceed district/state standards, graduate students with their cohort, and establish and develop Eagle pride and CCHS traditions. Ms. Olivares stated that she and her team walk 10 classrooms a week and have conversations. In addition, she stated that the Instructional Specialists are working hard on her campus. Nancy Roll asked for comments or questions from the board or the audience. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:11 p.m.

B. Consider Approval of School Improvement Plans for Bastrop High School and Cedar Creek High School

Presenter: Nancy Roll

John Eaton moved and David Long seconded to approve the School Improvement Plans for Bastrop High School and Cedar Creek High School as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Update on Diversity Plan

Presenter: Steve Murray

Information was provided to the Board. Mr. Murray briefly updated the Board on the district's Diversity Plan. He reported that Joyce James from the Center for Elimination of Disproportionality and Disparities will provide a two-day training for the expanded committee on November 1st and 2nd.

B. Board Discussion Regarding Revisions to TASB Policy BE (LOCAL), BAA (LOCAL) and BBE (LOCAL)

Presenter: David Long

Board member David Long stated that he reviewed feedback from a RGA workshop in June and has no significant recommendations. Mr. Long stated that there have been no changes to the policies since discussion at the last meeting.

John Eaton moved and Linda Apostalo seconded to approve the revisions to BE (LOCAL), BAA (LOCAL) and BBE (LOCAL) as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Financial Report

Attachment A

Presenter: Sandra Callahan

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

D. Personnel Report

Presenter: Barry Edwards

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

E. Communications / Community Services Report

Presenter: Donald Williams

1. Designation of Election Precinct 1003 Polling Location to be the Bastrop ISD Service Center

Presenter: Donald Williams

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

2. Strategic Planning Update

Presenter: Barry Edwards

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

5. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of September 13, 18, 24 and October 1, 2012

B. Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization and Adjunct Faculty Agreement

C. Consider Approval of District Investment Report

D. Consider Approval of Debt Service and General Fund Budget Amendment

President Allen asked if any member of the Board would like to pull any of the consent agenda items for closer review. There being no requests, David Long moved and Jim Mills seconded to approve the consent agenda items as follows: the minutes of the September 13, 18, 24 and October 1, 2012; the Resolution Regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization and Adjunct Faculty Agreement; the District Investment Report; and the debt service and general fund budget amendments as presented.

6. Action Items

A. Consider Approval of Campus Improvement Plans

Presenter: Janie Pollard

President Allen thanked principals and staff for the hard work that was put into the Campus Improvement Plans.

John Eaton moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to approve the Campus Improvement Plans 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 a Bill of Sale Between Bastrop ISD and the LCRA in which Bastrop ISD Sells, Assigns, and Transfers to the LCRA Wastewater Facilities Serving Cedar Creek High School as Described Herein and as Described by an Existing Utility Facilities Construction and Conveyance Agreement

Presenter: Henry Gideon

Mark Martyn moved and Jim Mills seconded to approve a Bill of Sale between Bastrop ISD and the LCRA in which Bastrop ISD sells, assigns, and transfers to the LCRA Wastewater Facilities serving Cedar Creek High School as Described Herein and as Described by an Existing Utility Facilities Construction and Conveyance Agreement. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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C. Consider Approval of Public Utility Easement between Bastrop ISD and the City of Bastrop

Presenter: Henry Gideon

Jim Mills moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to approve the Public Utility Easement between Bastrop ISD and the City of Bastrop as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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D. Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing Tax Resale

Presenter: Sandra Callahan

John Eaton moved and Linda Apostalo seconded to approve the Resolution Authorizing Tax Resale as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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E. Consider Authorizing Administration to Issue Contracts for 4 Additional Teaching Positions and Amend the Budget for the Additional Positions for 2012-2013

Presenter: Barry Edwards

Mr. Edwards asked the Board to authorize the administration to issue contracts for four additional teaching positions due to growth.

David Long moved and Linda Apostalo seconded to authorize administration to issue contracts for 4 additional teaching positions and amend the budget for \$200,000 for the additional positions for 2012-2013. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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F. Consider Approval of Resolution Nominating an Individual for Membership of the Bastrop Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

Presenter: James Allen

John Eaton nominated Bryan Bracewell for membership of the Bastrop Central Appraisal District Board of Directors and moved to approve the Resolution nominating Mr. Bracewell. Glenn Peterson seconded. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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7. 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. TASB Policy Update 95

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

President Allen explained that the Board now has an agenda review workshop meeting the week before the regular board meeting and the public is invited. He added that most questions are answered at this meeting.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President