

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, November 13, 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:

Deanna Montgomery
Dale Martyn
Ashley Martyn
Megan Martyn
Nancy Risinger
Sam Risinger
Erin Barnett
Jimmy Hallamek
Melanie Kovar
Richard Torres
Esai Escobedo
Bridgette Escobedo
Verlon Smith
Paula Smith
Vivian Washington
Kheyera Washington
Monica Garcia
Rebecca Bennett

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
Lauri Anzaldua, Communications Coordinator
John Korb, Director of IT Services
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
Robert Washington, Cedar Creek High School Asst. Principal
Martha Werner, Mina Elementary Principal
Clifton Ames, Child Nutrition Director
Jim Hallamek, Cedar Creek Middle School Principal
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
Deanna Bodine

1. Opening

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

2. Pledges, Prayer, Recognitions & Open Forum

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Ashley & Megan Martyn signed the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

1. "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

Ashley & Megan Martyn signed the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

C. Opening Prayer

Jim Mills offered the opening prayer.

D. Student Speaker on Character Education Trait for November – Compassion

Mina Elementary 4th grade student Hannah Risinger spoke to the Board on the November Character Education trait, Compassion. Hannah is a member of the Mina Green Team. She enjoys reading and studying spelling. She also loves rock hunting, is an avid collector of rocks and minerals and enjoys swimming, drawing and painting.

E. Introduction of Representatives from BHS and CCHS Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)

Presenter: Steve Murray

Mr. Murray introduced SSAC representatives BHS senior Erin Barnett and CCHS 10th grader Esai Escobedo and welcomed them to the meeting.

F. Open Forum

1. Deanna Montgomery

Deanna Montgomery invited the board to Special Olympics Bowling Competition. She stated that Bastrop High School, Cedar Creek High School and Bastrop Works students will be representing area 13. Ms. Montgomery thanked the board for their support.

2. Paula Smith

Ms. Smith spoke to the board on reconfiguration. She suggested that money be spent on curriculum instead of the reconfiguration.

3. Verlon Smith

Mr. Smith spoke to the board on reconfiguration and would like to see the district invest in curriculum instead of spending money on the reconfiguration.

3. Public Hearing

Presenter: Sandra Callahan

A. Public Hearing on the 2012 School Financial Integrity Rating System of

Texas (FIRST) Rating - Attachment B

Presenter: Sandra Callahan

Mrs. Callahan opened the Public Hearing on the 2012 School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas Rating. She reported that this was the 10th year of FIRST reporting and the 10th year that BISD has earned a Superior rating. Mrs. Callahan stated that this report is for the 2010-11 fiscal year. Mrs. Callahan reviewed the requirements and indicators and asked for questions. There were no questions. Mr. Murray congratulated Mrs. Callahan and her staff for doing a great job! The Public Hearing was closed at 5:46 p.m.

4. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Financial Report - Attachment A

1. Report from Belt, Harris, Pechacek, LLLP 2011-2012 Audit - Attachment C

Presenter: Nathan Krupke

Nathan Krupke with Belt, Harris, Pechacek presented information on the 2011-2012 audit. Mr. Krupke reported a clean opinion audit and congratulated Mrs. Callahan and her staff for a great job on the financial operations of the district.

President Allen pulled up action item 6-A.

6A. Consider Approval of Annual Audit Report for Bastrop ISD

Linda Apostalo moved and Jim Mills seconded to approve the 2011-2012 Audit Report for Bastrop ISD. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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B. Curriculum Report

1. Summer Professional Development

Presenter: Nancy Roll

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

2. Innovative Course Offerings

Presenter: Nancy Roll and Les Hudson

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

C. Personnel Report

1. NCLB Compliance Report

Presenter: Barry Edwards

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

5. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of October 11 and 16, 2012

B. Consider Approval of Designation of Election Precinct 1003 Polling Location to be the Bastrop ISD Service Center

C. Consider Approval of Tax Refunds

D. Consider Approval of General Fund Budget Amendment

E. Consider Approval of TASB Policy Update 95

F. Consider Approval of Qualified PDAS Appraisers

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, John Eaton moved and Jim Mills seconded to approve the consent agenda items as follows: the minutes of October 11 and 16, 2012; the designation of election precinct 1003 polling location to be the Bastrop ISD Service Center; the tax refunds over \$2,500 for Bastrop ISD; the general fund budget amendment; TASB Policy Update 95 with the removal of the sentence from policy EIE (LOCAL); and the qualified PDAS appraisers as presented.

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6. Action Items

B. Consider Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Bastrop ISD and The University of Texas at Austin Meadows Center for Reading and Language Arts

Presenter: Tessie Young

Linda Apostalo moved and David Long seconded to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Bastrop ISD and the University of Texas at Austin Meadows Center for Reading and Language Arts as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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C. Consider Approval of Tractor Supply Company Hand Tool Donation Notice, Waiver of Liability, and Hold Harmless Agreement

Presenter: Les Hudson

David Long moved and Linda Apostalo seconded to approve the Tractor Supply Company Hand Tool Donation Notice, Waiver of Liability, and Hold Harmless Agreement as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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Glenn Peterson arrived at the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

D. Consider Approval on Grade Configuration

Presenter: Barry Edwards

Barry Edwards reported that in 2010, BISD began a Strategic Planning process to

create a rolling five year plan that charted a new course for the District. He stated that the plan was created by a 30-member committee who developed six strategic strategies. Mr. Edwards reviewed Strategy III which states “We will strategically organize the district to provide instructional programs to prepare students for post-secondary readiness”. He explained that one of the steps to achieving this strategy is to look at the grade configuration for the district.

Mr. Edwards reviewed the process and introduced external committee members Richard Torres and Melanie Kovar. Mr. Torres and Ms. Kovar reported to the Board that they got together as a committee, took survey results and gathered feedback from the public forums. Mr. Torres and Ms. Kovar stated that it is the external committee members’ recommendation to keep the current grade configuration as is, and as conditions change, the issue of grade configuration needs to be revisited.

Mr. Murray stated that based on the recommendation of the external committee, his recommendation is that the district keep the current grade configuration of Pre-K–4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12. He added that the district may look at reconfiguration at a later date.

President Allen applauded the administration and the external committee for their efforts. He stated that this was an exercise that needed to be done, however it makes sense to keep the current grade configuration at this time. President Allen stated that it was great to hear from the community, and due diligence was done. Mr. Eaton added that the recommendation aligns with everything he has been hearing.

Mark Martyn moved and Linda Apostalo seconded to accept the recommendations of the External Committee and the Superintendent to keep the current grade configuration of PreK-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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E. Consider Approval of Superintendent's Recommendation for Gateway/Genesis Principal

Presenter: Steve Murray

Superintendent Murray asked the Board to table this item this evening. He stated that he would ask the Board to hold a special meeting after the Thanksgiving break to consider his recommendation.

F. Consider Authorizing District to Participate in Statewide Challenge to AYP

Presenter: Steve Murray

Mr. Murray reported that the Texas Association of Community Schools is sponsoring the statewide challenge to AYP. He added that there would be a commitment of \$600-\$1200 to be included in the challenge. Mr. Murray applauded Mr. Eaton for bringing this matter forth.

Jim Mills moved and Mark Martyn seconded to authorize the District to participate in the statewide challenge to AYP. 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. Bastrop Central Appraisal District Board of Directors Vacancy

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

D. Refunding Program and "Parameters Bond Order" Authorizing Issuance of Refunding Bonds

Presenter: Sandra Callahan

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

Mrs. Apostalo asked the SSAC representatives what they thought the most interesting part of meeting was. Esai said that he felt that the reconfiguration was the most important thing that was discussed. Erin said that she is a senior this year and simply wished her fellow students good luck on the new STAAR test.

8. Adjournment

John Eaton moved and Linda Apostalo seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President