

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 18, 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
Mark Martyn
David Long

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Glenn Peterson
Linda Apostalo

ALSO PRESENT:

Walker Petrash
Joseph Godinez
Johanna Hoyz
Jacqueline Gober
John Michael Arnett
Doyle Whiting
Sheila Lowe
Chris Files
Haley Mendel
Leona Jones
Elaine Renaud
Isabelle Renaud
Juan Robles
Maria Adkins
Audra Thomas

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Murray, Superintendent
Barry Edwards, Asst. Supt. for HR
Jane Pollard, Asst. Supt. for C&I
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Henry Gideon, Chief Operations Officer
Donald Williams, Ex. Director of Communications/Comm. Svcs.
Tessie Young, Director of Federal Programs
Camille Smith, Director of Assessment & Student Support
Les Hudson, Director of CATE
Kathy Cawthron, Director of Elementary Instruction
Nancy Roll, Director of Secondary Instruction
Sara Guerra, Lost Pines Elementary Principal
Jim Hallamek, Cedar Creek Middle School Principal
John Korb, Director of IT Services
Michele Martella, Director of Special Education Services
Melinda Soliz, Cedar Creek Elementary Principal
Adelaida Olivarez, Cedar Creek High School Principal
Thomas Dowdy, Director of Maintenance
Shawn Adams, Cedar Creek Intermediate Principal
Lauri Anzaldua, Communications Coordinator
Javier Perez
Gilbert Renaud
Allyson Renaud
Rebecca Bennett
Dale Martyn
Dr. Vera Preston-Jaeger

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

John Eaton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. 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."

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

D. Opening Prayer

Donald Williams offered the opening prayer.

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

Bastrop High School Senior Haley Mendel spoke to the board about perseverance, the Character Education Trait for December. Haley is a member of the BHS Regional Qualifying Cross Country team, a forward on the Lady Bear's Soccer team for the 4th year in a row, and she is a Regional Qualifier in the 800 meter run. In addition, Haley is in the top 5% of her Senior Class, a member of National Honor Society, and she participates in PAL and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

F. Special Presentations

1. Special Presentation by Cedar Creek Middle School Theatre Arts Students

Presenter: Jim Hallamek and Jeanie DeLeon

The Cedar Creek Middle School Theatre Arts Students and their teacher, Janie DeLeon, presented a special preview of their upcoming Musical, Annie Jr., and invited Board members to the performances on January 10th, 11th & 12th at the JFW Center for the Performing Arts.

G. Open Forum

1. Rebecca Bennett

Bastrop Federation of Teachers President Rebecca Bennett presented Board members with employee satisfaction survey results. Ms. Bennett stated that the survey was available online from November 4-30 and results will be posted at www.bastropteachers.org. Ms. Bennett invited Board members to contact her if they have any questions.

2. Doyle Whiting

Cedar Creek resident Doyle Whiting addressed the Board about the Cedar Creek High School 2012 football season. Mr. Whiting stated that he felt that the coaching staff is at fault for the poor showing and he suggested that the coaching staff be replaced.

2. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Curriculum Report

1. Update on Quad C

Presenter: Martin Conrardy

Martin Conrardy presented an update of the Quad C program at BHS and CCHS. Quad C students presented information on what Quad C means to

them and the benefits the program has provided them during the school year. Mr. Conrardy introduced the Quad C teachers from both high schools.

Jim Mills thanked the students for their presentations this evening. He stated that he is very impressed with Quad C, and it looks like a useful tool to chip away at the achievement gap. Mr. Mills encouraged students to continue pushing forward. President Allen agreed with Mr. Mills and told the students to stay the path.

2. Report on AYP Waiver Granted to Bastrop ISD and Resulting AYP Status

Presenter: Steve Murray

Information was provided to the Board. Mr. Murray informed the Board that TEA granted the district's appeal of the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results. The waiver was filed due to the wildfires last year, and TEA has granted all of the appeals. Mr. Murray reported that all district campuses now Meet AYP or are "Not Evaluated". He added that he appreciates TEA granting the appeals, but still has a lot of questions about the validity of AYP.

B. Financial Report - Attachment A

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

C. Personnel Report

Presenter: Barry Edwards

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

D. Operations Report

1. Elementary Attendance Boundary Leveling

Presenter: Henry Gideon & Barry Edwards

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

E. Discussion and Update on Efforts by Bastrop County's Long Term Recovery Team

Presenter: Chris Files and Sheila Lowe

Chris Files (President of Bastrop County Long Term Recovery Team) presented an update on the efforts by Bastrop County's Long Term Recovery Team. She stated that BCLTRT is dedicated to helping those who were uninsured or underinsured from the Bastrop County Complex Wildfires in September 2011. Ms. Files reported that a lot of the homes that were lost in the wildfires were rental properties, and the BCLTRT is working on ways to help the renters.

Ms. Files presented the board with a list of foreclosed properties that did not sell. She suggested the Board consider gifting the properties to the BCLTRT and they in turn would build (with the assistance of volunteers) rental properties at an average cost of \$50,000. Ms. Files stated that renters would have to qualify and use local lenders for material costs.

Ms. Files reported that the County would be discussing the issue in January, and she asked the BISD Board of Trustees to put this item on their January agenda

and discuss gifting the properties to the BCLTRT. President Allen asked Mrs. Callahan if the district had ever done anything like this before and she stated that she was not aware of this being done before. Mr. Eaton stated that he has a lot of questions that would need to be addressed to the district's real estate attorneys, and he requested that the Board discuss this matter in closed session with the attorneys in January.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of November 7, 8, 13 and 29, 2012

B. Consider Approval of Bids

1. Portable Building Relocation RFB #2009-06 Renewal

2. Waste Resource Management Services #2013-04

C. Consider Approval of District Investment Report

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 November 7, 8, 13 and 29, 2012; the renewal of the contract for portable building relocation services to Larry Jollisant, Inc., effective December 2012 through December 2013; the waste resource management services contract awarded to Republic Services dba Allied Waste; and the District Investment Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Action Items

A. Consider Approval of Bastrop County Elections Administrator Contract

Presenter: Donald Williams

Donald Williams reported a reduction in cost for elections this year.

John Eaton moved and David Long seconded to approve the Bastrop County Elections Administrator Contract 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 Agreement to Conduct Joint Election between the City of Bastrop, Bastrop ISD, and the Bastrop County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2

Presenter: Donald Williams

John Eaton moved and David Long seconded to approve the Agreement to Conduct Joint Election between the City of Bastrop, Bastrop ISD and the Bastrop County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Consider Calling Board of Trustees Election for May 11, 2013 for Place 5, Place 6 and Place 7

1. Board of Trustees Election Calendar

2. Order of Election

Presenter: Donald Williams

John Eaton moved and David Long seconded to approve the Order of Election calling the Trustee Election for May 11, 2013. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Consider Approval of General Fund Budget Amendment

Presenter: Sandra Callahan

Sandra Callahan reported that the General Fund budget amendment includes amendments for E-Rate revenue and expenditures and change in campus allocations, uniforms for concert band, winter guard, and drum line, and maintenance contracted services not previously budgeted.

Mark Martyn moved and John Eaton seconded to approve the General Fund budget amendment as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Consider Approval of American Indian Education Program Shared Services Agreement with Austin ISD

Presenter: Tessie Young

Tessie Young explained that the American Indian Education Program Shared Services Agreement with Austin ISD would allow the district to partner with Austin ISD in the American Indian Education Program (AIEP) Federal Grant. She added that Austin ISD is the fiscal agent of the grant and oversees the program and grant activities.

David Long moved and Jim Mills seconded to approve the American Indian Education Program Shared Services Agreement with Austin ISD as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Consider Approval of Integrated Continuous Improvement Plan

Presenter: Tessie Young

Tessie Young reported that the Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System Core Analysis Team met in November to address the bilingual student performance on STAAR in Science and the ESL student performance on ELA that resulted in a stage 2 for BE/ESL. The team also addressed the number of drop-outs of identified homeless Title 1 students at the secondary level that resulted in a state 1 for NCLB.

Mark Martyn moved and David Long seconded to approve the Integrated Continuous Improvement Plan as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. Consider All Matters Incident and Related to the Issuance and Sale of the Bastrop Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, Including the Adoption of an Order Authorizing the Issuance of such Bonds, Establishing Parameters for the Sale and Issuance of Such Bonds and Delegating Certain Matters to an Authorized Official of the District

Presenter: Sandra Callahan

Mrs. Callahan reported that BISD is eligible for a bond refunding program in 2013, and next year when the rates are right, the district will be selling bonds. Mr. Eaton asked if there was any legal exposure to board members by delegating these matters to the Superintendent and CFO. Mrs. Callahan stated that there is not any legal exposure and explained that the reason that it is done this way is so the district can act right away and not miss out on an opportunity while waiting to post a board meeting.

John Eaton moved and David Long seconded to approve All Matters Incident and Related to the Issuance and Sale of the Bastrop Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, Including the Adoption of an Order Authorizing the Issuance of such Bonds, Establishing Parameters for the Sale and Issuance of Such Bonds and Delegating Certain Matters to an Authorized Official of the District. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote. Jim Mills abstained.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1

H. Consider All Matters Incident and Related to the Issuance and Sale of the Bastrop Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2013, including the Adoption of an Order Authorizing the Issuance of such Bonds and Delegating Certain Matters to an Authorized

Official of the District

Presenter: Sandra Callahan

John Eaton moved and David Long seconded to approve All Matters Incident and Related to the Issuance and Sale of the Bastrop Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2013, including the Adoption of an Order Authorizing the Issuance of such Bonds and Delegating Certain Matters to an Authorized Official of the District. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote. Jim Mills abstained.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1

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

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

President Allen thanked all educators for all that they do and asked that they enjoy their families and holidays.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, John Eaton moved and Mark Martyn seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President