

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 17, 2013, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Bastrop ISD Service Center, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Allen, President
John Eaton, Vice-President
David Long, Secretary
Glenn Peterson
Ashley Mutschink
Matthew Mix
Mark Martyn

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Vera Preston-Jaeger
Dale Martyn
Erin Green
Martha Gardner
Principal
Matt Gardner
Principal
Rebecca Bennett
Principal
Dena Donaldson
Principal

Principal

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Murray, Superintendent
Barry Edwards, Asst. Superintendent for HR
Janie Pollard, Asst. Superintendent for C&I
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Henry Gideon, Chief Operations Officer
Donald Williams, Ex. Director of Communications/Comm. Svcs.
Camille Smith, Director of Assessment & Student Support
Kathy Cawthron, Director of Elementary Instruction
John Korb, Director of IT Services
Tessie Young, Director of Federal Programs & Grants
Les Hudson, Director of CTE
Martin Conrardy, Genesis High School Principal
Michele Martella, Director of Special Education
Nancy Roll, Director of Secondary Instruction
Andrew Ferranti, System Administrator
Melinda Gardner, Lost Pines Elementary Asst.

Bridgette Cornelius, Bluebonnet Elementary

Celina Estrada-Thomas, Bastrop High School

Adelaida Olivares, Cedar Creek High School

Richard Batlle, C&I Technology Specialist
Sara Guerra, Lost Pines Elementary Principal
LaShun Gaines, Red Rock Elementary Principal
Kelli Lopez, Bastrop High School Assoc. Principal
Tammy Underwood, Cedar Creek High School Assoc.

Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent

1.	Opening, Pledge, Presentations & Open Forum	
	<p>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.</p>	
	<p>B. Pledge of Allegiance The Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	
	<p>C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag The Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.</p>	
	<p>D. Opening Prayer Cliff Sparks with the Bastrop Christian Outreach Center offered the opening prayer.</p>	
	<p>E. Student Speaker on Character Education Trait for September – Honesty Carter Gardner, a 3rd grader at Lost Pines Elementary, spoke to the board on Honesty, the Character Education Trait for September. Carter plays baseball, is in PALS, is a GT student and enjoys church activities and being with his family and friends. Carter is a model student. He understands the importance of being safe, respectful and responsible. All of Carter’s teachers are proud of his accomplishments.</p>	

	<p>F. Open Forum</p> <p>1. Dr. Vera Preston-Jaeger</p> <p>Dr. Jaeger spoke to the board on the importance of teaching Science. She stated that BISD is doing a great job teaching all kids and teaching Science.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p>Public Hearing on 2013-2014 Proposed Tax Rate</p>	
	<p>A. Presentation and Public Hearing on the 2013-2014 Proposed Tax Rate</p> <p>Sandra Callahan opened the Public Hearing on the 2013-2014 Proposed Tax Rate at 5:40 p.m. Mrs. Callahan reported that the proposed tax rate is \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and \$0.421 for payment of principal and interest on debt for a total tax rate of \$1.461 for 2013-2014. Mrs. Callahan stated that the district was able to reduce the total tax rate by two cents this year.</p> <p>Mrs. Callahan asked for comments or questions. There being no comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:45 p.m.</p>	

	<p>B. Adopt 2013-2014 Tax Rate</p> <p>This year’s proposed tax rate does not exceed the effective tax rate. David Long moved and John Eaton seconded to adopt the tax rate of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and \$0.421 for payment of principal and interest on debt for a total rate of \$1.461 for the 2013-14 school year. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOTION CARRIED</u> <u>UNANIMOUSLY</u></p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Public Hearing on Major Curriculum Initiatives</p>	

A. Presentation and Public Hearing on Major Curriculum Initiatives

Janie Pollard opened the Public Hearing on Major Curriculum Initiatives at 5:46 p.m. She reported that a new law requires a local board to have a meeting to discuss the proposed initiative and allow feedback from community members. Mrs. Pollard reported that the cost of the subscription for the TEKS Resource System through the Texas Curriculum Management Program Cooperative at Region 13 will be \$3,420. She added that the support and development fee would be $\$4.50 \times 8,459$ (enrollment at snapshot date from October 2012) = \$38,065.50. The total cost would be \$41,484.50.

Mrs. Pollard asked for comments or questions. There being no comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:48 p.m.

B. Consider Approval of Adoption of the Major Curriculum Initiative of the TEKS Resource System through the Texas Curriculum Management Program Cooperative at Region 13 as well as the curriculum Resources as well as the Curriculum and Instructional Strategies Provided through the Laying the Foundations/ National Math and Science Initiative Group

Mark Martyn moved and David Long seconded to approve the adoption of the major curriculum initiative of the TEKS Resource System through the Texas Curriculum Management Program Cooperative at Region 13 as well as the curriculum resources as well as the curriculum and instructional strategies provided through Laying the Foundations/National Math and Science Initiative Group. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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4. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

	<p>A. Technology Update</p> <p>Director of IT Services John Korb presented a Technology Update to the Board. Mr. Korb reviewed the Technology Department Organization Chart. He explained that the technology department is housed in two locations – instruction, applications, and infrastructure are located at the Service Center, and operations is located in the science building behind Genesis High School.</p> <p>Mr. Korb reviewed technology instruction funding sources. He explained that the operating budget comes from three sources – local funds, ERATE and IMA. Mr. Korb reviewed current initiatives: Bring Your Own Technology; Fund Balance; Blended Learning with Quad C, Chromebooks and Atlas Learning.</p> <p>Mr. Korb reported that teacher to device ratio is 1:1, and district wide student to device ratio is 3:1. He stated that they are working on equity of devices among campuses. Mr. Korb reviewed the infrastructure team, applications team and instructional technology team. He added that the goal is to all work together for the students in the district. Mr. Korb thanked Mr. Murray and the board for their support.</p>	
	<p>B. Curriculum Report</p>	

	<p>1. 2013-2014 Program Plans and Budgets for ESEA Title I, Title II, Title III, and Migrant Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.</p>	
	<p>2. Parallel Pathways to Success Grant Program Martin Conrardy, Nancy Roll & Les Hudson presented information on the Parallel Pathways to Success Grant Program. They reported that Genesis students were the primary beneficiary of the grant. Mr. Conrardy reported that BISD will receive \$73,220 during the 2013-14 school year and \$11,620 during the 2014-15 school year for a total award of \$85,000. He stated that grant funds would be used to purchase computers and certification assessment material including online instructional materials to be used in classrooms at Genesis High School.</p>	

3. Quad C Presentation

Janie Pollard explained that the Quad C Program is an initiative where students are encouraged to focus on college, career and citizenship. Tammy Underwood and Kelli Lopez presented information on the districts Quad C Programs at Bastrop High School and Cedar Creek High School. They explained that Quad C provides students the opportunity to take Pre-AP, AP and ACC dual credit courses, achieve up to 36 college hours before graduating from BISD, be a part of a cohort that will build relationships with Quad C teachers and peers, learn about servant leadership and participate in community service activities for the BISD community, and visit community colleges and four year universities. They explained that Quad C is a very structured and rigorous four year plan that teaches students how to collaborate and build stronger organizational and time management skills.

Ms. Underwood and Ms. Lopez reviewed grade and score comparison as well as semester averages of Quad C students with all students and Pre-AP students and reported that Quad C students are

	C.	Financial Report Information was provided to the board. There was no discussion.	
	D.	Personnel Report Information was provided to the board. There was no discussion.	
5.	Consent Agenda		
	A.	Consider Approval of Minutes of August 15 and 20, 2013	
	B.	Consider Approval of Bids	
	1.	Maintenance, Repair & Operations (MRO) Retail Vendor Merchandise and Services #2013-07	
	2.	Apparel & Equipment for Extra-Curricular Activities #2013-10	
	C.	Consider Approval of Qualified PDAS Appraisers	
	D.	Consider Approval of District Investment Report	
	E.	Consider Approval of Tax Refunds	
	F.	Consider Approval of IMA Expense Report	

	<p>G. Consider Approval of General Fund Budget Amendment</p> <p>President Allen asked if any board member would like to pull a consent agenda item for discussion. There being no requests, President Allen entertained a motion. Ashley Mutschink moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to approve the following consent agenda items: the minutes of August 15 and 20, 2013; all submitted proposals on the attached tabulation for the Maintenance, Repair, and Operations Merchandise and Services RFP #2013-07; all submitted proposals on the attached tabulation for Athletic Apparel and Equipment #2013-10; the Qualified PDAS Appraisers; the District Investment Report; the tax refunds over \$2,500; the IMA Expense Report for September 2013; and the general fund budget amendment as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOTION CARRIED</u> <u>UNANIMOUSLY</u></p>	
6.	Information Items	
	<p>A. District Wide Calendar</p> <p>Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.</p>	
	<p>B. Enrollment</p> <p>Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.</p>	

	<p>C. BISD Board of Trustees Meeting Dates for 2013-2014</p> <p>Information was provided to the Board. President Allen stated that Nancy would be emailing the board to find a date for team building. He added that he would like to schedule the team building before Thanksgiving, and suggested a Saturday afternoon.</p> <p>President Allen thanked Mr. Korb for a very informative presentation. He also thanked Ms. Underwood and Ms. Lopez for the Quad C presentation. President Allen stated that the district is heading in a good direction and the community is taking notice of the academic performance and fiscal responsibility. He stated that he was very proud and congratulated all district staff and students, adding that everyone plays a role in the success of the district.</p>	
<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>There being no further business, John Eaton moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.</p> <hr/> <hr/>	

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President