

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, October 15, 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:

Jami Haney
Hilary Hernandez
Debbie Hendley
Maria Torres
Principal
Nancy Rendon
Principal
Carolyn Moore-Green
Principal
Rebecca Bennett
John Slavik
Adam Slavik
Sharon Duggan
Clara Duggan
Brady Eaton
Staci Eaton
Neftali Montalvo
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
Bridgette Cornelius, Bluebonnet Elementary

Celina Estrada-Thomas, Bastrop High School

Adelaida Olivares, Cedar Creek High School

Richard Battle, C&I Technology Specialist
Sara Guerra, Lost Pines Elementary Principal
LaShun Gaines, Red Rock Elementary Principal
Delores Moore, Emile Elementary Principal
Melinda Soliz, Cedar Creek Elementary Principal
Patricia Alford, Gateway School Principal
Sami Kinsey, Bastrop Middle School Principal
Jim Hallamek, Cedar Creek Middle School

Rosa Montalvo

Director

Principal

Shawn Adams, Cedar Creek Intermediate Principal
Cynthia Sneed, Bastrop Intermediate Principal
Staci Gideon, Fine Arts Coordinator

Guillermo DeLeon, Manager & Technical Advisor/BHS Theatre

Tammy Underwood, Cedar Creek High School Assoc.

Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent

1. Opening, Pledge, Presentations and 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 President Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.	
C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag	
	President Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.
D. Opening Prayer Glenn Peterson offered the opening prayer.	

<p>E.</p>	<p>Student Speaker on the Character Education Trait for October – Responsibility</p> <p>Hailey Ann Rendon-Torres, a 4th grader at Bluebonnet Elementary spoke to the Board on the October Character Education Trait, Responsibility. Hailey loves to dance and do her own choreography. When she grows up, she would like to be a make-up artist. Hailey is very outgoing and loves scary movies. She received the Early Act First Knight Medal last year for the character trait she is speaking about this evening, responsibility. Hailey is the daughter of Maria Torres.</p>	
<p>F.</p>	<p>Introduction of Representatives from BHS and CCHS Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council (SSAC)</p> <p>Mr. Murray introduced BHS Senior Hilary Hernandez and CCHS Junior Clara Duggan, representatives from the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council.</p>	
<p>G.</p>	<p>Special Recognitions</p>	

	<p>1. Recognition of Commended Student in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program Cedar Creek High School Principal Laila Olivares introduced and congratulated Adam Slavik for being named a Commended Student in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program. She explained that Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2014 competition by taking the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.</p>	
	<p>2. Recognition of 2013-14 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar Laila Olivares & Celina Estrada-Thomas recognized three BISD high school seniors that were named 2013-2014 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars – Brady Eaton and Neftali Montalvo from Cedar Creek High School and Aaron Ramirez from Bastrop High School.</p>	

H. Open Forum

1. Debbie Hendley

Debbie Hendley, a temporary resident at the Oaks RV Park next to Cedar

Creek High School spoke to the board on the extreme noise at CCHS last

Friday night from 10 p.m. until after midnight. She asked that the school be

responsible and not disturb neighbors after 10 p.m.

2. Jami Haney

Jami Haney, owner and operator of the Oaks RV Park spoke to the board about

issues with storm water runoff on their property, loud noise coming from

Cedar Creek High School last Friday night, and their private driveway being

used for access to CCHS by staff, students and district employees.

2. Public Hearing

	<p>A. Public Hearing on the 2013 School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Rating</p> <p>Sandra Callahan opened the Public Hearing on the 2013 School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Rating at 5:50 p.m. Mrs. Callahan reported that the District received a Superior Achievement Rating for the eleventh year and a perfect score of 70 for the second year. She explained that the primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system. Mrs. Callahan asked for comments or questions. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:55 p.m. Mr. Long congratulated Mrs. Callahan on a great run!</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion</p>	
	<p>A. Curriculum Report</p>	

	<p>1. Update on Jerry Fay Wilhelm Center for the Performing Arts Staci Gideon & Billy DeLeon presented an update on the Jerry Fay Wilhelm Center for the Performing Arts. The PAC will be celebrating their 5 year anniversary later this month. Mr. DeLeon reported that the PAC hosted 700 events last school year up from 200 the first year it was open. He also said that summers at the PAC are busy as well. Mr. DeLeon stated that Theatre Production students work events at the PAC. In addition, middle school and some elementary students are trained to work equipment. There are currently 100+ active students working events at the PAC.</p>	
	<p>B. Financial Report Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.</p>	
	<p>C. Personnel Report Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.</p>	
4.	Consent Agenda	
	<p>A. Consider Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2013</p>	
	<p>B. Consider Approval of District Investment Report</p>	
	<p>C. Consider Approval of IMA Expense Report</p>	

D. Consider Approval of General Fund Budget Amendment
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. Glenn Peterson moved and Ashley Mutschink seconded to approve the following consent agenda items: the minutes of September 17, 2013; the District Investment Report for September 2013; the IMA Expense Report for October 2013; and the general fund budget amendment as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

5. Action Items

A. Consider Approval of Campus Improvement Plans

Janie Pollard asked board members for questions or comments. Mr. Eaton commented that a few of the elementary plans look weak and lack substance. Mrs. Pollard stated that she and her directors had reviewed the plans for compliance prior to being submitted but would look at the elementary plans again.

Ashley Mutschink 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.

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UNANIMOUSLY

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

President James Allen entertained a motion for nominations for membership of the Bastrop Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. David Long moved and Matthew Mix seconded to nominate David Redd. President Allen asked for other nominations or questions or comments. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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C. Consider Approval of General State Waiver Request to TEA

Camille Smith asked the board to approve the filing of a General Waiver request through TEA to allow the BIAD homebound teacher the flexibility to deliver instruction remotely through Skype lessons to a CCHS senior students who is hospitalized.

John Eaton moved and David Long seconded to approve the filing of a General State Waiver request to TEA as per the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook, Section 12.3.3 as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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President Allen explained that the board held an agenda review meeting last Thursday, and therefore, regular board meetings are much more efficient.

**D. Consideration
for Modification / Addendum to
the Current BISD Dress and
Grooming Policy**

Mark Martyn asked the board to consider adding an exception to the current dress code policy to allow students to wear a device or clothing that is medically necessary with a doctor's order. Mr. Martyn would like to ask the districts' attorneys to take a look at the proposed changes and then bring the matter to a vote by the board. Mr. Eaton commented that it is difficult to administer discipline and dress code policies, adding that there are a lot of inconsistencies between campuses in enforcing the policy. Mr. Eaton said that he felt that the board had two choices - to make modifications to the existing policy to help administration make decisions or remove all determinations/discretion from campuses. He added that he was not in favor of the second choice. Mr. Murray suggested that the appropriate time to review the Code of Conduct and the dress and grooming policy was in the spring. He stated that he checked with TASB Legal and the districts' attorneys and they both agreed that the current policy is fine. Mr. Murray recommended that we leave the policy alone at this point and deal with circumstances as they come up and then look at making any changes in the spring.

6.	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. Real Property Request by Emergency Services District No. 1 Regarding Bluebonnet Volunteer Fire Department Lease of Cedar Creek Elementary School Site Information was provided to the Board.	
7.	Adjournment There being no further business, John Eaton moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. _____ _____ Board Secretary Board President	